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Durango Transit rolls out service changes on May 7
Partnership between Durango Transit and Road Runner Transit offers rides to Three Springs

Durango Transit received a reduction in transit grant funding this year as a result of a policy change at the state level. Facing an approximate $1.5 million annual deficit over the next few years, Durango Transit has been working on modifications to the routes that will meet City Council’s goal of a sustainable transit budget, while considering the transportation needs of the community.

The final service changes are a result of an extensive public process, ridership data, operational costs, and opportunities to partner with other agencies to mitigate the impact of service reduction. The service changes will go into effect Monday, May 7, 2018. The key changes to Durango Transit service are:

- Elimination of the Crestview/160 West Route
- Elimination of the Three Springs/Mercy Route
- Partnership with Road Runner Transit to provide service to Three Springs/Mercy at no additional cost to Durango Transit pass holders
- Reconfiguration of the FLC Route on 30 minute headways
- Addition of FLC Morning Commuter Shuttle during academic calendar year
- Main Avenue Trolley service on 30 minute headways
- South Wal-Mart Route on 30 minute headways
- All routes extended to 7 day a week service, year round
- All routes extended to 7:00 am - 9:00 pm service, year round
- Extended Opportunity Bus service (7:00 am - 9:00 pm, 7 days a week year round)
- No service days on City holidays.

Durango Transit entered into an agreement with the Southern Ute Action Community Action Program (SUCAP) Road Runner Transit to offer rides to Durango Transit pass holders to and from Three Springs/Mercy.
Using a Durango Transit pass, riders can board the Road Runner at the Mercy transit stop heading to the Durango Transit Center, Monday through Friday, at 6:30 am, 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 9:05 am, 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:55 pm, 5:25 pm. Riders heading from the Transit Center to Mercy can pick up the bus, Monday through Friday, at 7:08 am, 7:48 am, 9:35 am, 10:08 am, 1:08 pm, 3:35 pm, 5:28 pm and 6:03 pm. Durango Transit passes are not eligible for a free ride on the Road Runner Stage Lines service to Grand Junction. For more information about Road Runner Transit, visit Sucap.org/road-runner-transit or call (970) 563-4545.

For new Durango Transit route maps and more information, please visit www.durangotransit.com or call (970) 375-4901.

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**April's Share the Road Tip:**

**Wear Lights at Night! (And a helmet!)

**Spring is here, and the warmer weather and longer days provide plenty of opportunities for great riding, running and hiking in the San Juans -- even at night.**

We encourage you to enjoy the night hours by bike or foot, but don’t forget to take your lights out with you! And when cycling, don’t forget your helmet. Brighter LED lights are lightweight and easy to carry. Take a trip to one of our local bike shops, and for less than a tank of gas, your bike can be transformed into a fun and safe nighttime transportation vehicle.

In Colorado, state statutes provide guidance as to the usage of lights and reflectors. At all times between the official sunset and sunrise, lights and reflectors are required (C.R.S. § 42-4-204).

As to the minimum necessary equipment in order to legally ride at night, C.R.S. § 42-4-221 requires the following:

1. A white headlight on the front of your bike that is visible for at least 500 feet;
2. A red reflector on the back of your bike that is visible to low-beam car headlights from at least 600 feet away; and
3. Either reflectors on both sides of your bike that are visible to low-beam car headlights from a distance of 600 feet, or a lighted lamp visible from both sides from a distance of 500 feet.

[Read more](#) tips on how to safely share the road. If you have a road story you’d like to share, please email [jennifer.hill@durangogov.org](mailto:jennifer.hill@durangogov.org).
Are you ready for the MAIN Event?
Live music, food, games and activities for the whole family

On Saturday, April 21 from 11 AM to 3 PM, join the North Main community party with four blocks of games and activities between 26th and 30th Streets along North Main Ave. There is fun for the entire family including live music, food, historical tours, a slack line, a quarter pipe, tortilla making, chalk art and more! You’re encouraged to walk, bike or roll around the area and learn more about local businesses, community amenities and all the great things going on in the North Main District!

We need YOUR help at The MAIN Event! This is truly a community event created by the community, for the community. Sign up to volunteer today!
Keep your eyes open for the temporary crosswalk at 30th Street. Imagine how North Main Ave could be with a permanent crosswalk in this location!

Check out the Facebook Event and be sure to share with your friends and family! For more info, go to www.themaineventdurango.com.

Lake Nighthorse open weekends April 1 through May 14

From April 1 to May 14 Lake Nighthorse will be open on Saturday and Sunday only. During this period, only non-motorized and non-trailer watercraft that are exempt from the State of Colorado aquatic nuisance species boat inspection are allowed. Eligible boats include kayaks, canoes, rafts, belly boats, windsurfer boards, sailboards, float tubes, inner tubes and paddleboards. Hours of operation from April 1 through May 14 are 9 AM to 4 PM.

For more info, go to www.durangogov.org/lakenighthorse.

DATO partners with Mesa Verde National Park

The Durango Area Tourism Office (DATO) announces a new partnership with Mesa Verde National Park. Visitors may now purchase Mesa Verde ranger-led tour tickets to Cliff Palace, Balcony House and Long House in Durango.

Starting Sunday, April 15, tickets will be available at the newly established Mesa Verde Museum Association kiosk, located in the Durango Welcome Center at 802 Main Ave. Tickets can be purchased two days in advance at the Durango Welcome Center, enabling visitors to easily obtain tour tickets, spend less time in lines and more time exploring.

For more info, go to www.durango.org.

Commuter of the Month

Johnny Bulson rides Durango Transit every day the sun's out. Johnny says "I moved here because of the transit (service). It is
Johnny enjoys the friendly people and says "I've made a lot of friends."

If you or someone you know would make a great Commuter of the Month, please email your nomination to multimodal@durangogov.org.

WHAT WE ARE READING

Farmington begins negotiations to update bike, pedestrian plan. Farmington’s last bicycle and pedestrian plan was developed in 2008. Read more.

Things in the bike lane campaign launches in Denver. At press time, more than 250 photos had been submitted by Denver residents and visitors. Read more.

The e-bike conversation continues around the state. Bicycle Colorado believes e-bikes are a valuable asset in getting as many people riding bikes as possible. Read more.

Bicycle Colorado receive prestigious Innovation Grant from National Safety Council. The grant will allow Bicycle Colorado to increase programming around the state. Read more.

I have seen the future of urbanism and it’s a scooter. While you’re trying to figure out dockless bikes, there’s a new two-wheeler to share around town. Read more.

Meanwhile, bike-sharing startup Spin is getting into scooter-sharing. Because there are not enough ways to get around major cities and campuses, Spin is working to launch stationless electric scooter-sharing. Razor-like scooters that can go up to 15 mph. Read more.

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