



Bike to Work Day is Wednesday. Have you registered?

Colorado's [Bike to Work Day](#) is just around the corner! Join in on Wednesday, June 26, for the nation's second-largest Bike to Work Day event. Bike to Work Day is a great opportunity to give bike commuting a try, spread awareness about the health and environmental benefits of biking – and, best of all – have tons of fun. Enjoy free food and giveaways at stations from 6:30 to 9 a.m., and the celebration does not end there; after work, participants can enjoy party stations on their way home.

Oh yeah, and did we mention [prizes](#)? When you register, you're automatically entered to win concert tickets, Pactimo prize packs, Bluetooth speakers and the grand prize – a FattE-Bikes fat tire e-bike. Refer your friends, family members or coworkers for a chance to win Frontier Airline tickets.

Most importantly, your [registration](#) and participation help Way to Go show support for the development of safe bike infrastructure throughout the region. Together, we can pedal in

the right direction. Make sure to [register today](#), and we will see you out there on Wednesday, June 26!

[Register now!](#)

[Find bike stations and parties](#)

For more information, visit biketoworkday.us.



Take your I-25 commute back!

"I love sitting in traffic!" said no one ever. They say you must endure the rain before you can appreciate the sun, and that is exactly what the I-25 South Gap construction project promises. The 18-mile stretch from Monument to Castle Rock is currently under construction, and while drivers wait for these much-anticipated improvements, the commute may be less than ideal – unless you love traffic. But if you don't, never fear, [I-25 MyWay](#) is here! Way to Go's I-25 MyWay team can save the day with alternative commuting options like Bustang, vanpool and carpool.

To learn more, visit i25myway.org.



Time to start planning your 2019-2020 school carpool!

Summer just started, but school will be back in session before we know it! Plan ahead and find ways to get the kids to and from school. Way to Go's [Schoolpool](#) program offers safe and easy solutions. You can cut down on drop-off and pick-up traffic by leaving the car at home and carpooling, walking or biking with other families. Improve the safety around your school and contribute to better air quality by encouraging less neighborhood traffic.

Visit waytogo.org for more information and to see if your school is participating. If your school isn't signed up yet, contact your principal to get started.



Congratulations to our Way to Go Awards winners!

Way to Go hosted its annual awards celebration on Friday, May 3. Each year four champions are recognized for leadership in advocating for environmentally friendly commuting options. Drumroll, please: This year, the winners are:



Julia Richards

Workplace Champion, for encouraging her coworkers at DaVita to get to work by biking, taking transit, walking or carpooling. Thanks to her efforts, 87% of DaVita's employees get to work in ways other than driving alone.



Eleanor Needy

Community Champion, for encouraging use of transit, biking, walking and carpooling at her church and a local elementary school.

David Kimmett



Commuter of the Year, for his dedication to riding his bike not only to work at Juwi Inc., but to all kinds of locations and on many errands.



Soledad Villarruel Larre

Employer Champion, for her work promoting commuting options to employees at Western Union.

Thank you, Way to Go Champions! We appreciate all you do.



Skip car trips for clean and healthy summer air

Warm days, bright sun, cool drinks and fresh air – these are a few of the best parts of summer. Well, what used to be the best parts of summer. With the high level of traffic in the Denver area, air pollution is on the rise. This summer, Way to Go is partnering with the Regional Air Quality Council on its [“Simple Steps. Better Air.”](#) program to reduce car trips and improve air quality.

It’s as simple as **just skipping two** car trips a week to help limit emissions. You can combine errand runs with neighbors and friends, carpool, take the bus or train, or walk to destinations instead of driving.

Help spread the word by participating in the **#JustSkip2** challenge. Post a photo or a

video showing how you skipped a car trip on social media using the hashtag, #JustSkip2. Make sure to challenge someone else in your post to #JustSkip2 to pass it on, keep the conversation going and sustain cleaner air. Keep us up-to-date by tagging Denver Regional Council of Governments and “Simple Steps. Better Air.” in your posts.

DRCOG Twitter and Instagram: @drcogorg

“Simple Steps. Better Air.” Twitter: @ozoneaware – Instagram @simplestepsbetterair

For more information, visit raqc.org/program/simple-steps-better-air.



Boulder's parking cash-out program is now CleanCommute

Boulder Transportation Connections has a new name for its parking cash-out grant initiative: **CleanCommute**. CleanCommute helps Boulder employers provide monetary benefits to employees who use transit or carpool instead of driving alone to work. This concept encourages the use of alternative transportation options and is an effective way to reduce demand for scarce parking amenities.

If you want to learn more about CleanCommute, visit bouldertc.org.



CASUAL CARPOOL on US36

Summer is a great time to give casual carpooling a whirl!

App fanatics, this one's for you. [Commuting Solutions](#), in partnership with Waze, the Denver Regional Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation District has launched the Casual Carpool program, "[Casual Carpool on US 36](#)."

Download the [Waze Carpool](#) app and match up with other commuters on U.S. Route 36. Waze Carpool is ideal for people who want quick transportation and the benefits of carpooling, but with no commitment. You can pass congested traffic using express lanes and decrease your carbon footprint. Casual Carpool is a win-win situation and so easy to use.

For more information, go to commutingsolutions.com.



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