

# Local bike commuters shared their love for winter bicycling on Valentine's Day



The Way to Go team and bike commuters regionwide had a blast at Winter Bike to Work Day on Feb. 14! Bikers from around the region braved chilly temperatures to commemorate Winter Bike to Work Day, a global event, with staff and fellow bikers. About one hundred folks stopped by for coffee and burritos at a station cosponsored by Way to Go and the City and County of Denver.

### It's time to celebrate commuting change!



On Wednesday, April 22, the Denver Regional Council of Governments will recognize four Way to Go Award recipients at the <u>2020 Vision awards celebration</u> at Empower Field at Mile High . <u>Register</u> to support the winners, champions for sustainable commuting in the Denver region!

With 57 nominations, the competition was fierce. Congratulations to this year's Way to Go Award winners:

- Employer Champion: Native Roots
- Rising Star: Pete Martinez
- Community Champion: Walk2Connect Walking Movement Leaders
- Commuter of the Year: Adam Meltzer

If you have questions about the event or need help with <u>registration</u>, please contact <u>awards@drcog.org</u>.

Register

# Go retro and rejoin the movement on the region's 30th annual Bike to Work Day!

Bike to Work Day is just around the corner on Wednesday, June 24! For the region's 30th annual Bike to Work Day celebration, the Way to Go team has unveiled a poster inspired by 1990s style that invites participants to "rejoin the movement." Way to Go wants to help

commuters recapture the joy and freedom of biking by incorporating it into their commuting routines.

What is your favorite biking memory? Was it riding a bike for the first time, or pedaling while your dog followed along, or conquering a steep hill? That is what this year's Bike to Work Day is all about; reminding people about the good feelings that come with biking and encouraging everyone to keep on pedaling. Tag #waytogodenver and #biketoworkday.

Registration will open in May. If you have questions,

please email the Bike to Work Day team.





As one of the fastest-growing areas in the nation, the Denver region is challenged to balance parking demand pressure with the need to encourage less single-occupant vehicle travel. Elected officials, policymakers, developers, transportation leaders and community members are joining forces to explore solutions to this complex issue.

Join the conversation at <u>Transportation Solutions</u>' annual seminar and breakfast, <u>The</u> Road Ahead, on March 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Panelists will share their expertise and insight about how the Denver region can navigate transportation

challenges. General admission tickets are \$40; student tickets are \$20.

<u>Dr. Rachel Weinberger</u>, a transportation planning expert, will join the conversation on parking and transportation issues.

**Buy Tickets** 

Bicycle Colorado:

#### Learn to ride a bike in two hours



Why not make this year the year you, your family and friends get out riding together? Bicycle Colorado's <u>Learn to Ride lessons</u> are the best way to get comfortable on two wheels. Bicycle Colorado offers classes throughout the spring, summer and fall for youth and adults.

With small class sizes and effective teaching methods, most participants are comfortably pedaling within two hours. Classes start April 1 and are hosted in Arvada, Cherry Creek and Highlands Ranch. Participants may borrow bikes and helmets for the classes. Don't delay—these classes will fill up, so save your spot today!

Sign up

## Navigating the Gap: I-25 MyWay takes thousands of cars off the road

Since January 2019, I-25 MyWay has taken 2,748 single-occupancy vehicles off the road through the I-25 South Gap. With fewer cars competing for space, safer sites for construction crews and better overall travel times, the program continues to make a positive impact on the Denver region.

Until the arrival of flying cars and hyperloop tunnels, the Denver region's commuters have vanpools, carpools and buses to reduce congestion. This spring, get creative with your commute and make a difference! <u>I-25 MyWay can help you navigate the Gap</u> via Bustang, vanpool or carpool.

## The Association for Commuter Transportation annual conference is coming to Denver

Get ready for the Association for Commuter Transportation's International

Conference from August 2-5 in Denver! This conference brings together more than 600 attendees from around the world to share and explore new ideas for sustainable transportation. In addition to world-class speakers and valuable sessions, many Front Range's transportation professionals will be on-hand to contribute to the conference's success and highlight local accomplishments.

<u>Register for the conference</u> to be part of four full days of best practices, professional development opportunities, networking and fun!

Register

Regional Air Quality Council:

Local TV meteorologists meet to discuss ozone



The Regional Air Quality Council's TV Meteorologist Advisory Group met in February to discuss ground-level ozone pollution and its effects on the Denver metro area. The group is raising awareness of high ozone days, called Ozone Action Alert Days, as well as simple steps that can be taken to improve air quality. The council's advisory group comprises meteorologists from all local television stations and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Watch for Ozone Action Alert Day notifications from the meteorologist on your favorite local station!

Regional Air Quality Council:

### Endurance athletes run up for air

The Regional Air Quality Council's <u>Simple Steps. Better</u>
Air. program has teamed up with <u>Suffer Better</u>, a
Colorado-based nonprofit aimed at including endurance athletes in environmental protection efforts, to sponsor <u>Running Up For Air-Colorado</u>. The event is an annual race for endurance athletes to raise awareness for and empower organizations working on air quality solutions. Athletes commit to run between three and 24 hours at the March 6-7 event in Staunton State Park in Pine, Colorado. Proceeds benefit <u>Protect Our Winters</u> and <u>Conservation Colorado</u>. For more information on how to participate or support the event, visit the <u>Running Up For Air-Colorado website</u>.



#### 2020 Communities Annual Conference

In April, Way to Go will partner with the Regional Air Quality Council at its 2020 Communities Annual Conference to discuss critical air quality issues facing the region's residents. The conference will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 9 at the Colorado Municipal League offices at 1144 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203. Participants will learn how to use the council's programs to reduce ground-level ozone and the organization's air quality planning and emissions reduction efforts.

For more information, contact <u>Sara Goodwin</u> at 303-629-5450 x220.



<u>Downtown Denver's mobility system</u> supports the region's workforce as it travels to and through the center city. More commuters are choosing to use transit, ride a bike or walk rather than drive.

The results of the Downtown Denver Partnership's 13th annual Downtown Denver Commuter Survey confirmed that a strong commitment to providing increased access to a variety of transportation options creates a system that moves more people safely, affordably and sustainability. The findings reinforce the advantage of a center city office location for employees and employers. Keep an eye out for the full 2019 Commuter Survey report to be released soon by the Downtown Denver Partnership!





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