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Local Transit Agencies Bring Home Award



Durango Transit and Road Runner Transit were awarded the 2018 Outstanding Coordination Effort Award at the annual Colorado Association of Transit Agencies' Fall Conference in Breckenridge this month.

The award recognizes the successful partnership that Durango Transit coordinated with Southern Colorado Community Action Agency's Road Runner Transit in April of this year. The partnership mitigates the impact of the elimination of Durango Transit's Mercy Route as a part of recent service reductions, allowing passengers to use their Durango Transit passes to ride Road Runner Transit to Mercy at no additional cost.

This successful partnership is an excellent step in service coordination and collaboration in Southwest Colorado, and sets an example for service and funding efficiency across the state. The service is well-used, providing an average of 500 rides per month between Mercy and the downtown Durango Transit Center.

For a transit schedule and more information, visit DurangoTransit.com

Durango Advisory Boards Review E-bike Pilot Program

As of September 20, 2018, the Pilot Electric Bicycle (E-bike) Program has completed its one year trial. During the one year trial period, E-bikes utilized the Animas River Trail, Florida Road Trail and Goeglein Gulch Road Trail. The Chapman Hill dirt connector route between Florida Road and Fort Lewis College was also included in the pilot program. E-bikes may be ridden on City streets and bike lanes at any time.



Photo courtesy of Durango Herald

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Natural Lands Preservation Advisory Board and the Multimodal Advisory Board will be holding a Joint Advisory Board meeting on **Wednesday, October 24 at 5 p.m. at the Durango Community Recreation Center**, to discuss the results of the E-bike Pilot Program.

Written comments regarding the E-bike Pilot Program should be sent to rec@durangogov.org or visit durangogov.org/electricbikes for additional information.

October's Share the Road Tip: Do You Speak HAWK?

Does crossing Camino del Rio at the HAWK signal at 12th Street give you the chills? It doesn't have to! Learn how to cross and drive safely through the HAWK signal.

What in the world is a HAWK signal anyways? A [High Intensity Activated Crosswalk \(HAWK\)](#) is a traffic signal device that helps pedestrians safely cross busy streets.

To use a HAWK signal safely:

1. When you are walking and you reach the HAWK signal, push the pedestrian button and wait for the walk signal to indicate that it is safe to cross. The most you will ever have to wait is 90 seconds!
2. When the walk signal comes on, cross with caution, looking left-right and left again. If you are on a bike, please stop at the push button, and then treat the light like a pedestrian, walking or slowly riding your bike across the street.
3. If you are driving near the HAWK signal, slow down to ensure you can see the signal light. A flashing yellow means slow down, pedestrians are waiting to cross. Solid yellow means prepare to stop. Solid red means stop, pedestrians are in crosswalk. Flashing red means stop, and when the crosswalk is clear, proceed with caution. Dark means proceed if clear.



Photo courtesy of the Durango Herald.

[Watch this quick video!](#)

It is important we all know how to use the HAWK signal! It will help us share the road more safely.

[Read more](#) tips on how to safely share the road.

If you have a road story you'd like to share, please email multimodal@durangogov.org.

Commuter of the Month

Sarah Wright walks, bikes, or carpools every day.

"It is easier to get around town on a bike than it is to drive, and the parking is much better. I also love my carpool to and from Purgatory. It gives us ski patrollers a chance to

prepare for the day in the morning and a way for us to reflect on the day, share stories and laugh about whatever happened that day on our return to town."

To nominate someone you know for Commuter of the Month, please email your nomination to multimodal@durangogov.org.



Feed pigs, not bears: Free Halloween Pumpkin Drop-off

The City of Durango is partnering with The Good Food Collective, Bear Smart Durango and the CSU Extension Office to host the annual pumpkin drop-off on the Friday and Saturday after Halloween.

Residents are encouraged to drop off jack-o-lanterns and other festive fruits between 12-6 pm on Friday, November 2 or between 9 am-2 pm on Saturday, November 3 at one of two locations:

- La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Avenue
- City of Durango Three Springs Police Substation, 545 Wilson Gulch Road.

Please ensure that all fruits are free of candles, wax, paint and bleach prior to drop-off.

New for 2018! The La Plata County Fairgrounds location will also features games, prizes, and leaf collection. Bagged or boxed unsprayed leaves will be collected by Table to Farm Compost.

Volunteer! Volunteers are needed to assist at the Fairgrounds drop-off. [Sign up here!](#)

For more information, visit durangogov.org/sustainability



WHAT WE ARE READING

[CDOT begins safety and mobility improvements in Durango.](#) On October 1, crews began improving the safety and mobility of three key intersections on North Main Avenue (US Highway 550) in Durango: 17th, 22nd and 32nd Streets. [Read more.](#)

[2018 Ballot Propositions.](#) Coloradans are considering two transportation ballot measures in 2018: Proposition 109 and Proposition 110. [Read more.](#)

[Downtown trolley returned to 20-minute service on October 7](#) in response to a need to increase safety and timeliness of the service. [Read more.](#)



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