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Good Day!

The following monthly newflash from the City of Durango details current news and events in regards to Multi Modal Transportation.

If you would like more information on any topic please contact Amber Blake, the City's Multi Modal Coordinator, at 375-4949 or blakeak@ci.durango.co.us.

Recent Happenings

>> Multi Modal Master Plan Update

The Multi Modal Master Plan is underway; we are currently collecting public input. If you would like to: comment on the existing conditions of the transit, bicycle and pedestrian network in you neighborhood, give input as to how you would like to see the network function in the future, or make us aware of any issues, please fill out a comment form on our website www.getarounddurango.com. If there are topics you would like to discuss, please call Amber Blake to set up an appointment at 375-4949.

>> Safe Routes to School Grant Application

The City has been assisting Healthy Lifestyle La Plata on the 2010 Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant for Park Elementary. If awarded, this grant will provide 100% reimbursement funding to improve safety for walking and biking to school. Some of the improvements the grant includes are changes to drop off and pick up zones; a pedestrian actuated crossing, bike racks, measures to reduce vehicle speeds, and an educational component.

>> Race across America and Race across the West

Durango has been selected as the finish line for the 860 mile Race Across the West, and as a check point for the 3000 mile Race Across America bike race. The races will begin June 8th in Oceanside, CA. For more information please see the website: www.raceacrossamerica.org.

>> Outreach

Durango Business Association: This month we were lucky enough to be the guest speaker at the Durango Business Association luncheon. We had a great conversation about the Multi Modal Master Plan and Transportation in Durango.

Community: Momentum is airing daily on KDUR providing safety and educational tips for all modes of transportation.



Monthly Safety Tip

Winter Driving/Riding and Walking Tips. The snow will soon fly, and roads, paths, and sidewalks will require additional attention as we make our way to work, school, shopping and home. Here are a few tips for traveling in adverse conditions:

Pedestrians: Wear shoes that are designed for the weather; rubber soled shoes with good traction are best. If you must wear dress shoes for work or a party carry them with you. Yak-Trax are very useful, easy to use and will help you stay upright even on icy sidewalks. Wear reflective clothing, always cross at crosswalks, and be aware that cars and bikes may have difficulty stopping on icy roads; wait until the car/bike is stopped before crossing the street.

Bicyclists: Tires with widely separated knobs work best on snow, use a low tire pressure, studded tires improve traction on ice, wear reflective clothing and use lights (front and rear), pedal smoothly and relax your upper body especially on ice and soft snow.

Drivers: Check your tire pressure; sandbags in the trunk of your car or back of your truck may help with traction. Please remove all snow and ice from your windows before taking to the roads. Remember to use your signals, and drive under control. Snowy conditions can limit visibility and reduce the amount of control you have over your vehicle. Be aware of other cars, pedestrians and cyclists in your vicinity. Safe and happy travels this holiday season!

In the News

Ignacio-Aztec Public Transit Service Starts December 2nd

Road Runner Transit, the transit authority of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in partnership with Sky Ute Casino Resort announces that public transit service connecting Ignacio, CO with Aztec NM will begin service at 4:55 AM on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The service will operate Wednesday through Sunday, and offer seven runs per day. (There will be no service on Mondays or Tuesdays.)

One-way fares are priced by zone at \$1 per zone. Aztec to Ignacio, one way, crosses three zones; the one-way fare is \$3. Riders may purchase a monthly pass for \$60 for unlimited ridership. Punch passes good for 20 zones are available for \$15. For more information call the main *Road Runner Transit* number at (970) 563-4545.

Report calls for safer roadway Planning:

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/11/report-calls-for-safer-roadway-planning.html>

Media

>> **Radio:** *MOMENTUM* daily on KDUR 91.9 at 7:30AM and 4:30PM

Upcoming Events

>>December

- Ride Durango Transit **Free** all day **December 29th**.
- Trails 2000 auction is Wednesday, **January 20th**, 2010 at Olde Tymer's Café on Main Ave. Tickets go on sale Friday, **December 4th** by emailing info@trails2000.org or calling 259-4682.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!