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## Good Day!

The following monthly newsflash 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](mailto:blakeak@ci.durango.co.us).

## Recent Happenings

### >> Mercy Express Service

Durango Transit has started a new Mercy Express bus service, funded by a Federal Transit Administration Job Access Reverse Commute Grant. The express service will run every 30 minutes from the Transit Center beginning at 6:30 AM, and ending with the last bus returning from Mercy at 6:20 PM Monday thru Friday. Saturday service will run from 6:30 AM – 6:15 PM. Sunday service will run 6:30 AM – 6:15 PM (May 9, 2010 thru October 3, 2010). Please see our new map at:

<http://www.getarounddurango.com/downloads/Durango-T-Map.pdf>

### >> 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 your 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](http://www.getarounddurango.com). If there are topics you would like to discuss, please call Amber Blake at 375-4949 to set up an appointment.

### >> Durango Mountain Resort Runs Skier Shuttle from Transit Center

DMR Skier Shuttle is now running daily!

Departs FLC 8:15 AM

Departs Transit Center 8:30 AM

Arrives Purgatory Plaza 9:15 AM

Departs Purgatory Plaza 4:30 PM

Arrives Transit Center 5:15 PM

Arrives FLC 5:30 PM (*Saturday and Sunday Only*)

Tickets are \$10 round-trip

Punch cards may be purchased for \$99 (good for 12 round-trips)

Tickets are sold at the following locations:

Durango Transit Lobby (250 W. 8th St) (970.259.5438)

DMR Bodo Office (in Centennial Plaza) (970.385.8901 #0)

DMR Ticket Office at DMR (970.385-2168)



>> **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 8<sup>th</sup> in Oceanside, CA. For more information please see the website: [www.raceacrossamerica.org](http://www.raceacrossamerica.org).

>> **Clean Commute Week!!!**

The last full week of June 2010 will be Durango's 1<sup>st</sup> annual Clean Commute Week. The week will be packed full of events such as the Commuter Challenge, Clean Commute Day & the Pedal vs. Metal Errand Run. We will be hosting a Clean Commute Clinic and information sessions, where mentors will be available to answer questions, help with route finding and more. Stay tuned for news on the incentives that will be offered throughout the week for folks who commute by carpooling, transit, walking or biking. This year the Commuter Challenge and Clean Commute Day (Bike to Work day for all you cyclists out there) participants will register on-line to reserve your t-shirt and enter to win amazing prizes. We are currently seeking event sponsors, donations & volunteers. Please contact Amber Blake for more information at 375-4949 or [blakeak@ci.durango.co.us](mailto:blakeak@ci.durango.co.us).

>> **Outreach**

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

**Monthly Tip**

**Transit Snow Days:** If you are a transit commuter you can assume that Durango Transit will be running on a Snow Schedule if it snows six inches or more. To see the Snow Schedule go to: <http://www.getarounddurango.com> and click the "Ride" button. The website will be updated throughout the day to let you know if we are running on a Snow Schedule.

**In the News**

**The Bicycle Commuter Act:** Did you know that employers may reimburse employees up to \$20.00 per month for expenses such as the purchase of a commuter bicycle, or commuting gear like a helmet, light or gloves, repairs and general maintenance. Employees need to provide their employers with a form showing the number of days in the month by which they commuted by bicycle and the appropriate receipts. The employer can then claim a tax benefit for the monies with which they reimbursed their employees. For more information on the Bicycle Commuter tax benefit visit our webpage at: <http://www.getarounddurango.com/index.php/getting-around-durango/bike>

**Media**>> **Radio**

- *MOMENTUM* airs daily on KDUR 91.9 at 7:30AM and 4:30PM. Listen to past *MOMENTUM* spots on the web: <http://www.getarounddurango.com/index.php/radio>.

**Upcoming Events**>> **February**

- Ride Durango Transit **Free** all day **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Sponsored by United Methodist Thrift Shop.
- Multi Modal Advisory Board Meeting **February 24<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 PM at the Transit Center.

>> **March**

- Ride Durango Transit **Free** all day **March 30<sup>th</sup>**, Sponsored by United Methodist Thrift Shop.
- Multi Modal Advisory Board Meeting **March 31<sup>st</sup>**, at 4:00 PM at the Transit Center.