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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

The City of Durango began the public process for the Multi Modal Master Plan with neighborhood meetings. The bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems were discussed with a particular focus on issues related to the neighborhoods. Meeting participants reviewed proposed connections for the bicycle routes, discussed transit and pedestrian issues, and gave crucial input regarding improvements they would like to see to the system. Public comments are available on the website at:

www.getarounddurango.com/multi-modal-master-plan

We will be collecting public input throughout the process, so if you were not able to attend a meeting you can still submit your comments and suggestions. If there are topics you would like to discuss, please call Amber Blake to set up an appointment at 375-4949.

>> Walk to School Day 2009

October 7th was International Walk to School Day. Here in Durango Miller Middle School and Park, Needham, Escalante, and Riverview elementary schools participated in the event. Champions from each school organized volunteers to hand out stickers or other prizes to students walking, biking or scootering to school. Students who live too far away from their schools participated by walking at lunch. We estimate approximately 1000 students participated in this year's event. WAY TO GO Durango!

>> Outreach

9-R: We have been working with the 9-R School District and Healthy Lifestyle La Plata on Safe routes to School. We are looking in two ways:

- To educate the students and their parents about the health benefits of walking and biking to school
- Increase awareness safety in school zones through establishing school routes and are looking into creating visible buffers in key areas near the schools

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



Monthly Safety Tip

With the up coming time change it will be getting dark earlier. If you walk, run or ride your bike during these hours of decreased light it, is important to be visible.

Did you know that Colorado State law requires that a bicycle must have brakes in good working order and must be equipped with a red rear reflector (even during day light hours), additionally bicycle riding in the dark (in early morning hours and at night) must also have a headlight and side reflectors. These are the minimum requirements – it is advisable to wear bright/light clothing (reflective if possible) and to have a rear blinking red light in addition to the requirements.

In the News

Bicycling in Colorado – Rules of the Road: This PDF is a must read for any one who bikes or drives on Colorado's roads.

<http://www.math.colostate.edu/~estep/bike/bikelaws.pdf>

Surge in Cycle Commuting in USA.

<http://www.bikeradar.com/news/article/surge-in-cycle-commuting-in-usa-22805/>

Police training video about cycling and rules of the road.

<http://la.streetsblog.org/2009/09/10/10781/>

Media

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

Upcoming Events

>>November

- Ride Durango Transit **Free** all day **November 24th**.
- Cyclocross Season Kicks off! Cost: \$20 per race – \$10 for Kids/MTB
Sunday November 1st: FLC NightCross at FLC Stadium in Durango
Registration: 4-6:15pm, closes 15 minutes before start time. 5:00pm Mens B, Womens Open, 45 Minutes.
6:00pm Kids, MTB, 20 Minutes. 6:30pm, Mens A, Mens 40+, 50 Minutes

Sunday November 8th: Dolores at Joe Rowell Park

Registration 12:30-2:45pm, closes 15 minutes before start time. 1:30pm Mens B, Womens Open, 45 Minutes. 2:30pm Kids, MTB, 20 Minutes. 3:00pm Mens A, Mens 40+, 50 Minutes

4:30pm PRIZES! Dolores River Brewery

For more info: <http://ciclistasdelrio.blogspot.com/>

Sunday November 15th: Cortez at Parque de Vida

Registration 9-11:15am, closes 15 minutes before start time

Saturday November 21st: Aztec at Riverside Park

Registration 9-11:15am, closes 15 minutes before start time

Sunday November 22nd: Durango at Santa Rita Park

Registration 9-11:15am, closes 15 minutes before start time