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Good Morning!

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 Website is now live

Its official www.getarounddurango.com the Multi-Modal (MM) webpage is up and running.

The web page includes:

- The MM Master Plan process information
- A place to report a road hazard, and/or a close call
- Public Transportation information
- Maps (Bike/Ped/ Transit)
- Safe Routes to School information

We will be updating and improving the content, if you have any suggestions or comments please fill out one of the contact forms. We look forward to hearing from you!

>> Multi Modal Master Plan

The City of Durango will begin the public process for the Multi Modal Master Plan with neighborhood meetings. At these meetings we will discuss the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit system while focusing on issues related to the neighborhoods. We are looking for input on ways to improve the multi-modal transportation system to create a more complete, connected, safer transportation network for everyone. If you cannot make the meeting scheduled for your neighborhood, feel free to attend any of the sessions.

All of the meetings will be held at the Transit Center in the upstairs conference room (250 8th Avenue):

Three Springs – Mercy: Wednesday 10/14 5:00-6:00 PM

South Durango: Thursday 10/15, 5:00-6:00 PM

Downtown: Monday 10/19, 5:00-6:00 PM

Crestview, North Durango: Tuesday 10/20, 5:00-6:00 PM

Hillcrest, Sky Ridge: Wednesday 10/21, 5:00-6:00 PM

Animas City, Riverview: Thursday 10/22, 5:00-6:00 PM

160 West: Monday 10/26, 5:00-6:00 PM

For more information go to www.getarounddurango.com/multi-modal-master-plan



>> **Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts**

The City of Durango participated in the National Documentation Project (<http://bikepeddocumentation.org>).

Over 50 volunteers were trained and took counts at nine locations throughout the city. Overall the counts were extremely successful. We counted over 5,000 bicyclists and pedestrians in the 12 hours I have compiled the data and will be submitting it to the National Database this week. As you could probably guess the location with the lowest counts was HWY 160 and 3 Springs Blvd. The two locations with the highest counts were: W. Park/15th/West 3rd (791 bicyclists and pedestrians, and Camino and 9th with 811 bicyclists and pedestrians! These counts will help us establish a baseline to measure the performance of our "Multi-Modal Master Plan". The counts will also help us write stronger grants to help pay for all of the necessary improvements to make alternative transportation options attractive to our residents and visitors.

A big thank you to our sponsors: Healthy Lifestyle La Plata, Trails 2000, Safe Roads Coalition, Carver Brewing Company, Mountain Bike Specialists, and KDUR for helping make the counts a success.

>> **Transit Grant Award for 2010**

The City of Durango has received the 2010 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Award for operating and capital expenses. The grants were approved at higher levels than anticipated; the FTA Grants are formula funding. The City pays a 50% local match on operating expenses and 20% local match on administrative and capital expenses. This year Durango Transit will continue with its current operations.

>> **Outreach**

Fort Lewis College: We have been working hard to market Transit and Biking as great ways to commute for FLC students, staff and faculty.

- We are in the process of establishing a contract with Fort Lewis College for transit passes for all FLC Staff.
- A new Student Senate member has been appointed as the representative to the Transit Advisory Board

Community: Momentum is airing daily on KDUR providing safety and educational tips for all modes of transportation. KDUR is in the process of creating a media partnership with other stations in the region to share Momentum.

Upcoming Events>> **September**

- Ride Durango Transit **Free** all day **September 29TH**

>> **October**

- Multi Modal Master Plan Neighborhood Meetings.

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