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\$1.5 Million State Funding Awarded to Begin Colorado's First Regional Electric Bike Share for Superior, Broomfield, Westminster, Lafayette, Boulder County and Longmont

BOULDER, CO-The Colorado Energy Office has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to begin an electric bike share program in Superior, City and County of Broomfield, Westminster, Lafayette, Boulder County and Longmont. Commuting Solutions partnered with local governments to submit the Community Accelerated Mobility Project (CAMP) application with the City of Longmont serving as the lead applicant.

For the past two years, Commuting Solutions has led a study to evaluate the feasibility of regional bike share in the northwest communities of Boulder, Boulder County, Louisville, Superior, Broomfield, Westminster, Lafayette, Erie and Longmont. The study defined the capital and operations costs to expand bike share in the northwest metro region and was the foundation of the CAMP grant application.

The three-year grant will provide several communities with the opportunity to launch a local electric bike share system while collaborating on its regional implementation. It will provide initial funding for the capital and operations costs, as well as support public outreach and education efforts to activate utilization of the new system, especially focusing on community members with fewer transportation options.

A bike share vendor will be selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Local systems may be phased in during the three-year grant contract, with the goal of initiating the first local system in 2025. Local governments who weren't a part of the grant application can also participate in the RFP process.

"The northwest metro region is very grateful for the funding to expand electric bike share within several communities. This new transportation option will provide first and final mile connectivity to the US 36 corridor, CO 119 and other regional corridors within the local communities," said Audrey DeBarros, Executive Director of Commuting Solutions. "Through our regional planning efforts over the past 10 years to expand multimodal transportation options, we have envisioned regional bike share as an important tool to connect the public safely and easily to the corridor bikeways and Bus Rapid Transit systems."

More information can be found at <https://commutingsolutions.org/northwest-regional-bikeshare-study/>.

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Commuting Solutions is dedicated to delivering innovative transportation options that connect commuters to their workplaces, businesses to their employees, and residents to their communities. Through advocacy for infrastructure and transportation improvements, partnerships, and education, we create progressive, flexible transportation solutions for the northwest metro region.

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