Sustainable Transportation

DATA/METRICS

CSU conducts an annual survey of employees and students to understand travel patterns to and around campus. The primary mode split is determined from answers to the question, “What is your primary mode (the mode you use most often) of transportation to campus?” This chart reflects the mode split of the student population.

Primary mode of transportation to campus

- Driving: 30%
- Taking the bus: 26%
- Walking: 26%
- Biking: 14%
- Getting a Ride: 1%
- Van/Carpooling: 1%
- Skateboarding: 1%
- Other: 1%

TRANSPORTATION: INVESTMENT IN

STUDENT

Best Workplaces for Commuters

CSU joined this innovative membership program in 2019, which provides qualified employers with national recognition and an elite designation for offering outstanding commuter benefits.

Bike Friendly College and College Town

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Great Value Colleges

Total MAX ridership in 2014 found an audience. Here’s the total ridership in each year of its operation.

1.6M
1.4M
1.2M
1.0M
0.8M
0.6M
0.4M
0.2M
0.0M
2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

2015, CSU was the first university to earn Platinum status in the STARS Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, an independent program that measures comprehensive sustainability efforts at more than 700 universities across the globe.

STARS Platinum

Platinum Bicycle Friendly University - League of American Bicyclists

CSU originally earned its bicycle friendly status in 2011, and is now recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Platinum Bicycle Friendly University (one of five universities in the nation to receive the League’s highest ranking). The Bicycle Friendly University program evaluates applicants’ efforts to promote bicycling in five primary areas: engineering, encouragement, education, enforcement and evaluation/planning, known as the Five E’s.

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Rambassadors

Dedicated student employees who conduct peer-to-peer outreach across campus, while collecting data on bicycle and pedestrian movement at 60 key locations throughout campus.

Rambassadors

CSU Moves

An online transportation education module designed to teach incoming students about their local travel options, and how to navigate them safely and efficiently. The module’s six units each include an animated video, plus supporting information specific to CSU and Fort Collins.

CSU Moves

New On-Campus Stadium

When CSU opened its new Canvas Stadium on campus in 2017, it included several initiatives to support multimodal transportation for its visitors. These include ramped up frequency of the Max bus rapid transit line, special shuttles operated by the City’s Transfort system and a free bike valet.

New On-Campus Stadium

The Spoke/Mobile Spoke

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The Spoke/Mobile Spoke

Electric vehicles

CSU was awarded four rounds of grant funding from the Colorado Energy Office to install electric vehicle chargers. The grant program provides 80% of the cost of the charging unit. CSU was recognized as one of the largest workplace charging employers in the state. We now have over 30 chargers and 120 EV permit holders.

Electric vehicles

RamsRideRight

The RamsRideRight campaign was piloted in Spring 2018 to encourage safe and lawful bicycling behavior on campus. Volunteers from the Campus Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) collected donations from local businesses and popped up at high-traffic spots on campus to reward people who stopped at stop signs, dismounted in the dismount zone, etc. CBAC partnered with CSU Police during many of these efforts to enforce unlawful behavior.

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