

#### The 60+Mobility Matters Study

**Because We Know Transportation is More Than a Ride** 



60 Plus Ride supports Healthy Aging for Older Adults who are Aging in Place

## Making Today Possible and Tomorrow Reliable for Older Adults in Weld County







#### GREELEY IN-TOWN PROGRAM

This staff-driver program provides convenient transportation options for older adults within Greeley



#### RURAL AND HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE VAN PROGRAM

Designed to support older adults in rural areas, this staff-driver program offers accessible van transportation, including options for individuals with mobility challenges that requires wheelchair use.



#### AGING IN PLACE GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

This staff-managed program connects older adults with local volunteer drivers, helping the aging population stay independent by providing rides to essential services that enhance their overall well-being.



## 71,635 Miles in 2024

Serving 20+ Cities in Weld County

3397+ Medical Appointments

2048+ Wellness Related Rides



We're more than transportation —we're a wellness partner

## Transportation is the Crisis You Can't See

#### **Transportation impacts**

- healthcare
- food access
- social connection
- family life
- commerce
- wellness





## Without mobility, independence fades

TRANSPORTATION is the #1 unmet need for older adults





## What MENGON

- Access critically matters especially in rural communities
- Older Adults often feel invisible and stuck at home
- Medical appointments require transportation or care is missed
- Volunteer Drivers are critical, but thinly stretched





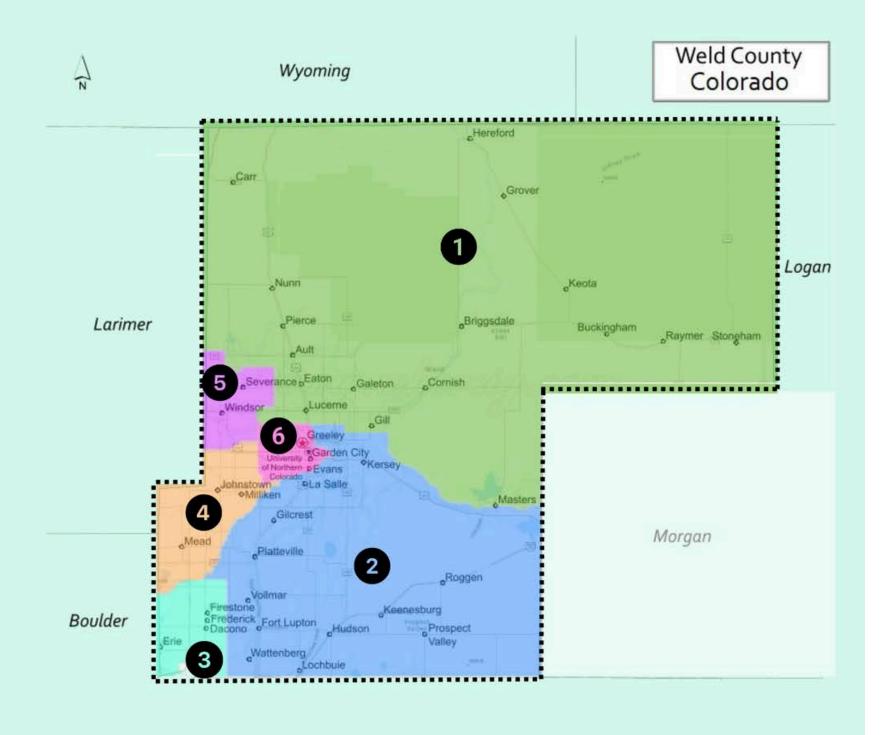
#### That's how magic happens



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### Our Study is Designed to Actively Listen

- All of Weld County
- Surveys
- Interviews
- Listening sessions
- 60+ older adults
- Caregivers
- Drivers
- Healthcare providers





#### **Our Central Concerns**

- Who is being left behind and why?
- What's working and what's missing?
- How do we create solutions that fit each rural town?
- What is the transportation disconnect with the medical world?







One Study to develop three actionable reports to help shape how Weld County supports older adults



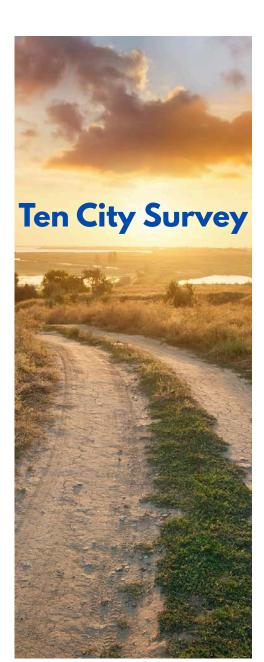
## Older Adults Who Live in Rural Areas of Weld County

#### Purpose:

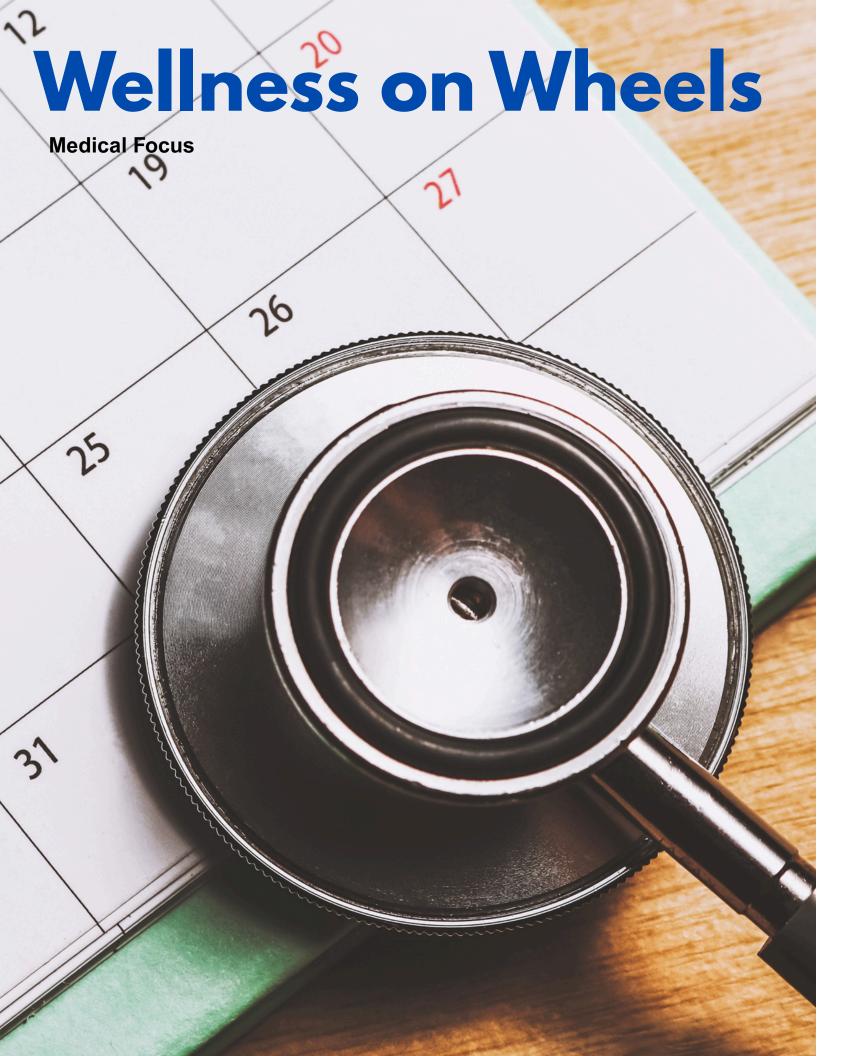
Define the impact that transportation access has on older adults in the hardest-to-reach rural communities.



### WHAT DO YOU THINK?



- 1. How often is transportation needed and for what reasons?
- 2. What transportation challenges are faced?
- 3. How do transportation issues affect health, independence, or ability to age in place?
- 4. What could improve transportation access locally?
- 5. How could available transportation change your daily life



## Patients, Professionals and Other People Who Deal with Medical Appointments

#### Purpose:

Help providers and schedulers and patients spotlight ways transportation plans can improve outcomes and access.



### WHAT DO YOU THINK?



- 1. How often do missed or late appointments happen due to lack of transportation?
- 2. What procedures or supports are currently in place to help patients with transportation needs?
- 3. How would medical appointments improve if reliable transportation options were known and trusted?
- 4. What resources or partnerships would help medical staff better support patients facing transportation challenges?
- 5. What kind of materials, referrals, or tools would be most helpful for medical staff to share with patients?



Volunteer Drivers, Staff Drivers, Riders, Family, Health Professionals, Aging Experts

#### Purpose:

Equip drivers to recognize early signs of health, mobility, and well-being changes in riders.

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### WHAT DO YOU THINK?



- 1. What kinds of changes can drivers notice in passengers over time?
- 2. Have you ever been unsure about what to do when a older adult seemed 'off'?
- 3. What would help drivers feel more confident recognizing and reporting concerns?
- 4. Where do drivers draw the line between being helpful and being intrusive?
- 5. What topics would you want covered in a short, effective driver training?



# From Listening to Action

REACH OUT
We Want to Hear From You





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