

Carpool at CSU!

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BACKGROUND & CURRENT PRACTICE

CSU has a lot of great alternative transportation options; from Transfort, to biking, and walking. Additionally, there is RamRide which operates on weekend nights and to Rams Against Hunger events. However, there is no peer ride-share program through the University in place.

CURRENT PROGRESS

At this stage, we have built a matrix to compare different companies and apps to partner with. We have been contacting schools that use similar programs to see what we can learn from them, such as the University of Colorado, Boulder. Through contacting partners, we are gathering information about aspects such as price, commitment to sustainability, security, trip types, and availability in the Fort Collins Area. In working with CSU's Alternative Transportation office, we hope to designate more parking spots and drop-off spots to ride-share drivers.

SIGNIFICANCE AND GOALS

The goal of developing and growing an app that is exclusive to CSU is to provide a safe, convenient, and sustainable way to get to and around campus. Ride-sharing will reduce the carbon footprint of the CSU community, reduce traffic, and free up parking.

LOOKING AHEAD

Developing a matrix and contacting partners has taken the most amount of time so far, and will continue to. We value finding a partner that is compatible with CSU and whose relationship will be symbiotic. The original debut date we were hoping for was the start of the Fall 2020 semester, but that is currently pending.

Please stay tuned for the release of our ride-share program! I would like to thank ASCSU's Environmental Affairs Team, especially Sophia Shepp, and Alternative Transportation's Erika Benti and Aaron Fodge.

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