

# As Fremont County Grows Older and Royal Gorge Draws Crowds, a Local Mobile Mechanic Fills a Widening Auto-Repair Gap

*Under the Bus Auto expands its vehicle repair across Fremont County, Colorado. Serving residents who struggle to reach a shop, and travelers who break down.*

CANON CITY, CO, UNITED STATES, August 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Fremont County is older and more spread out than most of Colorado, sits along one of the state's busiest tourism corridors, and — like the rest of the country — is running short of the technicians who keep vehicles on the road. Under the Bus Auto, a mobile mechanic based in Cañon City, is expanding its at-your-location repair service to address all three pressures at once, bringing professional auto repair directly to residents' driveways and to travelers stranded along the routes to Royal Gorge.



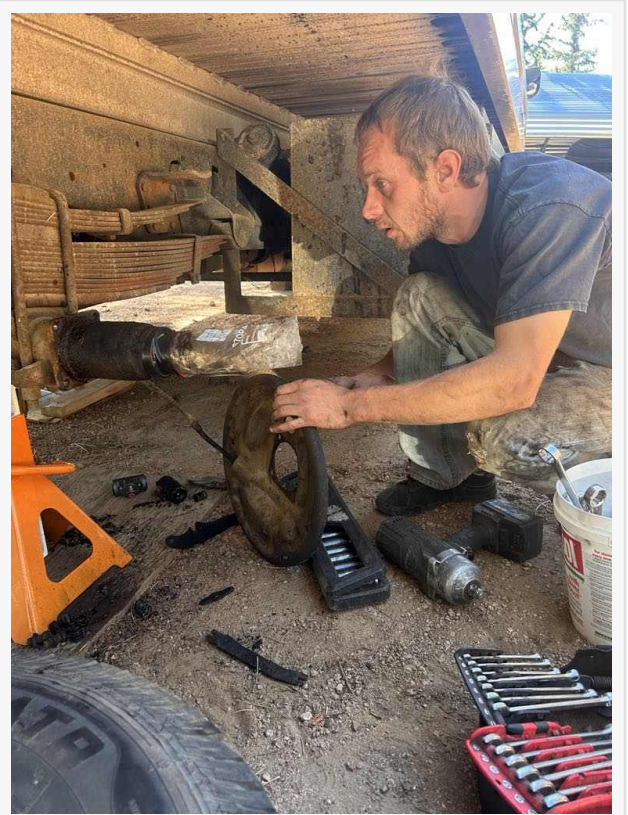
Under the Bus Auto Mobile Mechanic Logo

More than a quarter of Fremont County residents — 25.6 percent — are 65 or older, roughly one and a half times the national share, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county spreads those 50,000 residents across more than 1,500 square miles at a density of about 32 people per square mile, making it a predominantly rural community where a trip to the repair shop can mean a long drive, a lost day, or a dependence on family members who may not be nearby. For an older resident whose vehicle will not start, the barrier is not only the repair itself but getting the vehicle to someone who can perform it.

The access problem is arriving at the same time the auto-repair workforce is shrinking. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects roughly 70,000 openings for automotive service technicians and mechanics each year through 2034, driven largely by retirements and workers leaving the

field. The TechForce Foundation, which tracks the technician pipeline, estimates that the broader transportation sector needs more than 240,000 new technicians annually, while technical schools and community colleges produce roughly 100,000 graduates a year — a persistent gap that leaves fewer hands available in smaller and more rural markets. In communities like Fremont County, that shortage is felt as longer wait times and fewer service options.

The county's tourism traffic adds a second population that needs help far from home. Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, one of Colorado's signature attractions, has drawn as many as 350,000 visitors in a single year, and the mountain highways feeding Cañon City, Florence, and the Royal Gorge region carry a steady stream of road-trippers, RVs, and out-of-state vehicles through unfamiliar terrain. When one of those vehicles breaks down at a campground, a hotel parking lot, or the shoulder of a two-lane road, a visitor has no local shop, no loaner car, and no easy way to tow. A mobile mechanic who comes to the vehicle can be the difference between a delayed afternoon and a ruined trip.



Tony Roy, Under the Bus Auto

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A lot of people don't have an easy way to get a car to a shop, and that's exactly the person we built this service for. If the vehicle won't move, the mechanic should be the one who travels.”

*Tony Roy*

“We see two kinds of calls,” Roy said. “One is the neighbor who can't get their truck started for work. The other is the family from out of state who's an hour from home base with a warning light on and no idea who to call. In both cases, the fix is the same — we bring the shop to them.”

Under the Bus Auto performs on-site auto repair, periodic maintenance, and aftermarket accessory installation for vehicles of any make, model, or age, from engine diagnostics and brake work to oil changes, tune-ups, and performance add-ons. The company charges no mileage

fee anywhere inside Fremont County and provides free quotes before work begins. Its service area covers Cañon City, Florence, Royal Gorge, Lincoln Park, Brookside, Williamsburg, Rockvale, Coal Creek, and surrounding communities.

The model reflects a broader shift in how essential services reach rural and aging populations. Just as at-home health care and mobile veterinary services have grown to meet people who cannot easily travel, mobile auto repair extends the same convenience to vehicle owners — a

segment for which reliable transportation is often the thread that holds work, medical appointments, and independence together.

"This isn't only about fixing cars," Roy said. "In a county like ours, keeping someone's vehicle running is keeping them connected — to their job, to their doctor, to their family. That's the part of this work that matters most to me."

Residents and travelers in the Fremont County area can reach Under the Bus Auto for service or a free quote at (719) 964-0522 or online at [underthebusauto.com](http://underthebusauto.com).

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