

## CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

### Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

#### Minutes March 12, 2019

#### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair, Orin Zyvan. Those present from the Committee were:

Orin Zyvan, Chair  
Shana Wade  
Sarah Johnson

Gary Stubler, Vice-chair  
Devon Blat  
Steve Meyer

Dr. Kristin Heumann  
David Lehmann

Also present Kathy Portner, Andy Gingrich, Paul Jagim - City of Grand Junction, Bennett Boeschentien, Mayor Pro Tem City of Grand Junction, Libby Collins, Colorado West Land Trust and Michele Rohrbach.

**Announcement** – Orin showed the group the Ride Magazine featuring the Bike Routes Map and thanked Paul for getting signs up and painting done.

**Approval of Minutes** – Shana/Kristin. Motion was approved.

**Finalize 2018 Accomplishments/2019 Action Plan/Priorities** – The group discussed the proposed sharrows and how to best educate the community, as well as the need to collect data on the effectiveness. The 2018 Accomplishments/2019 Action Plan/Priorities was finalized as discussed at the last meeting.

**Standing Committees for Strategic Plan Goals** – Gary prepared a proposal to have four standing committees rather than having ad hoc committees. Each standing committee would be for one year. He explained the reason for his thinking and how he hoped it would help formalize all members' participation and help get tasks done. He asked everyone to review the proposal for discussion at the April meeting.

**New Mobility West Study** – Kathy and Paul provided an overview of the New Mobility West Study that was done in 2015 to provide a conceptual design for I-70B through downtown. The Plan provides for 4 lanes of traffic with improved pedestrian and bike connections, as well as a design that fits the context of downtown. The Plan is in contrast to CDOT's proposal for a 6 lane section through this area. Having heard both proposals, UTC will be writing a letter to City Council supporting the New Mobility West study. Staff will supply a list of bullet points and Kristin and Devon volunteered to do a first draft of a letter for the Committee's review.

**Safe Routes to School Prioritization for CDBG funding** – Kathy passed around a 2019 Potential Project list for the UTC members to vote on ranking 1 to 9. Kathy told the group not to worry about where the funding was coming from but more on the merits of the project.

## SRTS

- A – 27 ½ Road and B ½ Road – Intersection and curb ramp improvements, creating a pedestrian crosswalk across B ½ Road Overpass at Highway 50. (CDBG eligibility? Pending survey). -
- B – W. Orchard Avenue near West Middle School and Westlake Park – Curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements, creating continuous sidewalk around the cul-de-sac. This fills in a missing segment of sidewalk between the Middle School and the multi-use trail through Westlake Park. (Within a CDBG eligible tract). -
- C – Lorey Drive from Westlake Park to 1<sup>st</sup> Street – Curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements. This fills in a missing segment of sidewalk between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and the multi-use trail through West Lake Park. (Within a CDBG eligible tract).
- D – B Road near Mesa View Elementary – from Fairway View Drive to 30 Road. Curb, gutter, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, creating a pedestrian crosswalk and continuous sidewalks connecting new subdivisions along B Road to the Elementary School (not eligible for CDBG). -
- E – 29 Road near Independence Academy – from F ½ Road to Brodick Way. Curb, gutter sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, creating a pedestrian crosswalk and continuous sidewalks connecting new subdivision along 29 Road to the Charter School (not eligible for CDBG).

## Other

- F – Struthers Avenue from S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the Riverfront trailhead connection on the east side of Botanical Gardens – Curb, gutters, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, creating a pedestrian crosswalk and continuous sidewalk. This fills in a missing segment of sidewalk to complete an accessible route from Downtown to the Riverfront. (CDBG eligibility? Provides accessibility benefits).
- G – Grand Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Median refuge and curb ramp improvements, creating a pedestrian crosswalk across Grand Avenue. (Within a CDBG eligible tract, if the tract extends to the south side of Grand Avenue).
- H – Traffic signal bike detection enhancements – Technology upgrade at traffic signals to provide reliable detection of bicycle traffic. There is a list of prioritized signals along key bike routes that, if thermal imaging/video detection cameras were installed, the level of service for bicyclists would be improved. (CDBG eligibility? Provides accessibility benefits).
- I – ADA Accessibility improvements, various locations – Curb ramp improvements. This corrects missing or deficient ADA accessible routes into key community destinations such as City Hall, Mesa County's building on Rood Avenue, and Tope Elementary School. A list of locations has been compiled based on citizen reports/requests. (CDBG eligibility? Provides accessibility benefits).

Kathy said in interest of time, members could fill in the form or take it with them and email it back to her by Friday.

Results of the ranking are as follows:

1. I—ADA Accessibility Improvements
2. H—Traffic signal bike detection enhancements
3. D—B Road near Mesa View Elementary
4. A—27 ½ Road and B ½ Road

5. C-- Lorey Drive from Westlake Park to 1<sup>st</sup> Street
6. F-- Struthers Avenue from S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the Riverfront trailhead connection
7. B-- W. Orchard Avenue near West Middle School and Westlake Park
8. E--29 Road near Independence Academy
9. G-- Grand Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Median refuge and curb ramp improvements

**Impact Fee Letter** – UTC considered a draft letter to support the City’s proposed transportation impact fee increase. Orin/Steve made a motion to approve the letter. Motion passed.

**Updates:** There were no updates.

**Other business/Innovative Ideas/Public Comment:**

- Sarah commented on Orin’s great article in The Ride Magazine.
- Devon said he’s started a Full Moon ride and invited everyone to participate.
- Sarah said Mesa County Public Health is working with Zoma Foundation to fund a Trails Coordinator position.
- Shana stated that on May 21<sup>st</sup> Bicycle Colorado will be doing a presentation at the central library at 6:00pm.

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 7:10 pm