Active Transportation Corridors

The Grand Junction Circulation Plan establishes the Active Transportation Corridors Map, to create a network of critical, continuous, safe, and convenient connections for nonmotorized transportation (bicycles, pedestrians, motorized wheelchairs, e-bikes where permitted by law, etc.). Adoption of this plan in 2018 replaced the Urban Trails Master Plan (2001). While the corridors identified in this plan may be used for recreation or to connect to the Colorado River and other trails, the active transportation corridors are intended to provide a complete alternative network of nonmotorized traffic routes. This includes using existing streets and future trails along waterways (canals, ditches, and drainages) to connect neighborhoods, schools, parks, and other open space areas, as well as commercial and business districts with each other.

Active transportation corridors will include some canal, ditch, and drainageway alignments where they provide the safest and best connections between neighborhoods and area attractions. This focused approach limits the use of canals, ditches, and drainageways to only those routes that are the most viable and critical for the active transportation network. During the planning, design, and construction of these corridors, the best route can be established, which may include a combination of canals, ditches, drainageways, roads, or other properties to locate the actual active transportation nonmotorized corridor. Final location of these routes may be located on, along, adjacent to, or near the canals, ditches, and drainageways, but will be constructed to respect canal and drainage companies' operations.

The Active Transportation Corridors Map is used to support more detailed planning and implementation, including capital construction, of sidewalks, bike lanes, and trail infrastructure. Active transportation corridors can be improved during new development projects or through capital improvement projects and through the development of drainageways as identified in the Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan.

The Active Transportation Corridors Map is implemented through a combination of City capital projects and required site improvements carried out in conjunction with private development. New development along identified multimodal routes must construct the correct facility to implement this plan. Alignments shown on the Active Transportation Corridors Map are to be constructed with sidewalks, shared lanes, bike lanes, cycletrack, or hard-surface trails, per roadway and trail cross-section standards.

The Active Transportation Corridors Map was updated in 2023 in conjunction with the adoption of the Pedestrian Bicycle Plan.



