

Urban Trails Committee Minutes

March 10, 2021 (virtual meeting)

Present: Shana Wade (Chair), David Lehmann, Ross Mittelman, Diana L. Rooney (Vice Chair), Orin Zyvan, Trent Prall (Public Works Director)

Absent Committee Members: Alisha Wenger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jan 13th Minutes Comments, as follows:

Shana noted steamboat springs... “if” instead of “of”

Next page – blank after Orin should be “Yuelin Willett”

Change “blowing stop signs” to “yielding at stop signs”

Andrew – amend the notes to include thought that special signage is not a preferential method to accommodate the Idaho stop, would prefer a comprehensive approach

Motion to approve – Diana 1, David seconding, unanimous approval

Feb 10th Minutes Comments, as follows:

No changes suggested

Motion to approve – David, Steve 2nd, unanimous approval

ACTION ITEMS

Finalize Infrastructure Priority Rankings

Shana introduced the item and opened the opportunity to discuss the results of the rankings and to consider any requests to re-rank, redescribe, or remove any items.

David asked whether items 9/10 a mistake or a duplicated thing? Is Independent Ranchmen’s Ditch platted ROW? Trent confirmed that it is platted ROW and that the City would want to work towards a positive agreement with GVIC.

Discussion was had about clarifying or revising some of the locations or evolve the project more correctly, or mistakes.

Shana asked for clarifications on work and scope for orchard and scope.

Regarding Orchard Avenue, Steve asked about the importance of having so many E-W routes, is it a conflict? Trent assured that both were important to keep on this list, and discussed the conversations continuing with CDOR regarding the North Avenue section and how to make a multimodal corridor possible.

Steve, Diana, and Orin discussed the relative merits of complete streets improvements to North Avenue.

Orin and Shana discussed the question of reviewing and workshopping these rankings to vet or review some of the scope of the ideas. Steve agreed that this was a good idea.

Trent indicated that the rankings are important in communicating with other agencies and jurisdictions.

David shared ideas to suggest for scope to look for opportunities for alternative bicycle infrastructure implementations, such as bollards and boulevards experimentally.

Andrew suggests ranking position is not as important, but instead that the discussion should focus on how to frame the details of various ideas.

Ross asked which projects had been completed from this list, and Orin indicated that these were listed at the end.

The committee then began a number-by-number review of new 2021 additions, discussion of specific ones below. [No discussion below means there was no issue taken.]

Item 11

Orin offered commentary on the prospect of a bridge over the rail lines at 28 Road, and expressed skepticism on the relative importance of that project given the expense. Members circled in on the idea of “evaluating” whether the bridge is right or whether other approaches could be taken to providing better access or improving experience for neighborhoods hemmed between those two streets, improve accesses for the Colorado Riverfront Trail. Members discussed this at length.

Item 14

No objection raised to complete streets improvements to 25 Road between G Road and Patterson Road. Trent indicated that it was a good item to have, that it was currently on hold, but would move forward.

Item 15

Diana questioned whether it was a new project. [commentary: this is not a new idea but has never appeared on a UTC ranking]

Item 23

Discussion about the combination of two items into one regarding Horizon Drive. Clarification was made as to which section of horizon drive piece is what. Trent mentions that the suggestion for bollards are a challenge in that contexts.

Trent questioned how the idea of a Horizon Drive trail from G Road to I-70 had fallen off. [commentary: this is a long-standing concept and is part of the ATC Map, but has never appeared on a UTC ranking]

Orin indicated that a multiuse path could also be an asset along Horizon Drive.

Steve and Diana discussed the distinction to the different Horizon Drive items, i.e. the canal trail and the roadway improvements.

Item 25

Shana voiced that she thought this was a good idea but could be too general to be of use. Some speculation and discussion ensued, and this was identified as an idea which could benefit from added clarity by next year.

Item 32

Discussion was had on what specifically the challenges were to be resolved. Regarding Lincoln Park, Andy and Steve suggested that a path through Lincoln Park might be a good option. Trent noted that that had been raised in the past. Orin underscored the potential value in reducing pressure on the 12th/North intersection. Trent indicated that CDOT would not entertain crosswalks without meeting the numerical warrant for those facilities. He also pointed out that keeping this on the list might help with the conversation with CDOT.

Item 33b

No objection raised.

Item 38

Trent indicated that he wants to observe this spot before escalating as a priority, and therefore suggested that that the wording change to say “monitor curves.” Diana pointed out that she had seen and heard about various accidents. Andy spoke to the need for safety and the analysis of a perceived hazard vs. an actual hazard. This was proposed to be removed and ultimately was removed.

Item 39

Trent asked for clarification as to where this was, it seems this is an action item which is mostly complete. The southbound section is last to be done this year, the northbound was already completed. The roundabout to Escondido/S Camp Rd was also done. This could therefore likely can be removed next year.

Item 40

This item was proposed to be removed, and this was agreed upon.

Further discussion was had about item 38 regarding the existing Monument Connector Trail, and it was confirmed that this would be removed from the list.

Orin moved to adopt as amended, Steve seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

CDBG Recommendations

Trent presented four focus areas. Mentioned Elm street is getting built, and north /5th is already getting fixed. Items were presented with powerpoint slides in the following order:

- Linden Ave Shared Use Path/Sidewalks, consisting of 1300 feet Shared Use Paths or sidewalks for North South connection from Unawep to Highway 50;
- 27 Rd Shared Use Path/Sidewalks, consisting of 1800 feet of Shared Use Paths or sidewalks for North South connection from Unawep to Highway 50;
- 3rd and Grand Protected Median, consisting of 3rd St and Grand Ave protected median for North/South multimodal crossing; and,

- Rocket Park Crosswalk, consisting of ADA Ramping and piano keys at Rocket Park across Orchard Ave.

Members committed to filling out the ranking sheet with scores of 1-5 for the CDBG projects by March 25, 2021.

Mobility Hub

Presentation skipped to next meeting. Andy indicated that a workshop is being held, if someone from UTC can participate on Monday AM it would be welcome, Ross will attend the meeting 9-11:30.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Wayfinding signage

Diana offered help to look over bike routes while riding, asked if Trent would like any feedback or is there anything he's looking for. Trent responded photos of issues and fixit app are best way to bring to attention, UTC or public input is welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.