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**URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE AGENDA
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 N 5th STREET**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the August 11, 2021 minutes

Action Items

Discussion Items

DRAFT Walking Audit Report Summary Review and Discussion

Lincoln Park Area discussion

Updates

Bike Month Update

4th/5th Street One Way to Two Way Conversion

Wayfinding Brochure Discussion

Other Business/Public Comment

Adjournment

DRAFT – Urban Trails Committee – 2021 – August 11, 2021

Member attendance: Shana Wade, Orin Zyvan, Abe Herman, Ross Mittleman, Andrew Gingerich, Athena Fouts, Valerie Dobbs, Stephen Meyer, and Diana Rooney.

City staff present: Eric Mocko, Dave Thornton, Daniella Acosta, and Bella Vaz

Citizen guests: Jay Moss (Horizon Drive BID), and Jack Byron

Approval of Minutes

Valerie motioned to approve the minutes from July 14, 2021. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Discussion items

Caprock Academy crossing needs and safety concerns

Mr. Jay Moss provided some context on the situation and answered questions from the UTC members.

September Bike Month

Dave Thornton provided an update on the upcoming bike month and events. The City is soliciting volunteers for a breakfast on September 22nd.

Walking Audit Debrief

Dave Thornton provided a debrief of the August 5th Walking Audit and solicited input from UTC members. There was discussion on how to best present the data to CDOT.

Orin suggested more walking audits in the future, especially for city projects.

4th and 5th Street Study Update

Diana Rooney provided a synopsis of the 4th and 5th Street 2-way road feasibility study.

Trent Prall provided some information on this topic.

Other Business/Public Comment

Mr. Jack Byron provided a comment to the UTC members regarding window tints on cars. There was discussion related to enforcement of this.

Diana Rooney asked about publicity for the wayfinding guide. Bella is going to push some communications out for September Bike Month.

Adjournment

Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Orin seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm



Grand Junction Planning Commission

Regular Session

Item #

Meeting Date: September 8, 2021

Presented By:

Department: Community Development

Submitted By:

Information

SUBJECT:

DRAFT Walking Audit Report Summary Review and Discussion

RECOMMENDATION:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

City Planning Staff has summarized the comments UTC members included in their individual assessments of corridors surveyed in the "Walking Audit" conducted on August 5, 2021. UTC members are asked to review the summaries and provide staff with any additional information that may have been missed. The Draft walking audit summary will be e-mailed to UTC members prior to the meeting and will be available in hard copy at the meeting.

Update: The draft walking audit summary was emailed to UTC members on September 7, 2021.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Attachments

1. August 2021 Walk Audit Staff Report_v2



Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: September 8, 2021
Presented By: Eric Mocko, Transportation Engineer
Department: Community Development
Submitted By: Dani Acosta, Associate Planner

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City Planning Staff has summarized the comments Urban Trails Committee (UTC) members included in their individual assessments of corridors surveyed in the "Walking Audit" conducted on August 5, 2021.

INTRODUCTION

On August 5, 2021, the UTC conducted a walk audit through South Downtown Grand Junction. The walk audit route comprised of 12 stops where committee members and City staff observed and evaluated level of pedestrian comfort of critical sidewalks, street crossings and intersections. A map of the walk audit route is provided below.

Each committee member and City representative that participated was provided a Walk Audit Tool Kit created by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The Walk Audit Tool Kit consisted of a survey with a checklist where participants could identify common problems that pedestrians may encounter and their location. The survey also included a table for participants to take counts of what kind of users were using the street crossing or intersection, as well as an overall street rating section, and notes section for documenting additional observations. A template of the Walk Audit Tool Kit is attached to the report.

Walk audits are a popular and simple tool to help communities assess walkability of their streets and sidewalks, and collect important qualitative data such as user perception, existing barriers and strengths of certain pedestrian infrastructure and other street furniture, document existing conditions for areas with upcoming street improvements, and highlight disparities that may exist among different neighborhoods along the route. Furthermore, walk audits can help reveal where pedestrian facilities are inaccessible for people with disabilities, individuals who use mobility aids and caregivers who use strollers.

DATA & FINDINGS

Staff collected 11 packets from participants at the end of the walk audit and used the checklist to tabulate the number of times different pedestrian problems were identified among the different intersections. The table at the end of the report summarizes these tabulations. Overall, crossings that lacked pedestrian signals or audible signals were identified as significant concerns, as well as crossings where crosswalks were not marked or poorly marked. In particular, the most inaccessible intersections in terms of number of pedestrian problems tabulated was the intersection at South 2nd Street and Ute Avenue and the intersection at S 2nd Street and Pitkin Avenue.

As the group advanced to intersections later in the route, fewer pedestrian problems on the checklist were identified. Lower counts on pedestrian problems at later intersections could be attributed to either true on the ground observations by committee members of improved pedestrian conditions at those intersections or non-responses. The Committee should revisit data collection methods for future walk audits to ensure enough observations are completed to provide more reliable data.

The majority of pedestrian problems encountered at streets crossings and intersections were related to lack of infrastructure that helps prioritize the pedestrian experience and improve pedestrian perception of wait times. The majority of participants highlighted intersections 1, 2, and 5 as crossings where the absence of Push-to-Walk signals created a problem for the pedestrian experience. In addition to possibly increasing sense of reliability, Push-to-Walk signals also provide key information for pedestrians who are visually impaired.

The intersection at S 2nd Street and Ute Avenue was noted as an area of particular concern. In addition to the checklist of pedestrian problems, participants reported a lack of sufficient and reliable wheelchair access. Sidewalk curb cuts were present on 2nd St but not Ute Avenue, creating a situation where wheelchair and stroller users can only safely cross 2nd Street but not Ute Avenue. Users who rely on curb cuts must walk onto 2nd Street to be able to cross Ute Street increasing the number of potential conflict points at that intersection. Participants also noted heavy traffic conditions, poor lighting, and the presence of nearby road construction as additional barriers. Parked cars, particularly trucks on the east side ended up blocking pedestrian view of oncoming traffic.

Access from Main Street to S 2nd Street was also identified as an area of concern for pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity. To reach South 2nd Street from Main Street participants had to rely on passing underneath the Convention Center parking garage (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Participants passing under the Convention Center parking garage.



Currently, the pedestrian promenade that connect S 2nd Street to Main Street is blocked off by a locked gate. To circumvent this barrier, participants entered the parking garage using the ramp from the northside and exited on the parking garage using stairs on the southside. A stroller was circulated among participants to push along the route to simulate conditions that caregivers often face as pedestrians. The deviation through the underground parking garage and the stairs created additional problems for the participant who was navigating with the stroller. Furthermore, requiring pedestrians to rely on the parking garage as a way to get from Main Street to S 2nd Street can create unsafe conditions at night or decrease a user's sense of comfort.

At the second intersection, S 2nd Street and Pitkin Avenue, participants raised concerns of cars racing around corners, blind spots in the road such as the curve in line of sight and parked cars, no streetlamps, few gaps between platoons of cars, and the lack of a median. It was noted that after crossing Pitkin Avenue there was only a sidewalk on one half of South Avenue (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Sidewalk not continuous on both sides of South Avenue.



This intersection is next to the proposed Mobility Hub (Figure 4). Participants voiced the opportunity the project has to improve walking conditions for pedestrians using the new multimodal hub, such as the potential for growth and restoration of the train station area.

Figure 4. Intersection at S 2nd and Pitkin next to the proposed multimodal Mobility Hub.



Poor lighting was cited as a common issue along the stretch of South Avenue up until the intersection with 5th Street. An observation made throughout the activity was the absence of sidewalk curb cuts/ramps and wide curb returns. This observation was most pronounced at the intersection between South Avenue and 5th Street. While there was a pedestrian refuge on the median along 5th street, the crosswalks on South Avenue were not aligned with the pedestrian refuge. Instead, curb cuts only face South Avenue. Participants expressed the need for curb cut improvements on all four corners of the intersection, particularly as a way to improve access to the Grand Valley Transit depot at that intersection. While there was a pedestrian refuge, participants noted that the island was pretty unenclosed and created a sense of exposure for those crossing (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Sidewalk curb cuts and crosswalk west of 5th Street do not align with the pedestrian refuge island at the 5th Street Intersection.



Pedestrian exposure was noted at several other locations such as the intersection of Ute Avenue and S 4th Street. Specifically, it was observed that the inner lane for vehicles made pedestrians more vulnerable when crossing Ute Avenue from south to north. In addition to lack of enclosure, participants also noted that the sidewalk along Ute Avenue would become uneven at times. The section of the sidewalk on Ute Avenue between 9th and 2nd Street posed several problems due to cracks in the sidewalk, as well as not being continuous.

In general, participants expressed they would feel uncomfortable walking along several sections of the route at night or early morning, which could influence commuter choices for those living in or near the Downtown.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the continued use of Walk Audits as a data collection and education tool that the UTC can employ to engage the community, increase public participation, and enhance public awareness of walking conditions in the City. The Committee should consider incorporating more walk audits under different lighting and weather conditions into their regular programming throughout the year.

	Intersection													
Pedestrian Problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
The crossing doesn't have a pedestrian signal or audible signal.	8	8	7	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
The pedestrian signal doesn't give people walking at an average speed enough time to cross.	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The signal does not give slow walkers enough time to cross.	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1
The traffic signal makes pedestrians wait too long before crossing.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
The location needs a signal or crosswalk	7	7	6	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
A Push-to-Walk signal is not available/operating/accessible.	6	5	2	2	5	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
The crossing walk is not marked or poorly marked.	8	7	4	3	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
People need to walk >300 feet for a safe place to cross the street.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The road is too wide to safely cross.	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
There is no median on a street with four or more lanes.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Parked cars or utility poles block the pedestrian view of traffic

1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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Isabella Vaz

From: Andrew Gingerich <andrew.gingerich@mesacounty.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Isabella Vaz
Cc: Abe Herman; Athena Fouts; Daniella Acosta; David Thornton; Diana Rooney; Ellynn Bannan; Eric Mocko; Orin Zyvan; Ross Mittelman (ross.mittelman@mesacounty.us); Shana Wade; Stephen Meyer; Trenton Prall; Valerie Dobbs
Subject: Re: Urban Trails Committee Agenda

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Hi UTC,

Sorry to be absent and add to the agenda (seems like a party foul of some kind), but I have a couple of bike/ped questions regarding the Lincoln Park area.

1. Gunnison Ave along Lincoln Park was resurfaced this year, but bike lanes haven't been added. Are there plans to add bike lanes here? This is an active transportation corridor and there seems to be plenty of room to add bike lanes, at least up to 15th St. It's a busy area for bikes and peds because of the park and the events that happen at the stadium. The wide travel lanes encourage speeding. Also many kids use Gunnison to commute to Chipeta Elementary and East Middle School. Anyway I think some paint to define parking, bike lanes, and narrow the travel lanes would really improve things.

2. I have been following articles in the paper about the upgrades to Suplizio field. Do we know if there are any proposed transportation related improvements? A better connection from 15th Street in that area is on the UTC project list, be it to 12th Street or across Lincoln Park. Not sure if any of this is in the cards for the renovation but thought I would ask. Is this going through a development review process with the City?

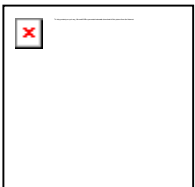
Just wanted to bring these to the committee's attention. Sorry to miss the conversation tomorrow.

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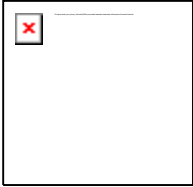
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On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 4:48 PM Andrew Gingerich <andrew.gingerich@mesacounty.us> wrote:
Hi all,

Unfortunately I'll be traveling for work next week and will not be able to attend.

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On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 4:44 PM Isabella Vaz <isabellav@gjcity.org> wrote:

Hello UTC Members,

Please see the agenda for next week's meeting online [here](#). Please note that the walking audit report summary is forthcoming and you will receive that in a separate email.

Thank you,

Bella Vaz (she/her)

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September 2021

Ride Bikes for Transportation • Fitness • Fun

Join Mesa County and area partners for another season of Grand Valley Bike Month and pedal your way through September. Whether riding local trails, commuting to work, or biking for fitness, get out and ride this fall. Regardless of how you roll, check out the September lineup of bicycle activities and participate in our fall bike challenges for a chance to win sweet prizes.

Bike Month Events

Bike Month Film Fest

Mesa County is excited for the return of the Bike Month Film Fest! Support local bike trails with an evening of local bike films, speakers from bike advocate groups, and a chance to win some awesome door prizes.

All proceeds from ticket sales will go towards matching funds for a grant that will help to add 30 miles of trail at 18 Road in Fruita.

Presented by: Powderhorn Mountain Resort, Handlebar, St. Mary's Medical Center, & Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission

Date: Tuesday, September 14 - Avalon Theater, Downtown GJ

Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM, film starts at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$12.00 + Fees - available [online](#) on the Bike Month website

Bike to Work Day

Turn in the keys for the day and bike for transportation, commute to work or school.

Join Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, and Horizon Drive Business Improvement District for a FREE local breakfast when you bike to work, and stop in for breakfast on your way.

Presented by: City of Grand Junction, Mesa County Public Health, Horizon Drive BID, & Octopus Coffee

Date: Wednesday, September 22

Time: 7:00 AM-10:00 AM

Breakfast Locations: Grand Junction City Hall - Rood Ave & 5th Street

Octopus Coffee - 759 Horizon Drive

Grand Valley Bike Month

Bike Month Challenges

Business Challenge

Local businesses and organizations can join the Bike Month Business Challenge and compete for ultimate bragging rights. Register your team then encourage employees to bike to work at least one time the week of September 19-25. Enter final participation numbers at the end of the week.

The top four groups with the highest percentage of commuter participation will get to display a traveling trophy in their workplace for an entire year.

Dates: September 19-25

Register your Team & Record Participation: Click the [link](#) to get started

Final Participation: Complete the Business Challenge Google Form by 5:00 PM on Monday, September 27

Ride Challenge

Pedal through September and log your miles and trips in the Love to Ride platform. Register for FREE on Love to Ride, then join the Mesa County Biking group. Sync your account with STRAVA for easy tracking.

If you participated in past seasons, there is no need to register, just log in and start tracking your rides.

Miles Challenge: Track your miles in two categories, Transportation & Fun and Fitness. Prizes will be awarded to the top three riders with the most miles in each category.

Trips Challenge: Each time you log a trip of one mile or greater you get will earn a trip. Prizes will be awarded to the top two riders with the most trips at the end of the month.

Dates: September 1-30

Registration: www.lovetoride.net + join [Mesa County Biking Group](#)

Photo Challenge

Whether commuting to work, biking downtown, riding with friends, or cruising local trails, snap a photo of your ride for a chance to win a cool prize. Photos must include bikes and people, or at least one person.

Each photo submission will count as an entry into the drawing at the end of the month.

Winners will be announced sometime during the week of September 27.

Dates: September 1-27 - All submissions must be in by 5:00 PM on September 27.

Photo Submissions: Option 1 - Tag Mobile Mesa County on Facebook or Instagram

Option 2 - email photos to bikemonth@mesacounty.us

Grand Valley Bike Month

Group Rides

* Please meet Ready to Roll for each of the group ride times listed.

September 1 - Kickoff Ride

Meet at 5:20 PM

Bike Path east of Botanical Garden

Kick off Bike Month with an evening ride along the Riverfront Trail. Explore the eastern section of the trail, riding from Las Colonias to Corn Lake and back. The ride is approximately 12 miles round trip. Riders should pack plenty of water, bring bikes and helmets, and wear appropriate attire for the ride.

September 8 - Community Meeting Ride

Meet at 11:30 AM

525 S 6th Street (Mesa County RTPO)

Pedal to Lunch Loops for the City of Grand Junction Neighborhood Meeting. Learn about upcoming projects and offer input. Bring money if you would like to buy lunch from Colorado Q. The City will be giving out free ice cream cups at the event.

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Meet at 9:00 AM

Parking area SW of West Ave & 340

Join Backpedal Cycle for a morning of community service and biking. The group will start with a trail clean up project then enjoy a group ride. Bring your bike, helmet, plenty of water, and appropriate attire. Trash bags & gloves provided.

Riders can choose to do a trail ride at Lunch Loops or a ride along the Riverfront Trail. Distance and difficulty of the ride will depend on the size and ability level of the group.

September 21 - Kokopelli Tour

Meet at 5:30 PM

Kokopelli Trailhead

Get ready for a trail ride with a 14 mile tour of the intermediate trails of Kokopelli. Join Backpedal Cycle for a ride along Mary's Loop, Steve's Loop, and Wrangler. Bring your mountain bike in good working condition, helmet, snacks, plenty of water, and wear appropriate attire.

September 22 - Afterglow Ride

Meet at 5:30 PM

Handlebar Tap House

Celebrate Bike to Work Day with an evening ride along Monument Connector and South Camp. Riders will complete a 10-12 mile loop from Monument Connector, South Camp, Blue Heron, and back. Bring all your gear, bike, helmet, and some money for the afterglow stop at the end of the ride.

September Races & Tours

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| • Desert Edge Triathlon - September 18 | Highline Lake | GJ Sports Commission |
| • Tour de Vineyards - September 18 | Palisade | Roll Massif |
| • Tour of the Moon - September 25 | Colorado National Monument | Roll Massif |



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GRAND VALLEY BIKE MONTH

FALL EDITION

BUSINESS CHALLENGE



Challenge your coworkers & other businesses!

Bike to Work any day September 19-25.

The company or organization with the highest percentage of participants will get to display a traveling trophy in their workplace for a whole year.

Register your Team at
healthymesacounty.org/bike-month/





SEPTEMBER 2021

Volume 1

Hello Bicycle Friends of the Grand Valley,

Get ready for another season of Grand Valley Bike Month and pedal through September.

Whether you are cruising local trails, riding around town, or commuting Mesa County wants to encourage the community to bike for fun, fitness, and transportation. Returning this fall is another round of self-paced bike challenges, a photo contest, and several group rides.

This past year COVID caused a number of events to be cancelled, postponed, or modified, Bike Month included. In May of 2020, Mesa County was unable to hold all the traditional Bike Month programs and events, shifting to a virtual platform and adding a round of programs in September of 2020, for the first time in the history of Grand Valley Bike Month. This fall many of the traditional programs are returning with an in-person format, including the **Bike to Work Breakfast** and the **Film Fest**. Colorado announced that **September 22** is the official **Bike to Work Day**, with the theme "Back in the Saddle", as a way to celebrate the return of normalcy and encourage people to get back to biking.

Join us in September for all sorts of cycling fun! Visit the Bike Month [website](#) for a complete schedule of events, helpful tips on commuting, and local trails and commuter routes.

Interested in receiving regular Bike Month News? Subscribe to the weekly newsletter by emailing bikemonth@mesacounty.us

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GRAND VALLEY BIKE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2021

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Grand Valley Bike to Work Day

Wednesday, September 22

Join in the statewide movement to self-propel to work on September 22, trade in the keys and bike to work for the day. Bike commuting is a great way to get the daily dose of physical activity, reduce stress, and it can help to improve air quality. There are also financial benefits that come with active transportation. On average, people who swap one five-mile car trip per week will save \$160.00.

Those unable to bike to work on Bike to Work Day, are encouraged to bike to school or to run errands. Riders who bike commute on **September 22** are invited to join Horizon Drive BID, Mesa County, and the City of Grand Junction for a **FREE Breakfast**. Get energized for the day with a delicious selection of locally made breakfast items and hot coffee from our friends at Octopus Coffee. The FREE Bike to Work Breakfast will be available on **Horizon Drive at Octopus Coffee** and at the **south courtyard of Grand Junction City Hall from 7:00 AM-10:00 AM**. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to bike to work!



Bike Commuting Tips

Whether new to bike commuting for a seasoned veteran, there are some important things to keep in mind before you hit the road. **Check your gear** - make sure your chain is working properly and add lube if needed, check the tires, and the brakes. **Be prepared** - pack a pump, water, wear proper attire for riding, and of course, wear a helmet. **Be seen** - wear bright colors and use lights on the front and back of your bike. Mount a white light on the handle bars, this will help the rider to see and be seen by oncoming traffic; on the back, secure a flashing red light to the seat post or on the back of a rack. **Plan your route** - take some time to review local maps and try to pick a route with the least amount of traffic or roads that are equipped with wide shoulders, bike lanes, or sidewalks. Visit the Bike Month [website](#) for more helpful tips and for local commuter maps in Grand Junction and Fruita.

Bike Month Film Fest

Tuesday, September 14

Enjoy an evening of bike films and help support the build of local trails. Join Mesa County and local sponsors for the return of the **Bike Month Film Fest** on **Tuesday, September 14** at the **Avalon Theater**; doors open at 6:30 PM, the film will start at 7:00 PM.

The event will feature five short bike films, speakers from local bike advocacy groups, and doo prize drawings. All proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards matching funds for a grant that will help to build 30 miles of trail in the North Fruita Desert at 18 Road. Trail expansion at 18 Road will continue to promote healthy lifestyles in the Grand Valley and it will also attract tourists and help to support the local economy.

If you are looking for some Tuesday night entertainment, love riding bikes, like supporting local causes, and care about trails in the Grand Valley, this event is for you! Get your tickets to the Bike Month Film Festival [here](#), and help Mesa County to add more trails at 18 Road.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



Win Film Fest Tickets

Tune into 103.9 The Planet every Thursday at 4:10 PM for the Single Track Report. Each week, listeners can get info on local trails, biking tips, and upcoming bike related events.

The Planet will be giving away four tickets to the Bike Month Film Fest the week of September 6, listen daily for a chance to win.



Business Challenge

Friendly Bicycle Competition

Calling all businesses and organizations, it's time to pedal for the ultimate bragging rights. Enjoy some friendly competition with the **Bike Month Business Challenge**, encourage your coworkers and employees to bike to work the week of **September 19-25**.

Teams can register using the Business Challenge [form](#), submit the total number of people who bike to work at least ONE time between September 19-25. The groups with the highest percentage of commuter participation will win a traveling trophy to display in your workplace for an entire year.

Competition was close in September of 2020, the champions of the challenge included Mesa County Public Health, Mesa County RTPO, Mesa County Public Library, and Bonsai Design. Does your team have what it takes? See if you can defeat the reigning champions.



Self-Paced Challenges

Ride Challenge

The favored Ride Challenge will return again in September, featuring two challenge options. Riders can compete for the most miles or the most trips from September 1-30. Sign up on [Love to Ride](#) and join the [Mesa County Biking](#) group, then log your rides. Returning participants will not need to register again, they simply log in and start biking. Link your STRAVA account for simplicity and your rides will be updated automatically in the group each time you bike. Participants can also log their rides manually in the website.

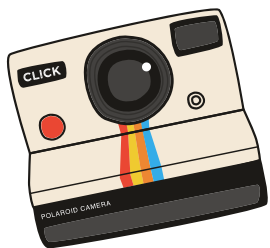
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Trips Challenge

How many trips can you make by bike? Each time you log a ride of ONE mile or more you will get a point for a trip. Prizes will be awarded to the top two riders with the most trips at the end of the month.

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September Races & Tours



SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2021
Highline Lake State Park

- ✓ SPRINT
- ✓ OLYMPIC
- ✓ OFF-ROAD



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Desert Edge Triathlon

Join our Bike Month partner, Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission for the Desert Edge Tri on **September 18** at Highline State Park. Just think of all the miles you could rack up on your bike as you train for this race!

Mobile Mesa County & GGJS are teaming up on a **social media contest**, and giving away **ONE Free entry** to the tri. The winner will be announced on September 10.

Follow both Mobile Mesa County & Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission on Facebook or Instagram, watch for the DET social challenge posts, and tag three friends.



Back to Back Bike Tours

Roll Massif is hosting two tours in September, which truly showcase the Grand Valley. Enjoy the scenic views of Palisade Wine Country with the **Tour de Vineyards** on **September 18**. Riders can choose between a leisurely 23-mile route along the Fruit & Wine Byway or a more challenging, 58-mile course that goes over the top of Reeder Mesa.

If you have seen the classic movie American Flyers you might be inspired to pedal the Colorado National Monument on **September 25** for the **Tour of the Moon**. Participants start and finish Downtown Grand Junction, with an epic ride up over the Monument. Cyclists may opt for 41 miles and loop back to Grand Junction after completing the ride on the Fruita side, or if they have the motivation to do a century ride they can follow a route northward for a loop through Fruita farm country. Visit the Roll Massif [website](#) for more information on both of the tours.



Bicycle Route Wayfinding

In 2020, the City, in partnership with the Urban Trails Committee, facilitated creative uses of right-of-ways and multi-modal access to economic centers by installing 300 wayfinding signs to help guide bicyclists around the community.



Bicycle Routes

CORE WAYFINDING PRINCIPLES

1. Connect Places
2. Promote Active Travel
3. Maintain Motion
4. Be Predictable
5. Keep Information Simple



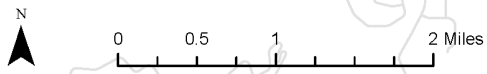
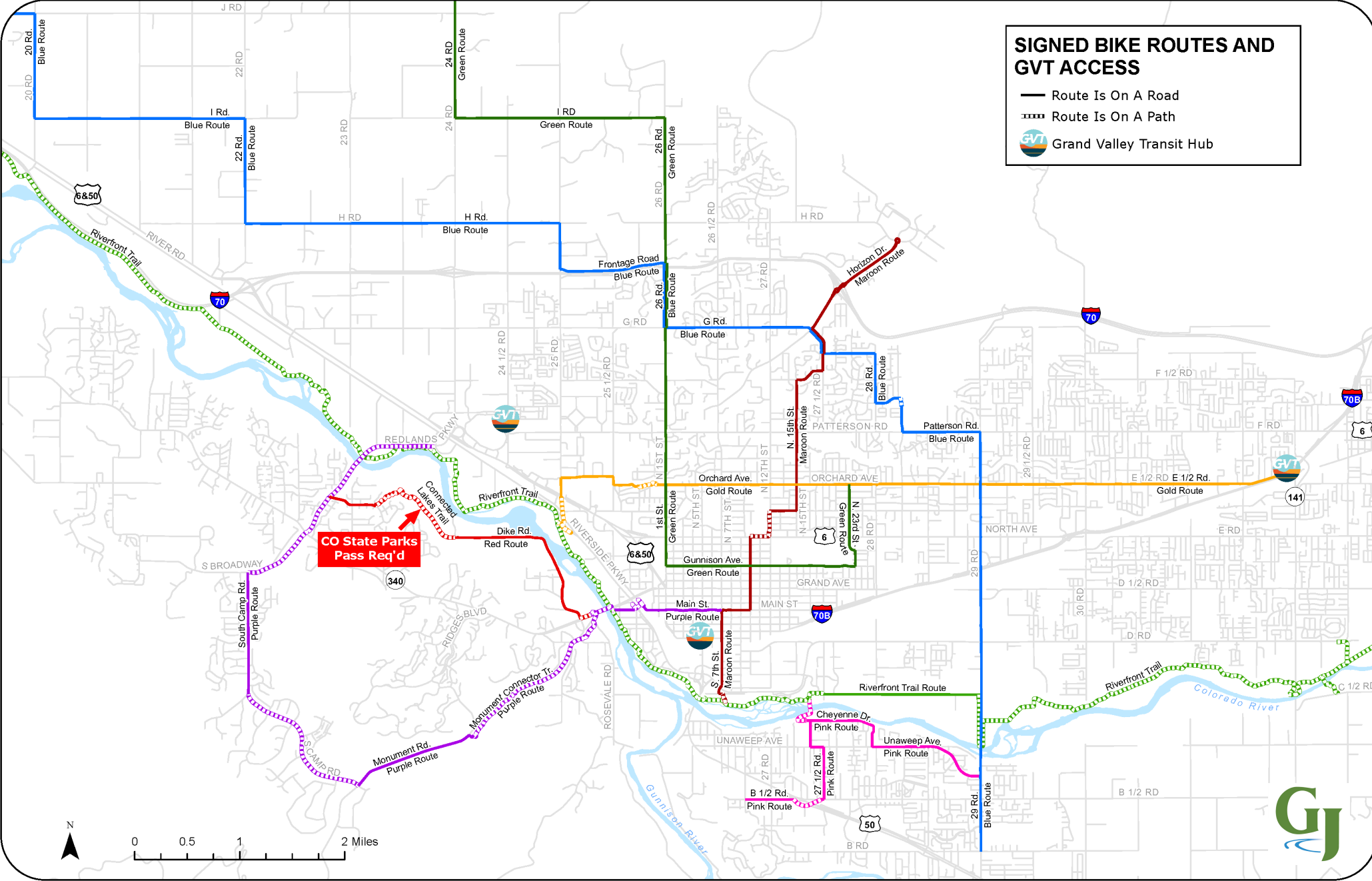
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