

# URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE AGENDA CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 N 5th STREET VIRTUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022 - 5:30 PM

# **Call to Order/Announcements**

Winter Bike to Work Day - February 11th

RTPO Planning Meeting for May Bike Month - Feb 14th 3:30-4:45

# **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of January 12, 2022 meeting minutes

#### **Action Items**

Infrastructure Priorities List - Prepare for ranking in March

May Bike Month - Subcommittee volunteers

Crosby Avenue Letter of Support

#### **Discussion Items**

Safe Routes to School CBDG

MCPH and RTPO Appointments

#### **Updates**

Ped & Bike RFP

Orchard Avenue Corridor Study Letter of Support

Public Works Updates/Presentations

### **Other Business/Public Comment**

#### Adjournment

#### **UTC Minutes** – January 12, 2022

Members in attendance: Valerie Dobbs, Steven Meyer, Abe Herman, Athena Fouts, Diana Rooney, Shana Wade, Orin Zyvan, Andrew Gingerich, Ross Mittleman (attended virtually).

Staff in attendance: Greg Caton, Eric Mocko, Dani Acosta, Kalli Saavas, Trent Prall, Rob Davis (attended virtually), Felix Landry.

Guests: Bernie Smith (expressed interest in what committee does), Kathryn Ventling (One Riverfront Co-Chair)

RTPO in attendance: Sarah Brooks

#### Call to Order/Announcements

Diana R. called meeting to order at 5:30

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Diana R. made a motion to approve the December 8, 2021 minutes. Valerie D. seconded the motion.

#### Strategic Plan + Action Items

Diana R. provided a recap about the transition workshop held on January 10, 2022.

Dani A. and Greg C. fielded questions regarding the Colorado Open Meeting Law and how it applies to subcommittees and email threads.

Abe H. recommend to not hit "reply all" to ensure that it does not constitute a meeting.

Diana R. asked what the process is to review the strategic goals document. Orin Z. responded with a history how he strategic goals document was. Orin Z. suggested reading it over and get folks to comment. January is the month to take a pause and solicit other items committee wants to talk about beyond the concrete items listed in the annual plan.

Diana R. opened the floor for discussion.

Shana W. expressed that in last couple of year there has been s a lot of focus on inclusivity – all ages and abilities – and suggested including inclusivity as a goal or in the mission

Andy G. concurred about inclusivity. Andy G. suggested the need to add something about geographic equity.

Orin Z. wondered whether or not inclusivity is too specific and if it should be left open. Diana. R remarked that inclusivity is covered by the usage goal.

Abe H. expressed that since goal three is focusing on increasing the number of riders, that goal might inadvertently target discretionary riders and not captive riders (i.e., those who do not have a choice).

Bernie S. remarked that inclusivity is a good thing to consider and suggested that instead putting it in the goals document consider channeling it through communications and who you are communicating with (i.e., taking into account language barriers, etc.) Andrew remarked that goal 1 is really about internal processes and goal 3 is focused on promotion.

Diana R. suggested that goal three be edited to increase the accessibility to increase usage.

Kathryn V. posed to the group about what does improving inclusivity mean and how do you measure it. Abe H. answered that the focus should not be exclusively on recreational trails but also commuter trails to get people to jobs. Steve M. remarked that it is important for the committee considers the entire geographic area and include people who leave far from the core.

Shana W. suggested change the mission statement to include all users regardless age or ability.

Committee decided to keep the goals in the document as they are. Valerie D. made a motion to approve, Steve M seconded.

#### **Action Plan**

Diana R. reminded the group about the infrastructure priorities list and opened the floor to ideas that people want to work on.

Valerie D. shared that it would be helpful to know what CDOT is doing and how UTC can coordinate or provide input, talk about using orchard as an alternative route to North Ave. Valerie D. asked is there are any alternative routes south of North Ave being considered like Grand Ave or Gunnision. Diana R. recommend that be put on the infrastructure priorities list. Andy G. suggested that the committee start using physical maps and make the process more or an interactive activity.

Dani A. provided update about the Bike/ped master plan and gave timeline.

Diana R. suggested that the committee continue walk audits and to coordinate walk audits with upcoming City projects.

Diana R. shared that City of Fruita down thermoplastic markers similar to what the City of Grand Junction did. Diana R. suggested getting Fruita looped in to Grand Junction's wayfinding efforts and finding out where those key connection points are. Trent P. shared that the wayfinding effort went all the way to Fruita and Palisade and that those efforts were all coordinated.

Andy G. asked if there should be an all-encompassing metro group. Orin Z. suggested that RTPO COULD organize a group like River Front does for IGA meetings.

Rob D. shared that the new Fruita Parks and Rec Director was previously at Grand Junction and that there is already an established relationship there.

Greg C. shared that UTC could rely on staff as a resource for identifying partnerships and coordinating across the region.

Trent P. shared that staff members are in constant contact with the County to ensure coordination and there are staff members who will be able to provide updates.

Dani A. suggested that interdepartmental updates could occur at the beginning of meetings.

Diana R. asked what action items UTC should consider that would be most beneficial to the City. Greg C. share that staff would keep UTC abreast so that input is aligned to be most impactful (e.g., input for

2022 is mostly operationally related, input for 2023 is capital related). Greg C. shared the following opportunities for UTC input:

- Council strategic plan that is being finalized opportunity to explore where the synergies lie.
- Strategic plan implementation matrix Many items based on mobility
- Ped & Bike Plan

Eric M. shared that the Annual Roadmap schedule the Infrastructure Priorities list in April, which tees that activity up nicely for when the City is looking at the budget for the 2023 CIP.

Abe H. expressed that UTC tends to be focused on physical aspects but not so much policy and asked if UTC should be advocating for more programmatic, and policy oriented

Orin Z. reminded the group about the policy memo and suggested using that as a starting point.

Diana R. also mentioned the opportunity for input on the TEDs update.

Eric M. shared that the City's resurfacing program is also another opportunity to tackle low-cost improvements like bikes lanes. Addressed through street maintenance program.

#### **Updates**

Sarah B. provided an update on Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project. Funding was awarded last March. RFP was posted in October and in December RTPO awarded the creative part of the project – non-infrastructure piece that would enhance educational elements and marketing for SRTS. The technical side of the project would eventually take all SRTS PDFs and make them live like in a Google Maps app to help users identify the best SRTS. The creative portion was awarded to Ryan Sawyer Marketing. Sarah B. shared that she is looking to stand up a committee for 5-7 people to decide what the messaging would be and create messaging for different user groups (i.e., drivers vs students). Committee would meet regularly for 3-4 months.

Sarah B. shared that RTPO approached CMU to potentially have graphic design and computer science students to create the web application piece. Sarah to send the Google form for those who want to participate.

Sarah B. also shared that the RTPO walking audits are part of grant with the goal to update walking audits. Andy opportunity to integrate with committee updates.

Dana B. shared that there would be a transportation engineer opening at RTPO and that the position will be posted on Mesa County employment opportunities page.

Abe H suggested that folks think about who is not represented on the committee for the next meeting

Kathryn V. shared that the One River Front Commission is reviewing their strategic plan and revamping it. New committee members coming online. Part of the action plan is to develop specific goals and targets. One River Front was contacted by the American Discovery Trail (coast to coast trail utilizing the work done across the country) and shared that they have been critically looking that Act/legislation, which contains some things that One Riverfront has concerns about like eminent domain.

Steve M. made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 extra minutes and Athena F. seconded that motion.

#### Crosy Avenue – Revitalizing Main Street – Opportunity 1 Grant Submittal

Trent shared an update on 12<sup>th</sup> street. Message boards to communicate lowering speed limit form 35 to 25 mph. Also working on procuring equipment to provide better lighting display on outside lane and inside lane and the back of those signs to make it clearer that pedestrians may be crossing. The speed limit drop will occur a week from Friday.

Not successful the first time – Crosby Ave near El Poso – resubmitting grant getting councils approval. 5' bike lanes, 11' travel lane, 8' planting, 10' detached sidewalk.

#### **Orchard Ave**

Orchard Ave active transportation corridor 12<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Currently an active corridor that connects Clifton retail to Mesa Mall. Important for school, hospital, human services connectivity. Started with request to add outside strip multipurpose biking lane and parkin lane. Now the thought is to create just bike lanes. Lots with no alley access or side street access – City will be doing outreach to properties. Sidewalk and curb ramps inaccessible for those with mobility aids. Next steps – council briefing last week of January, memo coming out, webpage/ public outreach in February. Trent will update the UTC in February.

#### Adjournment

Valerie D. made a motion to end the meeting. Shana W. seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES LIST

#### Summary

One of the UTC's main responsibilities is to review the City's active transportation network on an ongoing basis and recommend enhancements for the purpose of increasing the extent and connectivity of well-maintained sidewalks, bike lanes, and pathways within the urbanized area that emphasize safety, connectivity, and efficiency for multimodal users of all ages and abilities.

#### **Process**

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When a project is added to the list, it will be given a unique identifying number (last two digits of the year, decimal point, followed by the numeric order of when the project was added). For example, "2020.4" would be the 4th project added to the list in 2020. Over time, this number could provide a point of reference for how long projects have remained on the list. Once a project has been funded it will be removed from the priority list and moved to the funded list. Once completed, the project will be moved to the completed list.

Connectivity [CNT] creates and completes connections in the network
Safety [SFT] decreases likelihood of accidents and injuries
Usage [USG] likely to increase usership and engage new user groups
Social Equity [EQY] enhances multimodal options for marginalized groups
Current Condition [CND] substantially improves the physical condition of infrastructure

Cost Estimate: This general estimate of costs is prepared by the Public Works Department. \*ATC: This indicates that the project implements the existing Active Transportation Corridors Plan.

\*CS: This indicates that the project implements the Complete Streets Policy.

\*Jurisd.: This indicates that the project involves right(s)-of-way not controlled by the City of GJ.

Orchard Avenue to 30 Rd 2016.2 Install complete streets improvements along Orchard Avenue from Mesa Mall to 30 Road, with bike lanes and/or sharrows from 1st Street to 29 Road and paths, bike lanes and/or sharrows from Mesa Mall to 1st Street, most importantly providing sidewalks at Nisley Elementary School. Cost Estimate: \*CS \*ATC 2 Highway 340 (Broadway) Bridges Over River and Railroad 2020.4 Carry out a lane diet on north side of the Highway 340 (Broadway) bridge (westbound lanes) and moving of concrete barrier resulting in a substantially wider bi-directional multiuse path. Also make chain-link fence more "friendly" and fix the gap beneath it. Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*Jurisd. **North Avenue** 2017.1 Install Complete Streets improvements to provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities along and crossing North Avenue from 23rd Street to 30 Road. Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*Jurisd. **Orchard Mesa Irrigation District Canal Trails** 2020.2 Construct bicycle/pedestrian trails on four sections where ditches have been or will be piped and buried, where Orchard Mesa Irrigation District has voiced support for these projects. Such trails would serve as assets to the Orchard Mesa multimodal network and may provide a positive model for trails along irrigation canals. Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*CS \*Jurisd. I-70B and 1st Street 2018.1 Provide improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities at and around the intersection of the I-70 Business Loop and 1st Street. Create a connection from the detached path that ends near the north end of Mulberry Street to the 1st Street corridor. Also improve the bicycle and pedestrian facilities along and crossing 1st Street between Grand Avenue and Pitkin Avenue. Cost Estimate: \*CS \*ATC \*Jurisd. North 5th Street from North Avenue to Orchard Avenue 2021 6 6 Upgrade 5th Street adjacent to Grand Junction High School with traffic calming, new striping, and pavement markings. Evaluate use of bulb-outs at Elm Court and Tiger Avenue/Glenwood Avenue. Cost Estimate: \*CS Orchard Avenue and 28 Road Intersection 2020.5 Redesign and reconstruct intersection at Orchard Avenue and 28 Road to improve navigability for bicycles and pedestrians. Cost Estimate: \*ATC 30 Road - Patterson Road to F1/2 Road 2018.2 Construct complete street improvements along 30 Road from Patterson Road to F 1/2 Road to

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\*ATC

provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities.

Cost Estimate:

# 9 27½ Road (Orchard Mesa)

2017.2

Complete Street improvements to provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities on 27½ Road in Orchard Mesa from B½ Road to Unaweep Avenue. This project also includes similar improvements to 27¾ Road from Unaweep Avenue to Cheyenne Drive/Eagle Rim Park.

\*ATC \*CS\*

#### 10 Horizon/Independent Ranchman's Ditch

2016.3

Provide connectivity from Horizon Drive hotels to a trail following the Horizon Drive Channel down to 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Patterson where trail will connect and follow Independent Ranchman's Ditch to Mesa Mall. This should be accomplished through a combination of off-street trails, canal trails, appropriate bicycle/pedestrian crossings and bike lanes. Much of this network will be built as the remaining undeveloped parcels in the area subdivide and develop.

\*ATC \*Jurisd.

# 11 East Railroad Crossing for CRT Access

2021.11

Evaluate facilities on 29 Road for multimodal improvements and/or identify opportunities between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 29 Road for a new bike-ped crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way to improve access between the City Center and Colorado Riverfront Trail east of downtown.

Cost Estimate: \*Jurisd.

#### 12 [tie] Crosby Avenue

2016.9

Construct complete streets improvements along Crosby Avenue from Base Rock Street (25  $\frac{1}{2}$  Road) to the east side of the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge. This includes the addition of bike lanes along Crosby, as well as curb ramps connecting the new bike lanes to the pedestrian bridge.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*CS

# 12 [tie] D Road/9<sup>th</sup> Street

2016.12

Provide bike lanes on D Road between Riverside Parkway and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and on 9th Street between D Road and Main Street, to facilitate connectivity from south of I-70 Business Loop to Downtown.

Cost Estimate: \*CS

# 13 [tie] Colorado Riverfront Trail Gap – 27½ Road to 29 Road

2016.6

Depending on timeframe and feasibility, it may be worth considering creating an alternate safe route on  $C\frac{1}{2}$  Road and 29 Road to fill the gap of the missing Colorado Riverfront Trail section. This would include bike lanes and signage on  $C\frac{1}{2}$  Road and a viaduct under 29 Road for the safe passage of pedestrians and bicycles on and off the Colorado Riverfront Trail.

\*ATC

#### 14 [tie] West Main Street

2016.16

Install various multi-modal upgrades along West Main Street from the Colorado Riverfront Trail to the east side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Improve access to the Colorado Riverfront Trail from Downtown utilizing wayfinding signage, improved crosswalks and intersection design, and a clearly marked bike lane if street width is sufficient. Utilize sharrow markings and signage on West Main Street from the Colorado Riverfront Trail to the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge because bike lanes cannot fit within the existing street width.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

#### 14 [tie] 25 Road between G Road and Patterson Road

2021.14

Install shoulder and bike lanes along 25 Road between G Road and Patterson Road.

Cost Estimate:

\*ATC

\*CS

#### 15 Leach Creek Trail

2021.15

Complete trail connections along Leach Creek, with emphasis on sections near 24 Road and G Road intersection.

Cost Estimate:

\*ATC

### 16 Redlands Parkway Trail

2020.19

Replace the damaged asphalt trail section along Redlands Parkway from the roundabout at Highway 340 (Broadway) and Redlands Parkway to the Redlands Boat Ramp.

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# 17 [tie] "Black Bridge" Gunnison Crossing

2016.10

Construct a bridge at or near the historical location of the "Black Bridge" to provide direct bicycle and pedestrian access between the Redlands and Orchard Mesa. This would provide a connection from Highway 50 to Rosevale Road, facilitating connectivity between the two neighborhoods and between Tabeguache Trails and Colorado National Monument specifically. This is in alignment with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

\*ATC

# 17 [tie] 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Street

2016.14

Provide Complete Streets improvements on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from Gunnison Avenue to Orchard Avenue and on 24<sup>th</sup> Street from Gunnison to Belford and 23rd from Belford to Orchard). Provide bike lanes between Gunnison Avenue. and Orchard Avenue.

Cost Estimate:

\*ATC

\*CS

# 18 Riverfront Trail Connector – West Orchard Mesa Bridge

2020.17

Replace the damaged asphalt trail section on the Colorado Riverfront Trail Connector from the West Orchard Mesa Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge to Eagle Rim Park.

Cost Estimate:

\*ATC

\*CS

\*Jurisd.

### 19 [tie] North 7<sup>th</sup> Street

2016.11

Develop detached bicycle/pedestrian facilities on the west side of North 7<sup>th</sup> Street as an alternative to along the alley that borders Grand Junction High School and continue the CMU perimeter trail on east side of North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, with improved bicycle/pedestrian crossings.

\*ATC \*CS \*Jurisd.\*

### 19 [tie] Riverfront Trail Redlands Boat Ramp Asphalt Section

2020.18

Replace the damaged asphalt trail section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail from the Redlands Boat Ramp to Bananas Fun Park (2469 Riverside Parkway).

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

### 20 [tie] Main Street – 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street

2018.3

Utilize sharrow markings and signage along Main Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street to improve the on-street bicycle facilities and reduce bicycles using the sidewalks, which is prohibited on this section of Main.

Cost Estimate

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\*CS

## 20 [tie] 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Downtown to CMU

2016.17

Provide a strong connection from CMU to Downtown using innovative techniques to emphasize the bike friendly corridor that might include improved intersection design, green colored pavement, signage, and lighting.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*CS \*Jurisd.

#### 20 [tie] Broadway Trail

2020.15

Replace damaged asphalt trail section stemming from the Colorado Riverfront Trail from the Redlands Power Canal bridge up the hill to East Mayfield Drive.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*Jurisd.

### 21 Audubon Trail Asphalt Section

2020.9

Replace the damaged asphalt trail section of the Audubon Trail from Redlands Marketplace to the Connected Lakes (James M. Robb) Colorado State Park entrance.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

#### 22 3rd Street and Grand Avenue

2020.3

3rd Street and Grand Avenue protected median for North/South multimodal crossing. This may be reduced in priority if 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street become two-way streets with bike lanes.

\*ATC

#### 23 Horizon Drive Separated Bike Lane

2021.23

Improve bicycle access along Horizon Drive with a separated/buffered bike lane using bollard, armadillos, or other buffers. Focus efforts on horizon Drive from North 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 27½ Road. *Cost Estimate:*\*ATC

\*CS

# 24 Dos Rios Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

2020.11

Construct bicycle/pedestrian bridge over railroad tracks, from Grand Junction Union Station to the Riverfront at Dos Rios.

Cost Estimate:

#### 25 St. Mary's Hospital and Community Hospital

2021.25

Improve internal and external multimodal connectivity in and around the campuses of St. Mary's Hospital and Community Hospital.

Cost Estimate: \*Jurisd.

# 26 Road (1st Street)

2020.17

Install bike lanes along 26 Road (1st Street) from Patterson Road to I Road. *Cost Estimate:* \*CS \*Jurisd.

#### 27 [tie] West Independent Avenue

2018.5

Construct complete street improvements along West Independent Avenue from 24 ¾ Road to Bogart Lane, including 24¾ Road to I-70 Business Loop, adding width to the paved road surface to allow for striping of on-street bike lanes.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*CS

# 27 [tie] Independent Avenue

2020.12

Widen shoulders along the west end of Independent Avenue from Splish Splash to Chik Filet. Cost Estimate: \*CS

# 28 Tour of the Moon National Scenic Byway

2020.7

Construct shoulders and install signage on all Tour of the Moon Byway rights-of-way within City of Grand Junction jurisdiction.

Cost Estimate: \*Jurisd.

**29** H Road 2020.8

Install bike lanes along H Road from the Grand Junction Airport roundabout to 26 Road. *Cost Estimate:* \*CS

#### 30 Riverside Bridge to Highway 340 (Broadway) Connection 2020.21

Create an improved connection from east end of Riverside bicycle/pedestrian bridge to the Highway 340 (Broadway) and Rice Street intersection. This could include construction of a bridge from the north end of the Riverside Bicycle-Pedestrian bridge (halfway down) connecting directly to the wide sidewalk on Highway 340 (Broadway).

Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*Jurisd

# 31 F½ Road and Cortland Avenue

2020.13

Construct bike lanes along  $F\frac{1}{2}$  Road from 28 Road to 33 Road, and along Cortland Avenue from  $21\frac{1}{2}$  Road to 28 Road.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*CS \*Jurisd.

#### 32 15<sup>th</sup> Street and North Avenue Connection

2021.32

Improve connectivity of 15th Street Bike path at terminus on North Ave, such as to 10<sup>th</sup> Street, through Lincoln Park, or to 12th Street.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

# 33 [tie] South Camp Road Trail

2020.16

Replace damaged asphalt at the trail section of South Camp Road Trail from Rimrock Road to Wingate Elementary.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

# 33 [tie] 12<sup>th</sup> Street from North Avenue to Gunnison Street

2021.33

Improve 12<sup>th</sup> Street bicycle facilities between North Avenue and Gunnison Street. Southbound, automobile traffic can be tapered from two lanes after North Ave to enable sharrows or bike lanes. Northbound options may include a wider sidewalk/multiuse path or access across Lincoln Park.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

#### 34 [tie] Monument Road Trail

2016.7

Construct a detached concrete path from D Road to Tabeguache Trails and beyond to the South Camp Road path and Colorado National Monument. The segment of this trail from D Road to Tabeguache was constructed 2019-2020].

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

#### 35 [tie] South Rim Drive Intersection

2020.14

Redesign and redevelop the intersection of Redlands Parkway and South Rim Drive to improve multimodal accessibility.

Cost Estimate: \*ATC

# 36 [tie] Cyclist Sensors at Key Intersections

2018.4

Install Sensors for Cyclists at the following signalized intersections: 5<sup>th</sup> Street at North Avenue; Orchard Avenue at 1<sup>st</sup> Street; Independent Avenue at 1<sup>st</sup> Street; 25½ Road at Patterson Road; 24½ Road at Highway 6 & 50; 15<sup>th</sup> Street at Patterson Road; Bookcliff Avenue at 12<sup>th</sup> Street; Bookcliff Avenue at 7<sup>th</sup> Street; Main Street at 1<sup>st</sup> Street (repair); 23<sup>rd</sup> Street at North Avenue; 10<sup>th</sup> Street at North Avenue (south side); and Orchard Avenue at 29½ Road.

\*Jurisd.

# **37** [tie] **The Ridges Trail System**

2020.20

Replace damaged asphalt trail sections along the entire trail system in The Ridges development and make a new trail connection from Duck Pond Park to Ridge Circle Drive.

\*ATC

\*ATC

# 38 Redlands Parkway/South Broadway

2016.8

Construct multimodal improvements along South Camp Road to 23¾ Road. Add a bike lane westbound beginning at 23¾ Road, crossing Highway 340 (Broadway), to South Camp Road. Cost Estimate: \*ATC \*CS

#### **FUNDED PROJECTS**

# 24 Road/Redlands Parkway

2016.4

Safer navigation of pedestrians and bicycles over the I-70 Business Loop. This may involve a road diet and include a separated lane for bikes and pedestrians. Ideally this will include a larger scheme of linking The Riverfront Trail to bike lanes that go to Canyon View Park and a connection to the existing Leach Creek detached path.

Funded

#### F ½ Road to Thunder Mountain Elementary

2017.3

Construct complete streets improvements to provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities along F ½ Road 30 Road to Thunder Mountain Elementary.

Funded

26 ½ Road Bridge 2020.0

Construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across I-70 at 26½ Road to improve access to Northwest neighborhoods.

Funded

#### G Road from 23 Road to 26 Road

2021.0

Install shoulder on south side of G Road to accommodate an eastbound bike lane, and widen the westbound lane. Voter-approved referendum 2A includes bike and pedestrian improvements on G Road from  $23\frac{1}{2}$  Road to  $24\frac{1}{2}$  Road.

Funded

#### 26½ Road from Horizon to Summerhill

2021.0

Voter-approved referendum 2A includes bike and pedestrian bridge at I70 Funded

H Road 2020.8

Install bike lanes along H Road from the Grand Junction Airport roundabout to 26 Road. *Funded* 

#### 24<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Road Multimodal Extension

2020.10

Construct a 375-foot multimodal trail connection from the northerly stub of 28½ Road to connect to Hawthorne Avenue.

Funded

#### **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

# **Riverside Park Drive Pathway**

2016.15

Provide a separated path as a continuation of the Colorado Riverfront Trail through the Riverside neighborhood.

Completed 2019

#### Horizon Drive BID Trail Network Plan

2019.0\*

The Horizon Drive Business Improvement District's Trail Network Plan was completed in 2019. *Completed 2019* 

Monument Road Trail 2016.7

Construct a detached concrete path from D Road to Tabeguache Trails and beyond to the South Camp Road path and the Colorado National Monument. The segment of this trail from D Road to Tabeguache was constructed 2019-2020.

Partially Completed 2020

# Redlands Parkway/South Broadway

2016.8

The segment of Redlands Parkway/South Broadway from Highway 340 (Broadway) to South Camp Road was completed when bike lanes were added concurrent with street maintenance in 2016. The roundabout at Highway 340 (Broadway) & Redlands Parkway was built in 2018. *Partially Completed 2016* 

1<sup>st</sup> Street 2016.1

Construct complete street upgrades for 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Ouray Avenue to Orchard Avenue. Redevelop the four through-lanes into two through-lanes with a center turn-lane and bike lanes. Bike lane enhancements included maintaining the bike lanes across the North Avenue intersection and five-foot width lanes from North Avenue to Orchard Avenue.

#### Completed 2017

#### Riverfront Trail Gap - 29 Road Bridge Crossing

2016.6

The gap in the Riverfront Trail between 27½ Road and 29 Road saw progress with the construction of the segment of trail crossing under the 29 Road River Bridge and connecting to both sides of 29 Road.

Completed 2018

#### Riverfront Trail - Flooded Blue Heron Section

2020.0

Replace the Blue Heron Lake section of the Riverfront Trail that fell into Colorado River. *Completed 2020* 

#### Orchard Avenue [partial]

2016.1

Complete Streets improvements for the segment for Orchard Avenue from Normandy Drive to 29 Road were constructed 2019. Orchard from Normandy was completed to 29 Road was completed in 2020 providing sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of Orchard for the last 3/8 miles section that was unimproved.

# Partially Completed 2019

#### B½ Road crossing of Highway 50

2016.5

Transform the existing elevated automobile crossing into a bridge for bicycle and pedestrian use to facilitate safer travel to either side of Highway 50. This will provide safer routes to schools,

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the County Fairgrounds, ballfields and BMX track. This would also include bike lanes on B  $\frac{1}{2}$  Road to facilitate E/W connectivity, as well as connections to the Riverfront. Completed 2017

South 7<sup>th</sup> Street 2019.1

Create a strong bicycle/pedestrian connection from Main Street to River Front Trail along 7th Street using innovative techniques, such as painted, buffered or separated bike lanes. Encourage use with wayfinding signage.

Completed 2019

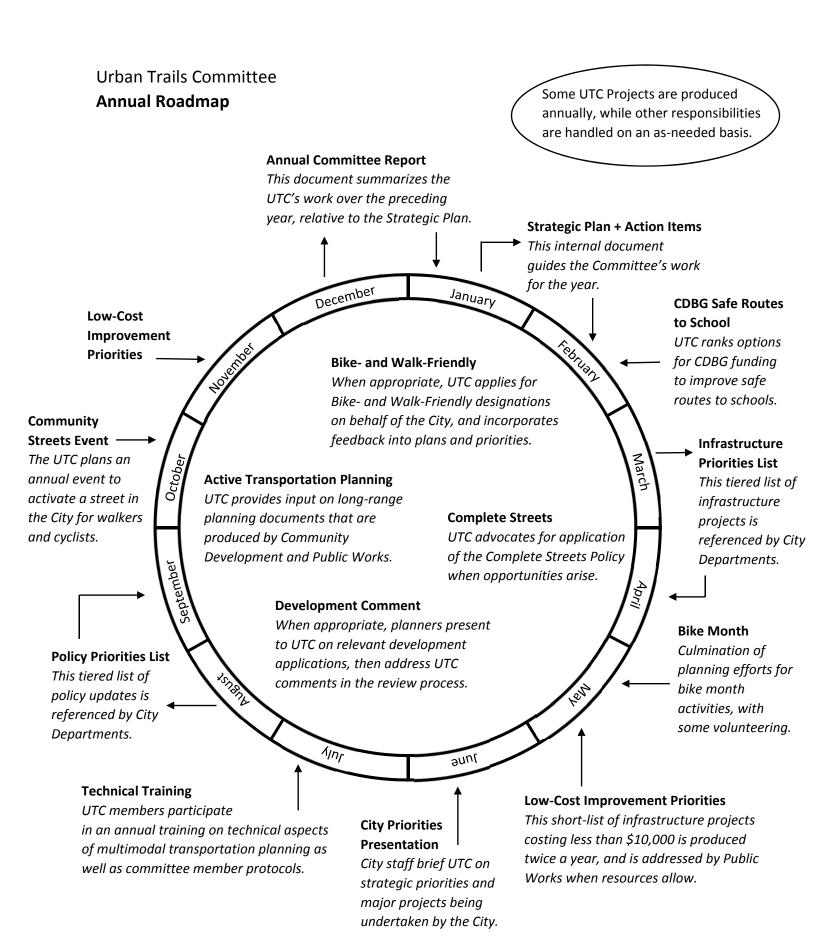
# **Wayfinding Signage**

2020.1

Develop and implement signage and striping for wayfinding throughout Grand Valley, in cooperation with Mesa County, Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Town of Palisade, and Fruita. The UTC recommends doing so in line with the UTC Wayfinding Program Draft. Substantially Completed 2020

Westlake Park Access 2020.6

Install a curb cut and trail ramp into Westlake Park to facilitate the Orchard Avenue crossing. Completed 2020



# **Ranking Process**

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#### **Schedule**

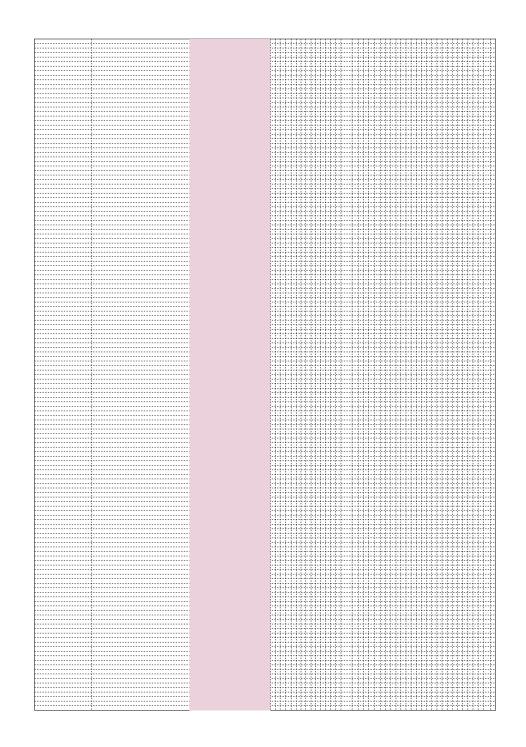
2/10 - 2/20 - Nominate new projects2/21 - 3/9 - Score projects3/9 - Adjust and Finalize at Regular UTC Meeting

# **Scoring System**

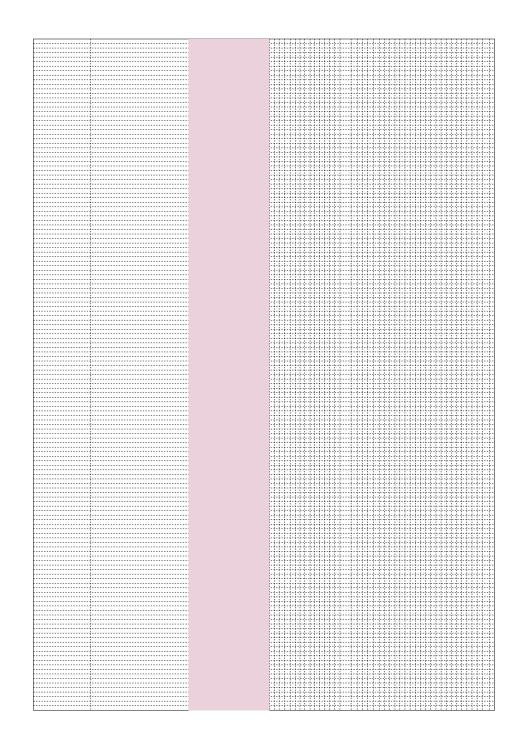
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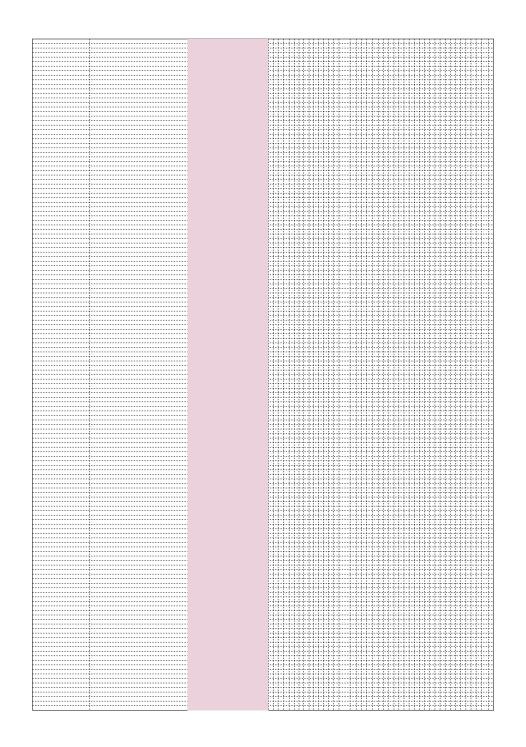
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NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	Notes
		430 feet of sidewalk completes the sidewalk and south side of the road between 28 Road and 28 1/4 Road on		
Elm St Sidewalks at 28 1/4	Elm Ave from 28 to 28 1/4	the south side of the road.	Budgeted	
Linden Ave Shared Use Path/Sidewalks	Linden Ave from Unaweep to Hwy 50	1300 feet Shared Use Paths or sidewalks for North South connection from Unaweep to Highway 50		Connects school, public housing, stores
				Paved shoulder on one side connects residential
27 Rd Shared Use Path/Sidewalks	27 Rd from Unaweep to Hwy 50	1800 feet - Shared Use Paths or sidewalks for North South connection from Unaweep to Highway 50	Will be designed and constructed 2022	and stores
3rd and Grand Protected Median	3rd St and Grand Ave	3rd St and Grand Ave protected median for North/South multimodal crossing`.		Enhances busy crossing downtown Park access, mid-block crossing, GVT stops
Rocket Park Crosswalk	Orchard Ave at 26th St	ADA Ramping and piano keys at Rocket Park across Orchard Ave.		Park access, mid-block crossing, GVT stops
				Mid-block crossing, gvt and medical/ada used
12th Flashing-Yellow Crosswalk	12th Street near Wellington Ave	Important to GVT Route 1 access		heavily
5th St and North Pole Disrupting Sidewalk	5th St and North Ave, NE corner	Traffic light pole at NE corner of 5th and North is blocking significant part of sidewalk. Not ADA compliant.	Likely adjusted through CDOT project.	

# **Purpose**

The Project Parking Lot list serves as the unofficial list of recommenworksheet to document suggested projects that have not been formatither the official Infrastructure Priorities List or the CDBG Priorities

Location Date Added

dations active transportation infrastructure improvements. Committee members should use this ally ranked or were thought of outside of a publicly-noticed regular meeting. Projects that are moved to shall be indicated with the strikethrough.

**Description of Proposed Improvement** 

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# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 32-17

### A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE BYLAWS

#### RECITALS.

The Urban Trails Committee (UTC) was re-established in December of 2014 as an advisory board to the City Council on matters pertaining to the safe, convenient and efficient movement of pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Since then, the Urban Trails Committee has been working on a number of initiatives to make the community a better place for pedestrians and bicyclists. The bylaws established for UTC allow for 7-9 members and, thus far, the committee has been operating with 7 members, which includes representation from Mesa County Public Health and the Regional Transportation Planning Office. UTC has found having representation from those two organizations to be invaluable to the work of the committee. Recognizing that, UTC is recommending that the bylaws be amended to have the makeup of the committee include a representative from both Mesa County Public Health and the Regional Transportation Office, if possible. Further, UTC would like to see the full 9 members be appointed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby adopt the attached (Exhibit A) amended Urban Trails Committee Bylaws.

Adopted and approved this 7th day of June, 2017.

J. Merrick Taggart

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Stephanie Tuin

City Clerk

#### Exhibit A

# GRAND JUNCTION URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE BYLAWS

# Article 1. Purpose. Committee. Place of Business.

- (a) The purpose of the Urban Trails Committee is to plan and promote the City Council's goals for an interconnected network of sidewalks, paths and routes for active transportation and recreation throughout the Grand Junction urbanized area. The Urban Trails Committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Junction City Council on matters pertaining to the safe, convenient and efficient movement of pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities throughout the community, as well as other forms of transit.
- (b) The business and affairs of the Committee shall be managed by its members, comprised of seven (7) to nine (9) persons appointed by the Grand Junction City Council, consistently with the rules and these bylaws adopted by said City Council for such Committee.
- (c) The place of business of the Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee shall be in Grand Junction, Colorado with a mailing address of 250 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 81501

# Article 2. Ethical Conduct.

Committee members shall comply with City of Grand Junction Resolution No. 79-06 (and as amended by Resolution No. 46-13) which establishes ethical standards for members of the City's boards, commissions and similar groups.

# Article 3. Appointment of Members.

- (a) The Urban Trails Committee shall consist of seven (7) to nine (9) members.
- (b) Composition and selection:
  - 1. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Grand Junction City Council for individual terms of three (3) years.
  - 2. Members shall be selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, or physical handicap.
  - Qualifications shall include either (1) residence within the city limits of the City
    of Grand Junction; or (2) employed in a business that operates within the city
    limits of the City of Grand Junction.
  - One member should be a representative of Mesa County Public Health and one member should be a representative of the Regional Transportation Office, if possible.
- (c) If requested by the Grand Junction City Council, the Committee shall make a recommendation to the appointing body as to the expertise needed. The appointing body may consider this recommendation when making appointments.

### Article 4. Terms. Conditions.

(a) The term of each individual committee member shall be three (3) years and the terms shall be staggered. No Committee member shall be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive full terms, unless City Council deems it necessary for

- representation from Mesa County Public Health and the Regional Transportation Planning Office.
- (b) Members shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified, unless the member is no longer a city resident or employed within the city limits. A member may be appointed for one or more terms subject to any term limitations as cited in Article 3 and 4(a). An appointment to fill a partial term shall only be for the remainder of the full term.

# Article 5. Vacancies

In the event of death, resignation, or removal of any member, his/her successor shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in Article 3 above, for the duration of the unexpired term.

# Article 6. Removal

- (a) The Committee may petition to the City Council, by formal two-thirds vote of the membership, to remove any member who is failing to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of office, provided the individual is notified of such action and is given the opportunity to address the Committee prior to tendering of such petition for removal to the Council for consideration.
- (b) Failure to attend two-thirds (2/3) of the regularly scheduled Committee meetings within any twelve (12) month period shall result in a recommendation to the City Council for removal of the member.

#### Article 7. Officers

- (a) The officers of the Committee shall be Chair and Vice Chair, elected annually in October by the members.
- (b) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Committee, serve as ex-officio member of all committees, serve as the official spokesperson for the Committee, work with the City Community Development staff to develop meeting agendas and serve as the Committee liaison to the City.
- (c) No member shall serve more than two consecutive years as Chair or Vice Chair.
- (d) In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.
- (e) The Vice Chair shall be assigned other specific duties by the Chair as required to assure efficient operation of administrative functions of the Committee.

#### Article 8. Meetings. Notice. Open Meetings.

- (a) Regular meetings shall be held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and shall go no later than 7:00 p.m. unless agreed to by a majority of members present.
- (b) The Committee shall conduct all meetings in accordance with generally accepted parliamentary procedures.
- (c) Notice of any meeting of the Committee, including the purpose thereof, shall be given to each member by mail, facsimile, e-mail or in an equivalent manner at

least 72 hours before the scheduled meeting. Attendance by a member at any meeting of the Committee shall be a waiver of notice by him/her of the time and place thereof. Any lawful business of the Committee may be transacted at any meeting for which proper notice has been given.

- (d) Any meeting, or member participation, may be held by telephone or video conference call.
- (e) Meetings and affairs of the Committee shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Open Records Acts, as amended, as though the Committee is a local government under those acts.
- (f) Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded and retained in accordance with the City's record retention policy.
- (g) Notice of meetings shall be posted at City Hall at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

# Article 9. Conflicts. Compensation. Expenses.

- (a) No compensation shall be paid to any member of the Committee for their services. The Committee shall not enter into any contract with any member nor pay or authorize any remuneration to any member. The rules and requirements of the City Charter and state law that apply to members of the City Council regarding conflicts of interest, disclosure, gifts and appearances of impropriety shall likewise apply to each member of the Committee.
- (b) In accordance with the rules and requirements of the City, a member may be reimbursed for his/her reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties as a member, provided however that all such expenses are approved in advance by the City and shall be paid by the finance director of the City.

# Article 10. Quorum.

A majority of the authorized number of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, if at any meeting a quorum is no longer present whether due to conflict of interest or otherwise, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting. The act of a majority of the members present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee.

# Article 11. Action of Members without a Meeting.

Any action that could have occurred at a meeting of the members can also be accomplished without a meeting if all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof sign a written consent or provide an electronic proxy specifying the action.

#### Article 12. Ex-Officio Members. Support.

(a) The City Manager, or designee(s), shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Committee.

(b) The City Manager's designee(s) shall provide support services for the Committee as needed, to include keeping a full and accurate account and record of all meetings of the Committee, correspondence, files and records.

# Article 13. Amendment of Bylaws.

The Committee may, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, recommend amendments to these Bylaws. Proposed amendments approved by the Committee must be considered and approved by the City Council.

Adopted by the City Council this 7th day of June, 2014 by Resolution No. 32-17.

President of the City C

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City Clerk

Note: The City's insurance provides coverage for its volunteers and will defend members of the Committee against losses, costs and expenses, including legal counsel fees, reasonably incurred by reason of his/her being or having been a member of the Committee, so long as the member does not act or has not acted maliciously, criminally, with deliberate intent to violate a law or regulation or with intent to injure. A committee member must immediately contact the City Attorney in the event a claim is made, and may contact the City Attorney if he or she has any questions or concerns about liability.

City Attorney: 244-1508, at City Hall, email johns@gjcity.org