

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 70-22**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE  
NORTH AVE ENHANCED TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY**

Recitals

North Avenue has served the community as a major arterial since its construction in the mid-1950s. While it has functioned well over the years as a corridor for cars, trucks, and freight, it has lacked transit and pedestrian-friendly elements.

Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office (RTPO) applied for and received \$1.5 million in transit-related funding made available by Senate Bill 267. The required 20% match or \$375,000 was provided by the City for a total estimated project of \$1,875,000. The project has two purposes: 1) complete a comprehensive study to identify elements that would transform North Avenue into an Enhanced Transit Corridor and 2) construct selected improvements utilizing the remaining funding.

The Enhanced Transit Corridor Study defines a long-term vision for North Avenue and identifies a set of prioritized infrastructure improvements to make the corridor more comfortable for people biking, walking, and taking transit. The plan encompasses North Avenue in its entirety, from 1<sup>st</sup> Street on the west to I-70B on the east with the study area extending ½ mile to the north and south of North Avenue, where connecting streets are integral to the multimodal function of the corridor.

The study identifies the needs as well as the priorities to direct SB267 Transit funding for construction of improvements and to secure and guide any additional funding to improve the corridor. The study analyzes transit enhancements based on pedestrian access, traffic safety, bus stops, transit speed and reliability, and signal prioritization. Conceptual design of the proposed improvements and estimated costs for the corridor are also included in the study.

Public involvement was a key component to the development of the vision and included a walk audit, focus group meetings, a community meeting, and an online survey as well as presentation to the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Commission. Based on the results of the study, two sections of the corridor are recommended for investment of the balance of the SB267 funding. A 30% design for the two sections was also included.

Study recommendations include:

1. Buildout of the Multi-Use Trail
2. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements
3. Complete Adjacent Sidewalk Network north and south of the corridor
4. New Pedestrian Crossings

5. New Bicycle Crossing
6. Transit – Bus Stop Improvements
7. Transit – Speed and Reliability Improvements

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:**

The North Avenue Enhanced Transit Corridor Study, in the form of the document attached hereto, is hereby adopted as the policy of the City and shall be implemented as provided herein.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022.



Abe Herman  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips  
City Clerk

