

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

1. December Minutes

Action Items

1. February meeting schedule

Discussion Items

- 1. Review of Strategic Plan
- 2. Living Streets Demonstration
- 3. Crosby Avenue Plan

Updates

- 1. Annual Committee Report
- 2. Low-cost Improvements Staff recommendations

Other Business/Public Comment

Adjournment

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – December 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Attendees: Athena F., Diana R., Mike H., Steve M., Anita S., Brooke C., Brent S.

Staff/Ex-Officio: Henry Brown, Eric Mocko, Ken Sherbenou, Jimmy Hollar, Abe Herman, Jason Nguyen,

Trent Prall, Andy Gingerich

Guests: George, unnamed guest

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements: Meeting called to order at 5:30

Meeting Minutes

1. November Minutes

Diana moves to accept as written, Mike seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. eBike to Work LOS

Diana moves to support eBike to Work Ownership Program extension, Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

Discussion Items

1. Matchett Park CRC & Circulation update

Ken S. presented. Discussion included orientation of the Patterson entrance path relative to roadway, crossings, circulation from east and west. Egress from big events on 28 ¼ may conflict with active transportation. Committee expresses interest in trails, etc. within park for active destination use.

2. Crosby Avenue update

Discussion tabled due to staff availability.

3. 29 Road Cross-sections

Trent P. presented. Discussion included value of tree buffer for neighbors, cycletrack vs. on-road infrastructure, bi-directional (collected facility) vs. per-side, crossings, and connections to Matchett.

4. Annual Committee Report

Staff drafted a list of accomplishments, to be sent via email by Henry.

Updates

1. Living Streets demo

Tabled due to time constraint.

2. Low-cost Improvements update

Staff reviewed committee input and summarized in table, to be sent via email by Hnery.

3. Shared Micromobility

Tabled due to time constraint.

4. Outreach & Education Update

Henry shared updated Active Transportation brochure draft from Jimmy to collect feedback.

Public Comment

George from One Riverfront presented on that Commission's interest in collaborating more closely with UTC.

Adjournment

By show of hands, committee stayed for an extra 15 minutes. Diana moves to close 7:16.

Some UTC Projects are produced **Urban Trails Committee** annually, while other responsibilities **Annual Roadmap** are handled on an as-needed basis. Workshop: Review **Annual Committee Report** Infrastructure This document summarizes the **Priorities List** UTC's work over the preceding Review and year, relative to the Strategic Plan. **Strategic Plan + Action Items** discuss updates This internal document in preparation for Low-Cost quides the Committee's work March meeting. **Improvement** for the year. **Priorities** December January **CDBG Safe Routes** Kebruary **Community Streets** Bike- and Walk-Friendly to School UTC plans an annual When appropriate, UTC applies for UTC ranks options program focused on Bike- and Walk-Friendly designations for CDBG funding active transportation on behalf of the City, and incorporates to improve safe users. feedback into plans and priorities. routes to schools. Infrastructure **Active Transportation Planning Priorities List** UTC provides input on long-range This tiered list of **Complete Streets** planning documents that are infrastructure UTC advocates for application produced by Community projects is of the Complete Streets Policy Development and Public Works. referenced by City when opportunities arise. A_{Dril} Departments. **City Priorities Presentations** When appropriate, City Staff brief UTC **Policy Priorities List Bike Month** on strategic priorities and major This list of policy Culmination of ton, projects being undertaken by the City. recommendations and planning efforts for updates is referenced bike month, by City Departments. including Traffic 1/nr nuug Counts. **Low-Cost Improvement Priorities Workshop: Technical Training** This short-list of infrastructure projects UTC members are offered an is produced twice a year, and is annual training on aspects of Workshop: New Member Welcome and addressed by Public Works when multimodal transportation resources allow. Staff Presentation planning. UTC welcomes new members to the committee; reviews committee practices, protocols, and expectations; and receive a

presentation on the UTC's role in the city.



City of Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee 250 N 5th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501

November 17, 2020

City of Grand Junction City Council 250 N 5th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501

Mayor Wortmann and Members of Council,

The Urban Trails Committee (UTC) is fortunate to focus its attention on multimodal transportation in our community, which is the passion of its nine members. Over the last four months, the Committee has developed policy and program ideas aimed at addressing the City's identified needs and stated goals for bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

As stated in our bylaws, the UTC focuses on ensuring "safe, convenient and efficient movement of pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities throughout the community." This document encompasses all aspects of this mission.

The UTC regularly advises staff and Council on priority routes and needed improvements for infrastructure. This is the first time the UTC has put forth a document of policies and programs aimed at complimenting the City's investment in infrastructure.

These recommendations are presented with the understanding that the City government must make difficult choices with limited resources. We are providing these to you for your review, to determine which are the most applicable to your priorities, and in the hope that, where possible, steps may be taken towards implementation.

We have broken our ideas and recommendations into the following categories:

- Code Updates
- Policy Development
- Strategic Planning
- Community Projects and Outreach



These multimodal policy and program recommendations are provided as proposals which could be incorporated into future city plans, adopted as new or updated policy, inform timely action, and become the catalyst for new relationships with community members.

These are challenging issues which require time, attention, and discussion among City Staff, City Council, and the UTC. The UTC is available to provide our continued support as needed. We welcome your feedback and look forward to continuing the dialogue.

Sincerely,

City of Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee

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Chair, Shana Wade

Vice Chair, Diana L. Rooney



Multimodal Policy & Program Recommendations - November 2020

Code Updates

Off-Site Improvements – Increase the extent of roadway improvements required to occur with private development to serve multimodal users on rural road sections when new development occurs.

Connectivity Improvements Associated with Development – Develop and adopt updates to the Zoning and Development Code to reduce fragmentation of trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, and other multimodal improvements associated with new development. The challenges of this issue are particularly applicable to infill development.

Wayfinding with New Infrastructure Development – Incorporate appropriate wayfinding signage into the set of improvements required by projects in conjunction with complete streets and multimodal policy.

Wayfinding – Establish a formal and ongoing wayfinding policy including signage, pavement markings, and online and paper maps. Coordinate this policy throughout the Grand Valley so that wayfinding signage is consistent. Develop review procedures so wayfinding best reflects the changing needs of Grand Junction and surrounding areas.

TEDS Review – Review the City's TEDS (Transportation Engineering Design Standards) to identify means of improving the bike and pedestrian environment through better development standards (street connectivity, sidewalks, transit stops, etc.).

Policy Development

Social Equity Policy for Multimodal – Develop a policy highlighting the importance of cycling infrastructure for low-income residents. Identify action items which will have the most effect, such as by focusing improvements on multimodal routes which are specifically known to serve a high proportion of low-income residents.

Neighborhood Services and Multimodal Needs – Develop a policy position relating the provision of accessible neighborhood services, such as grocery stores, to the viability of multimodal transportation.

Set Goals for Multimodal Improvements – Continue to encourage portions of funding sources, including Impact Fees and Capital Funds to be dedicated toward multimodal and active transportation projects.

Fee-Free Trails – Formalize a permanent agreement ensuring free continuous access and connectivity along trails such as Riverfront and Connected Lakes Trails. Work to ensure Valley-wide cooperation among all stakeholders along Riverfront and Connected Lakes Trails.



Strategic Planning

Area-Specific Connectivity Planning – Develop detailed area-specific plans for multimodal connections in areas such as Colorado Mesa University, North Avenue, 24 Road Corridor, Downtown, and rural roads serving greenfield development such as Northwest Grand Junction.

Expand Trail Network – Continue to work with stakeholders to promote development of irrigation rights-of-way for multimodal transportation. Capitalize on current interest to implement a pilot project and develop a model for improvements which respects the function and current use of the right of way.

Centralized Community Feedback Process – Expand the "Fix It" online reporting to create a centralized community feedback function. Develop a mobile app and website page eliciting constructive community feedback in the form of comments, photo uploads, and geolocation of observations on a map.

Dedicated Staff Position – Create or assign an active transportation position within the City. This person would address multimodal concerns including design, engineering, future planning, education, outreach, maintenance protocols, seeking multimodal grants, application to and reapplying for certifications, creating and implementing Comprehensive Bike/Ped Strategic Plan, and reviewing projects from a complete streets perspective.

Develop a Comprehensive Bike and Pedestrian Plan – Undertake a comprehensive planning process, likely with support of an outside consultant, to create a comprehensive plan for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and programming. At present, multimodal improvements are guided by a range of land-use plans, the Active Transportation Corridors Plan (a component of the Circulation Plan), and recommendations put forward by the UTC, but would benefit substantially from a public planning process and the resulting plan document.

Community Projects and Outreach

GJPD Collaboration – Work with Grand Junction Police Department to implement such programs as relevant trainings and relationship-building practices for police bike and pedestrian units, as recommended in Bike and Walk-friendly Report cards received from the League of American Bicyclists.

Multimodal Awareness Education – Encourage education and outreach efforts in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department, School District 51, Colorado Mesa University, and the Grand Junction Police Department to promote bike/pedestrian safety and education. Examples could include developing and implementing an education program for cyclists from youth through adults.



Outreach to Support Low-Income Multimodal – Improve and formalize relationships with non-profit organizations that advocate for multimodal improvements and serve low-income communities. Conduct outreach to those that serve low-income users and collaborate so that route information can better serve those who rely on multimodal transportation for daily use.

Bicycle Maintenance and Service – Support development of a program to provide a bike repair, maintenance, and building to low-income residents and university students. This effort could be undertaken with City support of a coalition of local experts, bike shops, and volunteers.

Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee Strategic Plan Adopted November, 2015/ Updated January, 2019

Introduction

Resolution No. 48-94 created the Grand Junction Trails Board in 1994 to serve as the principal coordinating body for the development of a trails and pathway system throughout Grand Junction and connecting to trail systems outside the City; to plan, develop and promote such a path system and help coordinate the implementation of the Multi-Modal Plan; and to actively pursue the development of new trails both in the City and in areas which may be annexed.

Since 1994, the Urban Trails Committee (UTC) has participated in transportation planning through the RTPO, including all modes, and review of development projects, as well as promoting safe and efficient active transportation through a number of programs and projects. With the City's recent focus on Safe Routes to School projects and other bicycle/pedestrian planning efforts, the Council requested that UTC be a committee of the City rather than a subcommittee of the Riverfront Commission. Resolution No. 48-14 was adopted by the Grand Junction City Council on December 17, 2014, re-establishing the Urban Trails Committee and adopting Bylaws.

Our Vision

The UTC envisions Grand Junction as a vibrant walkable and bikeable community for all ages and abilities. The convenience, efficiency and safety of our active transportation network will be an attraction to everyone who lives here or comes to visit.

Our Mission

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.

Goal 1: Improve the built environment by providing safe and efficient active transportation options for people of all ages and abilities by increasing the number of miles of connected sidewalks, bike lanes and pathways within the City.

Strategies:

 Review and comment on land development applications to ensure compliance with the Urban Trails Master Plan

- Maintain a prioritized list of on and off street trail improvements, emphasizing Safe Routes to School and underserved areas of the City
- Identify and assess conditions of major active transportation corridors and connections throughout Grand Junction
- Act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Junction City Council on policy, priorities and funding issues pertaining to active transportation
- Identify safe routes and look for opportunities to provide connectivity and access to the Riverfront Trail
- Identify safe routes and look for opportunities to provide connectivity to public lands trailheads, including Tabaguache trails, Old Spanish Trail and the Bookcliffs/North Desert area
- Maintain and update, as needed, the Urban Trails Master Plan
- Develop and implement a Complete Streets Policy

Goal 2: Increase Programming to promote Safe Walking and Biking Opportunities

Strategies:

- Promote Bike Month and Bike to Work Day activities
- Participate in Share the Road activities
- Support Safe Routes to School activities, including audits, Walking and Wheeling events, bike rodeos, education and safety campaigns, Walk and Bike to School activities
- Support the development of a sustainable Safe Routes to School program to be implemented district-wide
- Develop a standardized bike/pedestrian wayfinding program using signage, maps and GIS applications
- Develop a community Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan

Goal 3: Increase the number of citizens utilizing active modes of transportation and promote the health, livability and economic benefits of a Walkable/Bikeable Community

Strategies:

- Organize and participate in the Walking and Biking Summit and other community forums
- Participate in Healthy Mesa County's Active Communities initiative to promote the health benefits of active transportation choices
- Pursue a Bicycle Friendly Community Designation and continue to work toward improving the rating
- Promote the economic benefits of a walkable/bikeable community by participating in local studies and assessments

2018 Action Items/Projects/Accomplishments

Goal 1: Improve the built environment by providing safe and efficient active transportation options for people of all ages and abilities by increasing the number of miles of connected sidewalks, bike lanes and pathways within the City.

Action Items/Projects	Progress
Participate in public process for adoption of Complete Streets Policy and	Completed/adopted July 18, 2018
Active Transportation Corridor Plan	
2 Identify SRTS projects for CDBG funding and other funding sources	1. Bookcliff Middle School—29 ¼ Road ramps
	and sidewalk; 2. Grand Ave. at 9 th and 10 th curb
	extensions; 3. Pinyon from 13 th to 15 th sidewalk
3 Review street construction and maintenance projects for opportunities to	Reviewed River Road shoulders, S. 7 th Street
improve bike/ped facilities	painted bike lanes, recommended W. Main
	sharrow, N. 7 th Street project—not room for bike
	lanes but discussed alternatives
4 Develop protocols, priorities and funding for maintenance and repair of	City increased street sweeping
existing infrastructure	
5 Provide recommendations for bicycle/pedestrian improvements along 10 th	10 th and 9 th /Grand extended safe crossings
Street and S. 7 th Street and other innovative projects	funded; Enhanced bike lanes on S. 7 th Street
6 Provide input on City development projects	Ongoing
Research innovative techniques for safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including	Ongoing
sharrows and bicycle boulevards	
8 Review and revise as necessary UTC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation	Completed with 2019 discussion
Priorities	

9	Provide recommendations for wayfinding signage	Subcommittee working on it				
G	Goal 2: Increase Programming to promote Safe Walking and Biking Opportunities					
1	Actively participate in Bike Month Activities	Completed				
2	Community Streets Event	Completed				
3	Update and publish bicycle/pedestrian map	In process				
4	Create a UTC calendar of events	Decided to coordinate with other event				
		calendars				
1	Goal 3: Increase the number of citizens utilizing active modes of transportation and promote the health, livability and					
	economic benefits of a Walkable/Bikeable Community					
1	Pursue Walk Friendly Community Designation	Application completed				
2	Apply for Bicycle Friendly Community designation upgrade in rating	Application completed				
3	National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project	Completed for 2018				
4	Develop a bibliography of resources on bicycle and pedestrian topics	On-going				
5	Update UTC webpage to include agendas, minutes, resource bibliography, public comment and link to "Fix It"	In process; google drive created				

2019 Action Items/Projects

Goal 1: Improve the built environment by providing safe and efficient active transportation options for people of all ages and abilities by increasing the number of miles of connected sidewalks, bike lanes and pathways within the City.

	Action Items/Projects	Progress
1	Identify SRTS projects for CDBG funding and other funding sources	
2	Review street construction and maintenance projects for opportunities to improve bike/ped facilities	
3	Provide recommendations for innovative bicycle/pedestrian improvements	
4	Provide input on City development projects	
5	Review and revise, as necessary, UTC's Bicycle and Pedestrian	
	Transportation Priorities	
6	Signage/Wayfinding standards and pilot project implementation	
7	Work with Orchard Mesa Irrigation District to identify one or two sections to plan as a pilot project	
8	Improve Code requirements for bicycle parking, design and location (Bicycle Friendly Community Implementation)	
9	Provide input and recommendations on implementing the Complete Streets Policy	
	Participate in the Comprehensive Plan update and 2045 Transportation Plan	

	Soal 2: Increase Programming to promote Safe Walking and Biking Oppo	ortunities
1	Actively participate in Bike Month Activities	
2	Community Streets Event	
3	Update and publish bicycle/pedestrian map, including SRTS maps and mobile apps	
4	Host a Bicycle Colorado training in Grand Junction (Bicycle Friendly Community implementation	
1	National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project Undate UTC webpage to include agendas, minutes, resource hibliography	
2	National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project Update UTC webpage to include agendas, minutes, resource bibliography, public comment and link to "Fix It"	
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	Update UTC webpage to include agendas, minutes, resource bibliography, public comment and link to "Fix It" Participate in CMU's America Walks Project and continue to build cooperation and communication to enhance bike/ped connections through and around campus	

A recommended strategy to increase the Bicycle Friendly Community designation is to "Appoint a staff member Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator or create a new position-- UTC is proposing to develop a job description to include a focus on bicyclist/pedestrian issues, SRTS and Healthy Communities

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Crosby Ave Update

Urban Trails Committee
October 2023

Setting the scene

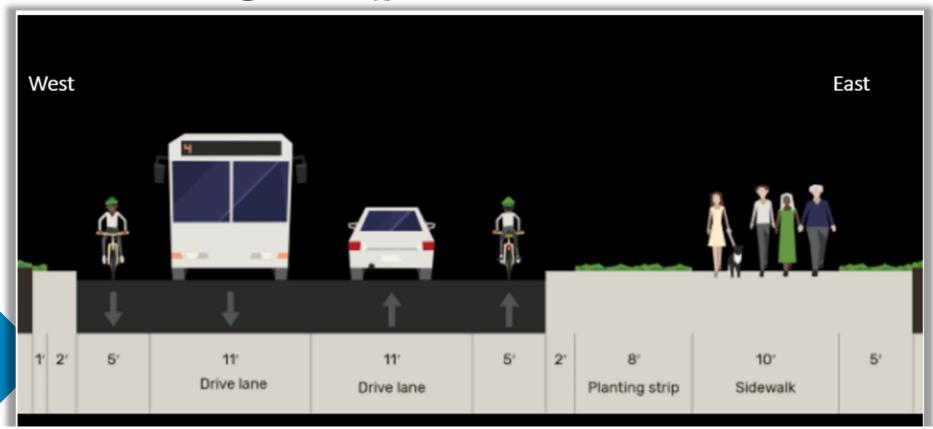


Existing Conditions

- Constrained 2-lane road providing access to Main Street and Railyard/Rim Rock Shopping center
- Access to W. Main St Bridge on North side
- No sidewalk West of bridge
- No cycle lanes West of bridge
- Traffic signed at 30 MPH
- Few access conflicts (driveways, cross-streets)



Existing Proposal



5' striped curb lanes

11 'travel lanes

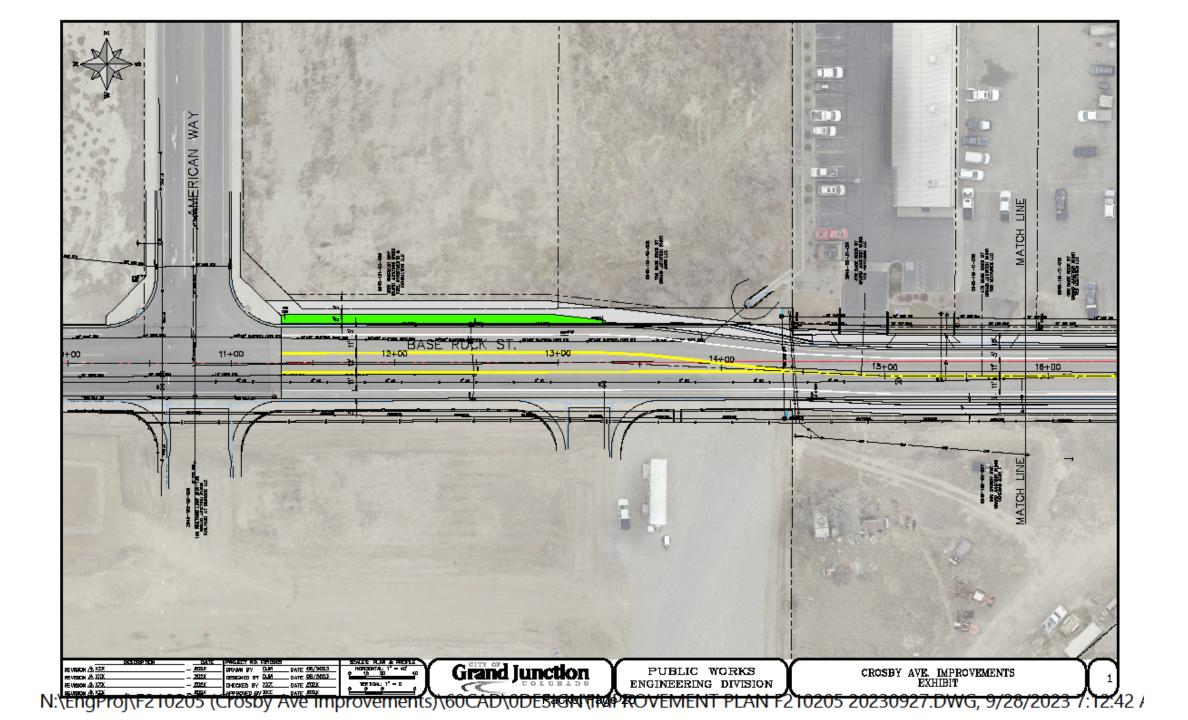
10' buffered multimodal path with varying-width planted furniture zone (8' pictured)

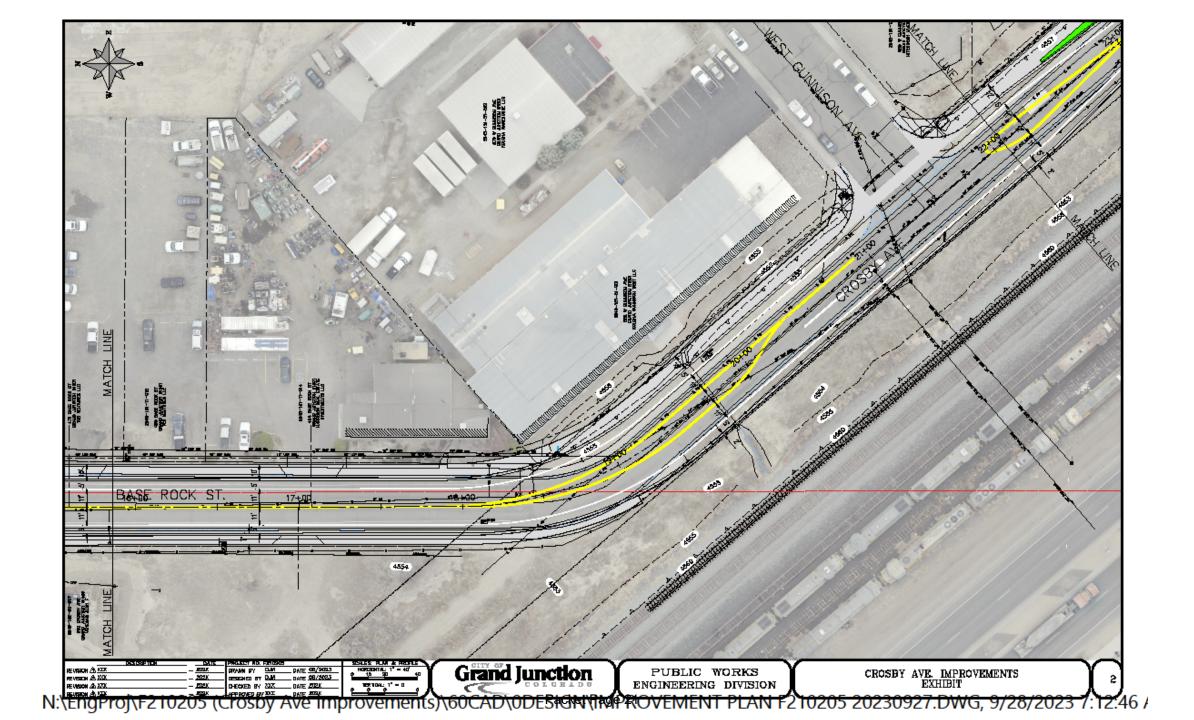


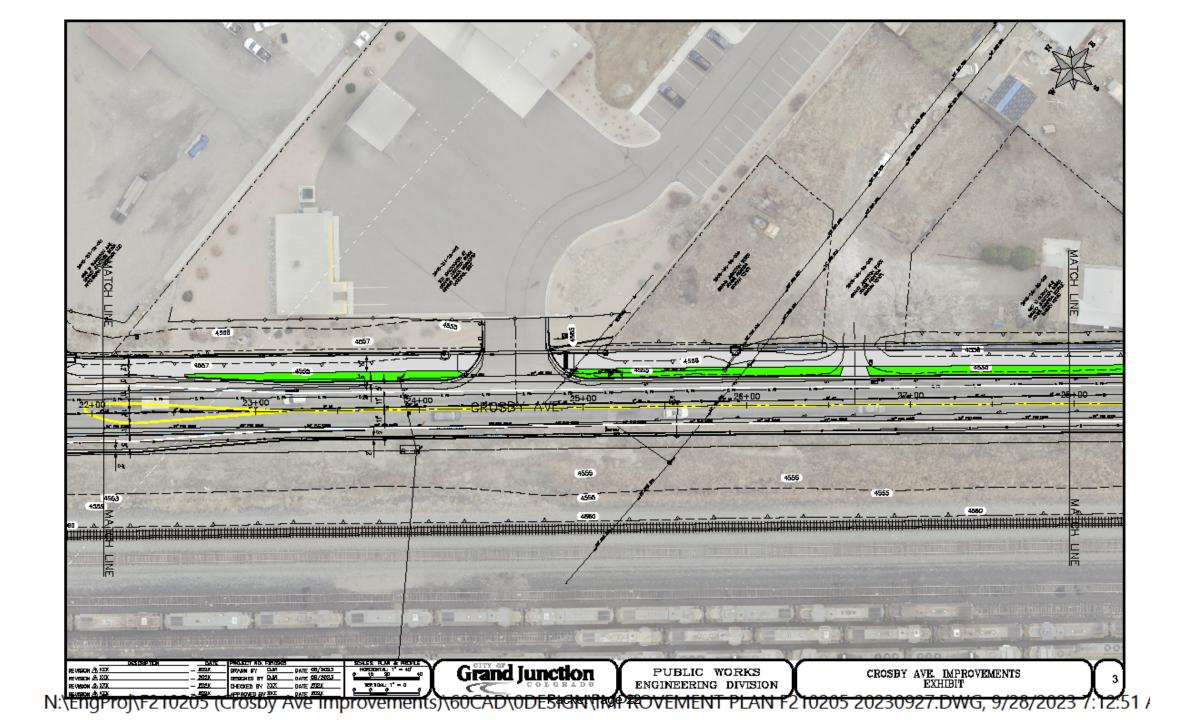
Schedule and Status

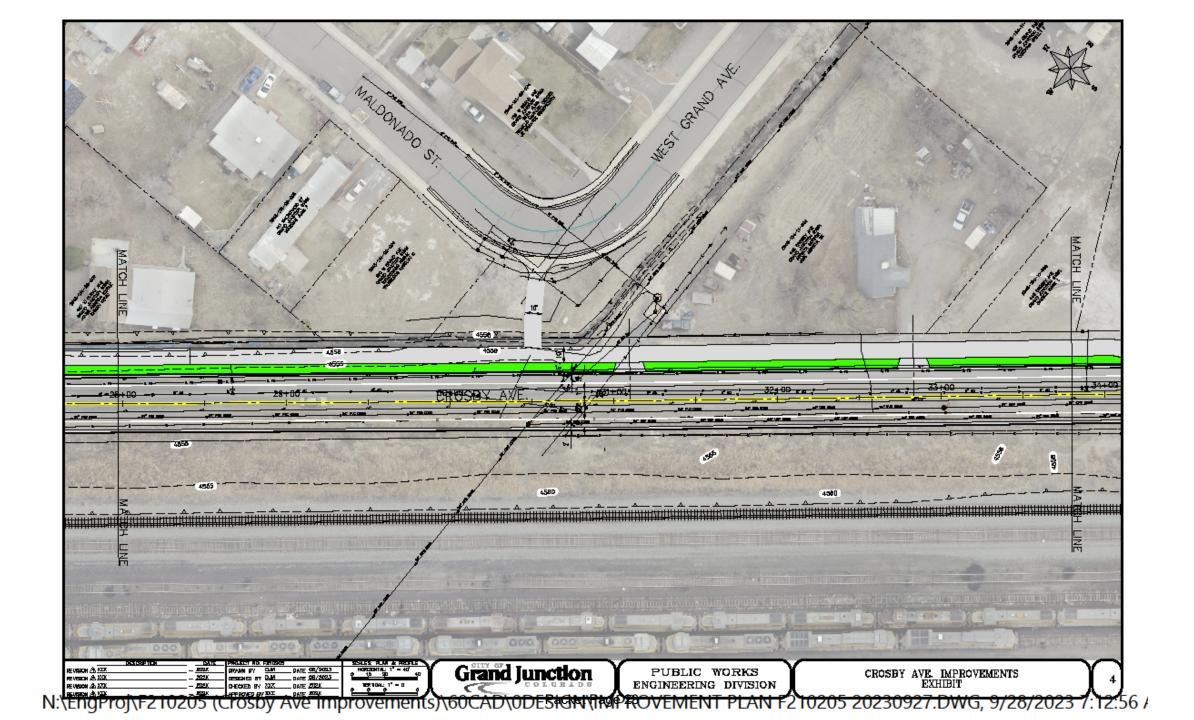
- CDOT F.I.R. Design Review completed by Dec. 2023.
 - Scope and limits formalized.
 - Enables ROW acquisitions.
- Bid & construction beginning Fall 2024.
- Anticipated completion Summer 2025.
- W. Main Street Bridge access under consideration.

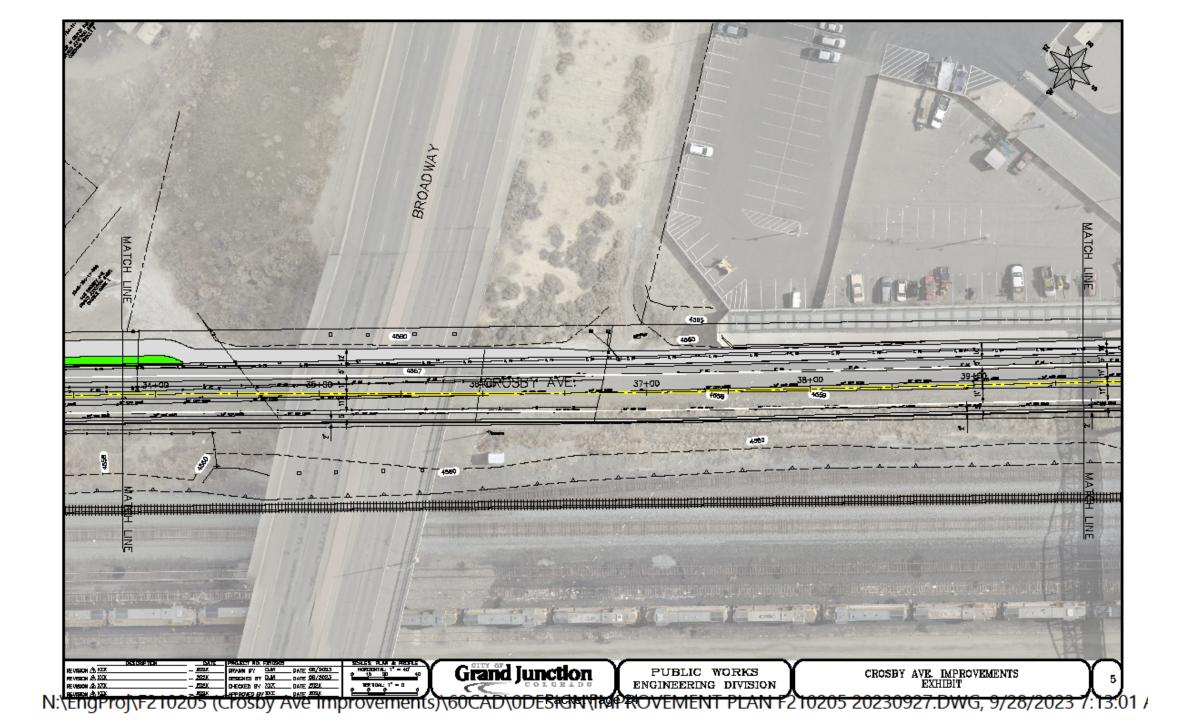


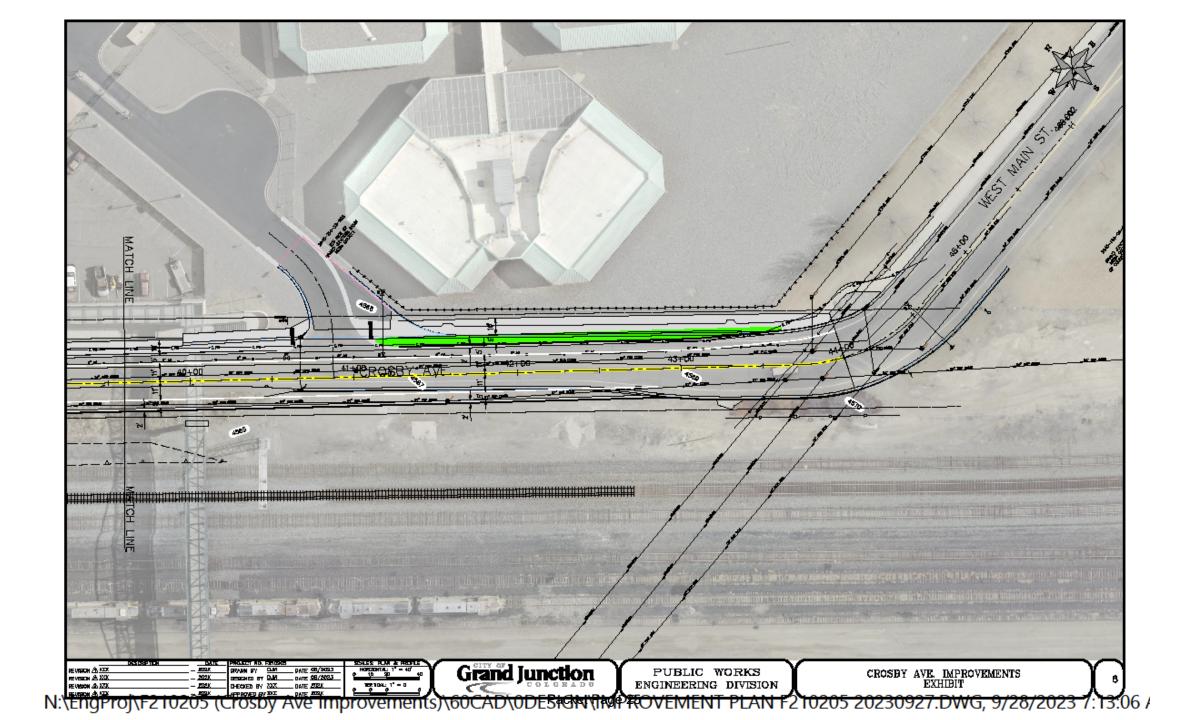












Туре	Description	Location	Staff Recommendation
	Access between facilities	Riverside Parkway under	Consider ramp to access SUP/tunnel from SB cycle lane.
		Broadway bridge	
4)	Access between facilities	Horizon Drive south of G Road	Consider ramp to access SUP from WB cycle lane. Request on McDonald's pre-app.
Infrastructure	Access between facilities	Broadway at RFT	Check in with CDOT regarding access to SUP from EB lane.
ַתְּלַ	Access between facilities	Broadway at Monument Trail	Check in with CDOT regarding access to SUP from WB lane. Bollard?
astr	Access between facilities	1321 Wellington Ave	Possibly recommend improving access to private landowner.
nfr	Access between facilities	Independent Ave/Rim Rock	Move to Infrastructure Priorities List.
_	Safety	25 Rd @ 6 & 50	Move to Infrastructure Priorities List.
	Policy	RFT/SUPs broadly	Consider standard for flared intersections to allow wider turn radius.
	Policy	RFT/SUPs broadly	Standard includes sealant filler on joint failures.
Lighting	Safety	All ATCs	After street lighting itinerary, Refine Active Transportation lighting standards.
	Roadway allocation	29 Rd Bridge	Check in with County regarding lane striping.
	Roadway allocation	1 st north of Orchard	Evaluate narrowing lanes north of 1st to allocate space to cycle lane buffer up to
			Lorey Drive.
	Roadway allocation	7 th from 4 th Ave to Pitkin	Move to Infrastructure Priorities List <u>AND</u>
			Consider for inclusion in comprehensive 7 th St feasibility study.
ing.	Roadway allocation	7 th from Ute to Pitkin	Evaluate moving/removing street parking to buffer cycle lane.
Marking	Roadway allocation	29 Rd & North	Evaluate narrowing lanes north of North to stripe cycle lanes to intersection.
Σ̈́	Roadway allocation	25 Road	Evaluate narrowing lanes north of 6 & 50 OR
			Access control to buffer cycle lanes.
	Roadway allocation	Orchard 1st to 7th	Evaluate removing parking from one side to stripe cycle lanes.
	Roadway allocation	28 Rd north of North	Evaluate continuing cycle lane striping around bump-out.
	Trail marking	RFT @ Dos Rios	Parks in progress of updating median striping on RFT
	Signed Bicycle Route	25 ½ Rd @ Orchard	Add Gold Route turn decal in SB cycle lane.
	TBD	Redlands Pkwy & 340	MORE INFORMATION NEEDED
	Shared space	Broadway Bridge	Check in with CDOT regarding "Cyclists may use full lane" type signage.
υ	Shared space	5 th south of Orchard	Consider "Except Bikes" signage under RLMTR signs.
Signage	Shared space	Broadway @ Monument	Consider "Except Bikes" signage under RLMTR signs.
Sigi	Shared space	All ATCs	Consider standard policy for "Cycle lane ends"/"cyclist may use full lane" type
			signage when lanes terminate suddenly.
	Wayfinding	Monument Trail underpass	Consider signage to improve wayfinding after Broadway Bridge.
	Wayfinding	Riverside @ 25 Road	Consider signage to help WB travelers find the RFT.
Sensor	Intersection	West @ Riverside	Move to Infrastructure Priorities List?
	Intersection	5 th & North	Include sensor in 4 th & 5 th Street plan.
Ciala II	ADA concern	121 Orchard sidewalk	Confirm City has ROW and widen sidewalk as a 1-off if possible.
Sidewalk	ADA concern	8 th north of Main	Confirm City has ROW and widen sidewalk as a 1-off if possible.

Туре	Description	Location	Staff Recommendation
	Facility design/routing	RFT east of boat ramp	Consider signage encouraging mode segregation on RFT.
	Conflict zone	29 Rd & North	Tighten and strip conflict zone in NB cycle lane preceding intersection and ensure signage is compliant
	Conflict zone	Main @ 12 th	Consider "Except Bikes" signage under RLMTR signs AND Mark bike box on left corner of turn lane.
	Conflict zone	7 th north of Grand	Consider "Except Bikes" signage under RLMTR signs AND
			Mark bike box on left corner of turn lane AND Add dash white lane markings through intersection.
Multiple	Conflict zone	Grand west of 7 th	Consider "Except Bikes" signage under RLMTR signs AND Mark bike box on left corner of turn lane.
Mul	Conflict zone	12 th north of Gunnison	Consider "Except Bikes" signage under RLMTR signs AND Mark bike box on left corner of turn lane.
	Conflict zone	Gunnison east of 12th	Consider "Except Bikes" signage under RLMTR signs AND Mark bike box on left corner of turn lane.
	Roadway allocation	Orchard east of 29 Rd	Evaluate narrowing lanes east of 29 Rd to stripe cycle lanes OR Add "cycle lane ends"/"bike may use full lane" type signage.
	Roadway allocation	Orchard @ 28 ¼ Rd	Move to Infrastructure Priorities List. Short term: add "cycle lane ends"/"bike may use full lane" type signage.
	Roadway allocation	Orchard @ 28 Road	Move to Infrastructure Priorities List. Short term: add "cycle lane ends"/"bike may use full lane" type signage.

Key:

Blue UTC action recommended		UTC action recommended
Green Already done or in progress		Already done or in progress
Yellow City will evaluate feasibility for update as a Low-cost pr		City will evaluate feasibility for update as a Low-cost project
	Red	another agency is gatekeeper