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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

1. June Minutes

Action Items

1. Appointment to Impact Fees stakeholder meeting
2. Request for Letter of Support for EECBG/CEO grant - Transportation Sustainability Capacity

Discussion Items

1. Core Arterial Network
2. Know your City - Review of public response
3. Shared Micromobility Discussion

Updates

1. Living Streets Subcommittee update

Other Business/Public Comment

1. Invitation to participate in Unhoused Strategy & Implementation Workgroup
2. CDOT Survey - Participate and spread the word

Adjournment

Attendees: Athena F., Julia W., Diana R., Jason N., Steve M., Kristen A., Mike H.

Staff/Ex-Officio: Henry Brown, Eric Mocko

Guests: Andrea Phillips, Matthew, Erin Allard, Jennifer Shick

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements: Meeting called to order at 5:36.

Meeting Minutes

1. May Minutes

Diana moves to approve May minutes. Steve seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. 7th Street Steering Committee

Henry presented the 7th Street slides. Mike expressed interest in serving on the Steering Committee.

Kristen moves to accept Mike as UTC representative. Diana seconds, unanimous approval.

2. Dos Rios Bridge - ATIP

Henry and Eric shared background on ATIP grant opportunity, the Dos Rios Bridge and its presence on the UTC Infrastructure Priorities List. Diana moves for UTC to support with a letter. XXX seconds, unanimous approval.

Discussion Items

1. Center for Independence

Jennifer presented on the mission and services of Center for Independence. Erin shared the vision and plan for focusing on transportation, especially outside of GVT's service area. "CFI Rides" will be a free ride scheduling opportunity for those with disabilities.

The board discussed how to engage with CFI and/or their clients, including Walk Audits, Infrastructure Priorities, or ex-officio roles.

Diana moves for UTC to pursue amending Committee bylaws to include CFI as ex-officio. Steve seconds, unanimous approval.

2. Get to know your city

Henry shared the invitation for UTC to participate in the Know Your City event. Athena and Henry will be present with an engagement opportunity to ask experiences of travelers in the City: What keeps you in your car? What is your least favorite place in the City?

3. Carshare overview and focus groups invitation to apply

Henry shared brief background on Carshare and invited Committee members to take and share the survey and/or join focus groups.

4. Technical Training

Committee discusses options for technical training: TEDS, Street naming, Different mobility challenges and ADA.

5. 2025 Budget discussion

Committee discusses the proposed budget for 2025 and will review in the context of the PBP strategies.

Updates

1. Living Streets Subcommittee

Steve presented updates from the April meeting, where Jimmy shared a timeline and plan for outreach to neighborhoods about vision.

2. Pedestrian & Bicycle Counts Subcommittee

Diana shared that the counts were successfully executed, but that the volunteers will still be needed for digital counts. Volunteers appreciated the pizza party.

Public Comment

Andrea thanked UTC members for their commitment and civic engagement.

Adjournment

Steve moves to adjourn at 7:02.

DRAFT

Hello. The City of Grand Junction would like to invite you to participate in a stakeholder group being convened to inform the development of the City of Grand Junction's Impact Fee Study update. As you may be aware, the City last updated impact fees in 2019 (fire, police, parks, transportation and municipal facilities) and the City's Municipal Code calls for the fee study to be updated every five years. The city's adopted Housing Strategy provides that the city should explore an Affordable Housing Linkage Fee. To fulfill this code requirement and policy directive, the City has engaged with the consultant, TischlerBise Inc., a firm that specializes in this work, to develop and update the necessary nexus studies.

The goal of this stakeholder group is to provide a productive environment to exchange information about the fee study process and to receive feedback from experts and interested community members. We currently anticipate three to five group sessions being held, beginning in mid-July, with the process wrapping up in the late fall. The first session is scheduled for **July 18, 2024, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.** All scheduled sessions will be available in person and virtually, though we strongly encourage in-person attendance. We ask that you please confirm your willingness to participate in this process by **Monday, July 8**. Once confirmed, staff will follow up with the meeting details.

If you are receiving this email on behalf of an organization, we request that representation is discussed with your board and that one board member or staff representative is nominated to represent the organization.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

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Subject: Letter of Support – EECBG Grant Program for Local Government Staff Capacity and Regional Collaboration Support

10 July 2024

On behalf of Grand Junction’s Urban Trails Committee, we are pleased to express our support for the City in their application to the Colorado Energy Office for funding for staff capacity in the EECBG Grant Program.

As an advisory committee to City Council, the Urban Trails Committee is tasked with providing guidance to elected officials and City Staff on programming, policy, and physical infrastructure to ensure our entire community has access to safe, comfortable, and right-sized transportation options to meet their daily needs. We recognize the need for staff capacity to focus on all aspects of multi-modal transportation, not least reducing the impact of our local habits and infrastructure on the climate and local livability. As a City with variable tree cover and significant paved area, heat is a major factor to contend with for anyone hoping (or without other options but) to travel outside a personal motor vehicle. While the existing Mobility and Sustainability staff are dedicated and hardworking, the reality is that it is not possible for the two existing full-time employees to tackle more than 120 combined strategies between Grand Junction’s adopted Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan, EV Readiness Plan, and Sustainability & Adaptation Plan.

Additional staff capacity will allow for increased focus on sustainable transportation, including quantifying meaningful VMT reduction targets and developing effective practices and partnerships to achieve those, growing the adoption of low- and zero emission transportation options.

Grand Junction is a vibrant, small, but quickly growing community. The Urban Trails Committee supports managing the impact of that growth by creating options for all residents and visitors to right-size their travel modes. With continued support from the Colorado Energy Office and the EECBG Grant Program for Local Government Staff Capacity and Regional Collaboration Support, the City will be more effective in maintaining a high level of livability in Grand Junction via enhancements to the sustainability of our built environment and managing GHG emissions from the transportation sector.

Thank you for considering The City of Grand Junction as a recipient of your funding.

Sincerely,
The City of Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee

Athena Fouts
Chair, Urban Trails Committee

Dr. Stephen Meyer
Vice Chair, Urban Trails Committee

UNHOUSED

STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WORKGROUP

LAUNCH

July 12, 2024
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church
3940 27-1/2 Rd
Grand Junction, CO 81506

RSVP Required

housing@gjcity.org

*Light Continental
Breakfast & Lunch Provided*



CDOT has released a new survey to help inform the goals and priorities of the forthcoming Statewide Active Transportation Plan. This new plan sets the stage for enhancing biking and walking throughout Colorado and embraces statewide momentum around active transportation investment. The Plan will include goals, policy recommendations, interagency collaboration, and a comprehensive process for evaluating and prioritizing projects which will improve safety, equity, mobility, connectivity, and sustainability across our transportation system. The Active Transportation Plan will also inform the Statewide Transportation Plan, which guides Colorado's overall transportation vision and investment priorities.

Learn more about the development of the Statewide Active Transportation Plan and take the survey at bit.ly/CDOTActiveTransportationPlan. The survey should take about 5-10 minutes and asks about walking and bicycling habits, preferred pedestrian and bicycling facilities, and barriers to walking and biking. The survey is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and will be open through July 31, 2024.