

One Riverfront Trail Completion Committee Running Meeting Notes - 2025

January 14, 2025 - Planning Project Meeting

Met with trail planning project consultant KLJ, MPO, and Mesa County to review a draft final report for the planning study and discuss next steps. We will give them comments on the report by next week and it will be finalized by the end of February. The planning study contains recommended routes and phasing plans for implementing the Clifton to Palisade Connection. Follow up work will include land owner discussions and easement talks, working with local and state agencies to identify funding and obtain assistance in planning and implementation, as well as legal analysis of existing transportation easements, conservation easements, and right-of-ways within the recommended route corridors.

Initial Priorities for ORF for 2025 for this project:

1. Establish / continue contact with landowners along alignments. David and Sarah met with Benita Phillips and Danny Miller, two landowners along the GVIC near 35 ½ road. Benita is a champion of trails, biking, and safe routes to schools. Need to continue coalition building here and engaging with landowners to the west of the Clifton Water property.
2. Pursue necessary landowner agreements for each segment
3. CDOT/MPO liaison
4. Present to appropriate groups including MPO TAC (on agenda for February 12, 3p)
5. Legal review of easements along canal (who has precedent, can land owners grant trail easement on top of GVIC easement)

Process for implementation:

1. Discussions to secure easements. Bring in CWLT where appropriate.
2. Chat with funders (Safe Routes to Schools, GOCO, etc) about process.
3. Secure necessary easements (start process)
4. Secure design funding (phase 1)
5. Finalize Easements
6. Secure Implementation Funding

Planning Study

- Will be publicly available by the end of February and the project completed.
- Team reviewed the planning study and provided comments to consultant to incorporate.
- Joel S and David V presenting to the RTPO (County) technical advisory committee meeting on February 12th, 2025 to engage County, CDOT, etc on implementation.