



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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

1. January minutes

Action Items

1. Local Walking College team seeking UTC participant
2. Request for Support - *Revitalizing* Main Streets grant
3. 4th & 5th Street Letter

Discussion Items

1. Better Block University - Leadership program and mini-grant
2. Winter Walk Audit discussion

Updates

1. Bike Month & Active Transportation Counts

Other Business/Public Comment

Adjournment

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – January 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting

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

Staff/Ex-Officio: Henry Brown, Carissa Finnerty, Trent Prall, Eric Mocko, Anita Sheetz, Owen Melott, Andy Gingerich

Guests:

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements: Athena calls meeting to order at 5:33.

Meeting Minutes

1. December Minutes

Diana moves to approve December minutes with spelling corrections. Julia seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. Active Traffic Counts and Bike Month

Diana shared that there used to be a National Day for Bike and Pedestrian Counts. Mike said he could join if it's not too late in the month. Diana recommended not publishing official dates in Ride Magazine.

Committee aligned on May 3, 6, and 8 for counts. Steve moves to approve Diana and Brooke for subcommittee and dates. Kristen seconds, unanimous approval.

2. Walk Audit

Carissa recommended three dates/times for a February walk audit. Julia moves to schedule walk audit for 2/12 and reschedule the February meeting for 2/26. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

3. Infrastructure Priorities

Owen and Henry presented the new maps and form idea. Committee discussed workshopping in March for voting in April.

Jason recommended including a reference to the High Injury Network on the discussion.

Steve and Diana proposed including whether a given project has relevance for mobility impaired travelers.

Diana moves to schedule a special workshop on March 26 to discuss and filter new suggestions. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

4. 4th & 5th Streets Feedback

Henry and Trent shared city plans for pilot changes and idea for a subcommittee to be formed to express an opinion from the Committee. Julia recommended Athena draft a letter after hearing the opinions of committee members.

Steve and Kristen expressed interest in serving on a subcommittee.

Julia moves to have a workshop on 1/29 to discuss 4th and 5th Street. Kristen seconded, unanimous approval.

Discussion Items

1. Annual Report

Henry reminded the committee to review and submit any suggestions on the Annual Report (see email). Request to send any input by end of month.

2. Wayfinding Map 2025 Update

Owen shared the draft map update and solicited some feedback from the Committee. The Committee was aligned that 1st Street could be classified as "comfortable." There was discussion on the symbology and layout of the routes. Mike expressed interest in revisiting the routes themselves.

Updates

1. Engineering Update

Trent shared updates on Monument Trail, anticipated to be completed by Q2. Horizon/G Road roundabout will be out for bid shortly. North Avenue ETC sidewalk construction is under design, for CDOT review in March. Crosby Avenue Utility phase is coming shortly. D ½ Road Utilities are under design for Complete Streets between 29 and 30 Roads. 7th Street will be on Council Workshop on 2/3. Mobility Hub – CDOT is buying the land west of 2nd Street on Ute & Pitkin. Four Canyons Parkway is open from 24 to 24 ½ Roads. The City and CDOT are working on designing a trail widening for the Broadway Bridge.

2. Shared Micromobility Update

Henry presented slides from the Q4 and 2024 reports and shared the intention to go to Council in February for some recommended code changes to accommodate the transition to an enduring permitting process.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Julia moves to add 10 minutes to the meeting. Steve seconds, unanimous approval.

Diana moves to adjourn at 7:12.

26 February 2025

Revitalizing Main Streets Program
Colorado Department of Transportation
2829 West Howard Place
Denver, Colorado 80204



**Subject: Support for Broadway Bridge Trail
Revitalizing Main Streets Grant Application**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Grand Junction's Urban Trails Committee, we are pleased to express support for the broadening of the Broadway Bridge Trail. This project was first identified as a priority by the Urban Trails Committee in 2020. The Broadway/C340 bridge is the only connection from Downtown Grand Junction to the residential, commercial, and recreational areas on the south Redlands. Today, the pathway is squeezed narrowly between a railing with a large gap and a tall concrete barrier. As a result, two-way traffic is not possible across the bridge, outside of a motor vehicle. This is especially troublesome given the high speed of motor vehicle traffic, precluding all but the most confident bicycle riders from using the travel lane or shoulder for westbound travel, and there is no shoulder or pathway designated for eastbound travel outside of a motor vehicle. With key destinations on the Redlands such as Safeway, the Lunch Loops, the Colorado National Monument, and significant new and existing residential developments, and all of the services and employment in downtown, the Broadway Bridge Trail is a critical connection. This is acknowledged in Grand Junction's 2023 Pedestrian Bicycle Plan, which ranks Broadway "High Priority" for sidewalk users and cyclists alike.

As an advisory committee to Grand Junction's City Council, the Urban Trails Committee is tasked with guiding 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. The Committee believes enhancing the Broadway Bridge Trail will allow more of the traveling public to consider walking, cycling, or rolling when crossing the Colorado River. We hope that CDOT will consider this project for Revitalizing Main Streets grant funds.

Sincerely,
The City of Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee

Athena Fouts
Chair, Urban Trails Committee

Dr. Stephen Meyer
Vice Chair, Urban Trails Committee

We're turning 10! To celebrate, we're launching a new project:

Better Block University, a Leadership Program to Empower Community Changemakers

*Application open for community leaders with a passion to transform neighborhoods
by addressing public safety issues*

The Better Block University is an initiative designed to empower community leaders, catalyze impactful projects focused on public safety, and equip individuals with the tools and knowledge to create lasting, positive change in their neighborhoods. Our goal is to promote projects that create safer streets, activate underutilized spaces, and improve public safety while building connections among participants, experts, and organizations.

Who should apply: Applicants must be 18 years or older and located in the United States | Class size of 15 - 5 participants from North Texas and 10 from the rest of United States | Specific degrees or professional qualifications not required

Dates: May - August 2025 | Kick-off weekend May 10th, 2025

Place: Virtual classroom with in-person kick off in Dallas, Texas

Grant: \$2,500 to each participant to implement a mini-Better Block | Plus travel and accommodation stipend for kick off weekend

Questions: Marissa Lopez, Senior Project Manager | marissa@betterblock.org

Better Block University is powered by the generous donations from the Roger I. and Ruth B. MacFarlane Family Foundation and the Communities Foundation of Texas.

Apply by March 17 | Visit betterblock.org/bbu to learn more!