

# Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – July 9, 2025 – Regular Meeting

**Attendees:** Athena F., Steve M., Diana R., Maureen G., Barbara K., Benaiah A., Kristen B. Jason N.

**Staff/Ex-Officio:** Henry Brown, Carissa Finnerty, Eric Mocko, Anita Sheetz, Andy

**Guests:** Jim H.

## Minutes

### Call to Order/Announcements:

Athena called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. June Minutes

Anita offered some edits to notes from her presentation. Steve moves to approve June minutes with Anita's revisions. Diana seconds, unanimous approval.

### Action Items

#### 1. Support for Local Impact Accelerators grant

Henry shared the intent to pursue a \$200,000 grant for developing transparent traffic calming framework. Diana shared that a former councilmember Taggart had observed that the City often decides what it wants and then goes to the community, so there could be value in the proposed concept.

Diana moved to have the UTC sign a letter of support for the letter of intent. Kristen seconds, unanimous approval.

### Discussion Items

#### 1. Annual Roadmap

Henry shared the recommended table. The committee liked the conventional calendar design. Diana proposed keeping both 2/year and 3/year frequencies. Tabling can go under Intermittent Activities.

Diana called out that the appreciation/recognition is moving to April. December could be challenging with the Winter Walk Audit for the same reasons that the appreciation dinner is a challenge.

Henry shared that next month's technical training will include a presentation from a professional in the Living Streets space. Steve, Diana, and Andy provided some insights into the previous Living Streets iterations.

Henry will create a cleaner version for final consideration by the committee.

#### 2. Walk Audit discussion

Carissa shared a proposal for the walk audit on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Eric guided that any pathways on private parcels should have easements.

Diana recommended inviting St. Mary's leadership (infrastructure director?). Diana recommended looking at the Rose Hill House (just north of Patterson) as a potential destination. There was general interest in assessing the intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> and Patterson. The 7<sup>th</sup> & Horizon crossing also came up as a priority if it is possible to reach up there.

Diana recommended getting there in time for a shift change at 6PM.

Andy mentioned that this is an area of interest for GVT, since the bus slows down in this area.

Kristen recommended assigning the routes in advance.

Henry will publish this as a workshop and pursue the invite for Planning Commission.

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Carissa will continue to work on the routes based on the feedback.

### 3. Pedestrian Bicycle Counts discussion

Carissa shared the preliminary results. Diana recommended breaking out the dual-transect into separate bars to better compare across years.

Henry will look at the C340 CDOT count.

Diana shared that the video counts have gone out to volunteers.

Kristen asked about the effectiveness of the video and automated counts

### 4. Fall Bike Month & Week without Driving

Henry shared details about Bike Month and WWD to build awareness. The Committee liked the idea of moving away from the self-gratifying event that Bike Month can sometimes fall back to be. There was some recommendation for “bike from work.” Benaiah could be interested in a subcommittee.

## Updates

### 1. Workshops reminder

Henry reminded the committee about the onboarding workshop scheduled for 7/23, Walk Audit.

Henry reminded the committee about the other opportunities sent via email:

- CDOT ATP feedback
- RTPPO scholarship for Breckenridge

### 2. Engineering Update

Eric shared an update on behalf of Trent.

Monument Trail is open with the first HAWK signal in the Grand Valley.

Horizon/G Rd roundabout paving is underway, on schedule for October completion.

Four Canyons Pkwy Phase II is set to be awarded for \$18.6M to be constructed next fall.

Crosby Ave utilities phase is ongoing, trail construction planned for early 2026.

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Street to have two lanes and a conventional bike lane in the Business District for fall construction.

US-6, North Avenue ETC project still in progress, hoping to go to construction in June, adding sidewalks between 28 ½ Road and I-70B.

SS4A grant application included North Avenue infrastructure.

Broadway bridge trail planned to bid in August with construction in fall.

Chipseal on Gunnison will include striping with more standard bike lane width versus narrow ones before.

### 3. Grants & Budget update

Henry shared that the team is working on developing a 2026 budget proposal, to focus on education and engagement based on previously expressed priorities of UTC.

## Other Business

## Public Comment

Jim shared some concepts for risk management: pile-on projects don't work. Recommendation to narrow scope and focus on what we will get done now and first. Recommendation for a risk management strategy.

## Adjournment

Kristen moves to adjourn at 7:11, Maureen seconds.