

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – September 10, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Attendees: Athena F., Steve M., Maureen G., Brent S., Brooke C., Benaiah A., Kristen B., Barbara K., Jason N.

Staff/Ex-Officio: Henry Brown, Trent Prall, Anita Sheetz, Andy Gingerich

Guests: Carol, Lori

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements:

Athena called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Henry announced that the meeting will be recorded per Council directive for all committee meetings. Andy asked if minutes no longer need to be taken, Henry will follow up.

Meeting Minutes

1. August Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes. Brent moves to adopt the August minutes. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. Support for CPW Non-Motorized Trails Grant

Trent shared details about the City's intent to apply for a trails development grant. This is the foundational/first grant opportunity to start working towards the development of the RFT gap from 27 ½ to 29 Road. The plan is to go after GOCO funding in 2026 once their cap increases, and then to cover the remainder between Mesa County and City of GJ. Brent asked about the city's chances since CPW has already helped a lot on this effort. Anita recommended including a line about the public interest or value in completing this segment. Kristen moves to accept the letter and submit it to support. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

Discussion Items

1. Wayfinding Map Review

Henry presented on the Wayfinding Map and the Committee discussed options for updating. Kristen asked about the Monument Trail. Andy reminded us that we did update with the dashes and asked about any new information from the Pedestrian Bicycle Plan. Kristen asked about CMU Tech and how we can get people there. Anita asked if we could compare to the High Injury Network.

2. Education mini-grant presentation

Henry briefly discussed the City's education mini-grant opportunity to promote safe bicycling education. The link is live [here](#). The Committee is invited to distribute this information to their network.

3. Walk Audit Debrief

The Committee discussed outcomes from the Walk Audit to inform a summary to be drafted by Staff. Andy recommended using GIS to visualize the PLOTS data. The committee discussed some possible recommendations including for Council to continue to try to join, to broaden the use of auditory signals. Brooke also recommended finding a place to get better visibility into the work of the Committee, recommending that they be shared with the newspaper. Henry will send out the draft.

Athena recommended we reach out to community-based organizations to help plan routes for future audits.

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Updates

1. Bike Month Update

Staff are no longer pursuing Week without Driving; Bike to Work Day will be 9/26, to be celebrated with a dinner to try to align more schedules.

2. Senate Bill 25-030 Update

Staff are working on compiling a list of all missing pedestrian and bicycle facilities along “Regionally Significant Corridors” to support the RTPO’s compliance with SB25-030.

3. Engineering Update

Trent shared an update – Monument Trail did flood last week, crew were able to get mud cleaned up on Friday. “Reshouldering” is underway. This may have been double the 100-year flood event.

Horizon & G Road is on schedule for October.

Four Canyons is underway for completion in 2026.

Crosby Road is going out to bid soon, should be completed by Summer 2026.

4th & 5th reversion started on September 2 back to two travel lanes and no bicycle infrastructure south of Grand, following 8/20 Council vote.

Kristen asked about whether sharrows can be included between Colorado and Grand Avenue.

Speed and volume data is planned to be collected in October.

North Avenue sidewalks are getting ready for ROW acquisition, with construction planned to start next summer, for completion in 2027.

Broadway Bridge widening is through design, 2026 budget will determine if construction will be possible. It will not precede CDOT work planned for March – June.

Asphalt replacement is focused on the Redlands near Monument Road and near the Audubon Trail.

4. Staffing Update

Henry shared an update that the City has rescinded an offer to an AmeriCorps fellow for the forthcoming term, which would have started later this month.

Other Business

Andy shared that GVT has started using their new fleet maintenance building. GVT has a new app called MyRide.

October 6 will see the pilot route 12 starting. Ribbon cutting September 30 – 3PM at West Transfer Facility. Andy will send info for Henry to share.

Brooke asked about ridership numbers coming out of fare free. Andy shared that YOY increases were consistent for the apples-to-apples comparison of fare free to fare free. Anecdotally, ridership seems to have stayed fairly high into September, once fares were re-implemented.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Brent moves to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Maureen seconds, unanimous approval.