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TYPE OF RECORD: PERMANENT

CATEGORY OF RECORD: CONTRACT

NAME OF AGENCY OR CONTRACTOR: COUNTY OF MESA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND TOWN OF PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (GRAND JUNCTION/MESA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION)

STREET ADDRESS/PARCEL NAME/SUBDIVISION/PROJECT: DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND AUTHORIZING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

CITY DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

YEAR: 1998

EXPIRATION DATE: IF NOTICE THEREOF IN WRITING IS GIVEN

DESTRUCTION DATE: SIX YEARS

Memorandum of Understanding
among Members of the
Grand Junction/Mesa County
Transportation Planning Region

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding are:

County of Mesa, Board of County Commissioners;
City of Grand Junction, City Council;
City of Fruita, City Council; and
Town of Palisade, Board of Trustees

I. Introduction.

Each of the parties have responsibilities for developing and implementing transportation plans and authorizing capital improvements within their respective jurisdictions. The parties recognize that the transportation policy and improvement decisions of one party may affect similar decisions of the others. The parties further recognize the need to involve property owners and residents of the area in transportation planning and the priority-setting process. It is, therefore, in the best interest of all parties to work together to establish an effective mechanism for meaningful involvement in the transportation planning and management process.

II. Purpose.

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a mechanism for on-going consultation among the parties in transportation planning from a regional perspective: to assist Mesa County and the Colorado Department of Transportation Region 3 with prioritizing the many requests for transportation assistance; to guide decision-makers concerning how to better address additional funding to the region due to the enactment of TEA-21 federal legislation; to create common methods of dealing with development impacts upon transportation infrastructure; and to insure appropriate involvement by each party in the planning, development and implementation of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan for the Grand Junction/Mesa County Transportation Planning Region.

III. Objectives.

Consistent with the different needs, resources and populations of each, the parties agree to consider their differences while attempting the on-going coordination of their respective transportation planning and project activities in a manner consistent with the respective responsibilities and authorities assigned to each. The parties agree to work together to achieve maximum benefits from available resources, to reduce duplication of effort, and to attain better overall coordination of transportation planning and management throughout the Grand Junction/Mesa County Transportation Planning Region.

IV. Procedure.

Now, therefore, it is agreed that:

All parties will, in accordance with the purpose and objectives of this MOU:

- (a) Cooperate in transportation planning and projects, including consultation in the preparation of regional transportation plans and policies regarding, but not limited to roads and streets, bikeways, pedestrian ways, transit and inter-modal facilities, development impact fees and transportation rights-of-way requirements.
- (b) Designate the Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office, which serves as the Grand Junction/Mesa County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and as the Grand Junction/Mesa County Transportation Planning Region, to develop regional transportation plans and programs for the Grand Valley and the Mesa County region, including the jurisdictions of Mesa County, Grand Junction, Fruita, Palisade, Collbran, DeBeque and the other unincorporated communities. Decisions concerning such plans will continue to be made by each respective entity.
- (c) Designate members of the current Transit Steering Committee as a "Regional Transportation Policy Advisory Committee," (currently consisting of one elected official from Mesa County, and one from the cities of Grand Junction and Fruita, and the Town of Palisade) to recommend policies and procedures for developing transportation plans and programs within the Transportation Planning Region. The Mesa County member of this Committee shall also be guided by the needs and decisions of the Towns of Collbran and DeBeque, as well as other unincorporated communities in Mesa County.
- (d) Establish quarterly meetings of the Regional Transportation Policy Advisory Committee whereby transportation policy discussions and regional recommendations to appropriate jurisdictions can take place.
- (e) Nothing in this agreement will be construed as limiting or affecting in any way the authority or legal responsibility of the parties or the Grand Junction/Mesa County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), including the preparation of Unified Planning Work Programs, Transportation Improvement Programs or other MPO work products, or as binding any party to perform beyond the respective authority of each, or as requiring any party to assume or expend any sum in the excess of lawful appropriations.

(f) This agreement shall become effective when signed by the parties hereto. This MOU may be terminated by any party after notice thereof in writing to the others is given.



Date: 11-9-98

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Chairman of the Board
Mesa County Board of Commissioners

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Clerk by Roberto Kaley, Deputy

Date: 10-12-98

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