

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 N. 5TH STREET**

*****NOTE SPECIAL DAY AND TIME*****

MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

- 6:00 **REVIEW OF FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS** [Attach W-1](#)
- 6:05 **REVIEW WEDNESDAY COUNCIL AGENDA**
- 6:10 **COLORADO RIVER CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT:** Tim Moore, Public Works Manager, and Bob Hazlett, Kimley Horn, will update City Council on the progress of this project. [Attach W-2](#)
- 7:00 **AIRPORT NAME CHANGE:** Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce will ask the City Council to support their efforts to change the name of Walker Field Airport. [Attach W-3](#)
- 7:15 **ADJOURN**

**City Council will take a short break
and reconvene in formal session in the auditorium.**

This agenda is intended as a guideline for the City Council. Items on the agenda are subject to change as is the order of the agenda.

Attach W-1

Future Workshop Agendas

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDAS

APRIL 15, MONDAY 7:00 PM:

- 7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA & REVIEW FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS
- 7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:30 AVALON THEATER: Council will discuss the possibility of the City managing the operation of the Avalon Theater.
- 8:20 REDLANDS PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE: Tim Moore and Kathy Portner will update Council on the development of the Redlands Plan.
- 9:05 TRAFFIC CALMING: Council will discuss options for a policy for traffic calming.

APRIL 29, MONDAY 7:00 PM:

- 7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA & REVIEW FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS
- 7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:30 BRIEFING ON PDR PROJECT: Tom Latousek, Land Protection Specialist with the Mesa Land Trust and Keith Fife of Mesa County Planning will update Council on this purchase of development rights project.
- 7:55 HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD: This Board will discuss their bylaws and the Williams House Historic Structure Assessment

MAY 13, MONDAY 7:00 PM:

- 7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA & REVIEW FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS
- 7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:30 RIVERFRONT GOCO CONCEPT PAPER: Council will meet with the Riverfront Commission to discuss a GOCO grant application

JUNE 3, MONDAY 7:00 PM:

- 7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA & REVIEW FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS
- 7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:30 OPEN

JUNE 17, MONDAY 7:00 PM:

- 7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA & REVIEW FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS
- 7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:30 OPEN

FUTURE WORKSHOP ITEMS

First Priority

Second Priority

1. BOTANICAL SOCIETY MASTER PLAN
2. GRAND JUNCTION ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP: The GJEP will ask Council for an economic incentive to recruit a company that manufactures environmental monitoring equipment.
3. DARE & SCHOOL RESOURCE PROGRAMS
4. HAZARDOUS DEVICE TEAM
5. FORESTRY OPERATIONS
6. PARKS/SCHOOLS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
7. ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:
8. LIQUOR LICENSING PROCEDURES
9. CRIME LAB
10. HAZMAT
11. GOLF OPERATIONS

Attach W-2

Colorado River Corridor Update

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

<i>CITY COUNCIL</i>		
Subject:	Colorado River Transportation Corridor – Progress Update	
Meeting Date:	April 3, 2002	
Date Prepared:	March 26, 2002	
Author:	Tim Moore	Public Works Manager
Presenter Name:	Tim Moore Bob Hazlett	Public Works Manager Kimley-Horn
X	Workshop	Formal Agenda

Subject: Update on the progress of Colorado River Transportation Corridor project (a.k.a. Riverside Parkway).

Summary: Over the last 9-months staff and the City’s consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, have been working with the community to develop a schematic design for this corridor from 23 ½ Road to 29 Road. Staff will provide City Council with a second update of the work accomplished to date and discuss the next steps recommended for this project.

Background: In 2001 the City hired Kimley-Horn & Associates , Inc., along with their subconsultants, Rolland Engineering and the Walter Group, to evaluate the options and prepare a schematic plan for the southern portion of the Grand Junction loop. Also involved in the conceptual planning process was a project review team consisting of representatives from the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Grand Junction/Mesa County/Regional Planning Organization and the Union Pacific Railroad. Additionally, an active public involvement component was implemented to solicit input from affected interests and the community at large.

This report includes copies of 25 slides that will be reviewed at the April 3rd meeting as well as a project schedule for the next 18 months and a recommended public participation program for the remainder of the project.

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- A. Project Goals and Objectives
 - a. Provide alternative routes to increase capacity between:
 - Mesa Mall area and 1st & Grand Avenue
 - Orchard Mesa and Ute/Pitkin Avenues
 - D Road area through south Downtown
 - b. Minimize impacts to existing neighborhoods and commercial operations
 - c. Improve safety by eliminating railroad crossings, addition of pedestrian/bike improvements

- B. Alternatives considered
- C. Traffic volumes – Current and projected
- D. Current issues:
 - a. Three alternatives for crossing 5th street
 - 1. At 4th Avenue – slide 14 attached
 - 2. At Noland Ave. – slide 15 attached
 - 3. Under existing structures - slide 16 attached
 - b. 24 ¾ Railroad Crossing
 - c. 25 Road Overpass
- E. Public Participation Process – last 9 months
 - a. Newsletters, newspaper advertisements, mailings
 - b. Forums – July 7, November 14th, February 26th
- F. Recommended next steps
 - a. Proposed schedule of events
 - c. Recommended Public Participation program
 - 1. Formation of a Community Design Action Committee
 - 2. Continued Public Forums

Budget: N/A

Action Requested/Recommendation: Approval of the next steps for the project including a proposed schedule and a recommended public participation program.

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COLORADO RIVER TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

Proposed Schedule

May 1, 2002-		Form Community Design Action Committee (DAC)
August, 2002 required)	-	Public Forum (more if required)
September, 2002 Centerline	-	Adopt Roadway
	-	City Council Approval
December, 2002	-	City Council Update
January, 2003 Design	-	Complete Preliminary
From	-	Conceptual Approval
		Federal Agencies Investigated - "Show Stoppers" Critical Issues
December, 2003	-	Community DAC Final Report City Council Update
January, 2004	-	Complete Final Design
February, 2004	-	Begin ROW Acquisition
Spring, 2005	-	Begin Construction
Fall, 2007	-	Complete Construction Highway 340 to
Highway 50		

COLORADO RIVER TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

Proposed Public Participation Process for the Design Phase

The schematic plan phase for this project began last May and included a public participation element. Over the next 18 months staff will be working on a more detailed design of the corridor and by the end of the year we should have a footprint established. The design team met to discuss how we will transition to the next phase of the project - preliminary and final design for the segment that we plan to construct. This phase will include an active public participation component. After reviewing the Bleiker Citizen Participation Handbook, the group recommends the creation of a Community Design Action Committee. A committee made up of the stake holders along the corridor affirms that this is a community problem that must be solved by the community. These stakeholders will also act as a communication conduit between the City and their organizations.

Recommended Program

1. Creation of a Community Design Action Committee - by May 2002 with work continuing through design the phase
Recommended stakeholders to include one representative from:
Planning Commissioner Motor Carriers Association
CDOT DDA
Botanical Gardens River Front Commission
Parks Board U.S. Fish & Wildlife representative
Union Pacific R.R. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chamber of Commerce Utility Companies
1 citizen at large 1 property owner from 3 segments of
the corridor
Board of Realtors Local Contractors
Association
This is a large group who need to focus on the specific goal of working through the three alternatives now under consideration for crossing 5th Street. Additionally, the committee will provide information and receive feedback from the Regional Transportation Policy Organization (RTPO).
2. Continue to meet with affected interest groups
3. Newsletter insert into the Daily Sentinel to inform citizens of progress and announce:
4. 4th Forum to explain progress (late summer) and additional public meetings
5. Media briefings, with City Council participation, to communicate the status of the project to the entire community
6. Continued use of the web page and hot line
7. Continue to evaluate the program



**City Council Work Session Briefing
April 3, 2002**



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Tonight's Presentation

- History
- Alternatives
- Selected Corridor
- Recommendation
- Next Steps





Project History

- ❑ Discussed since 1980s
- ❑ Riverside neighborhood planning since early 1990s
- ❑ West Metro Transportation Study, 1998-1999



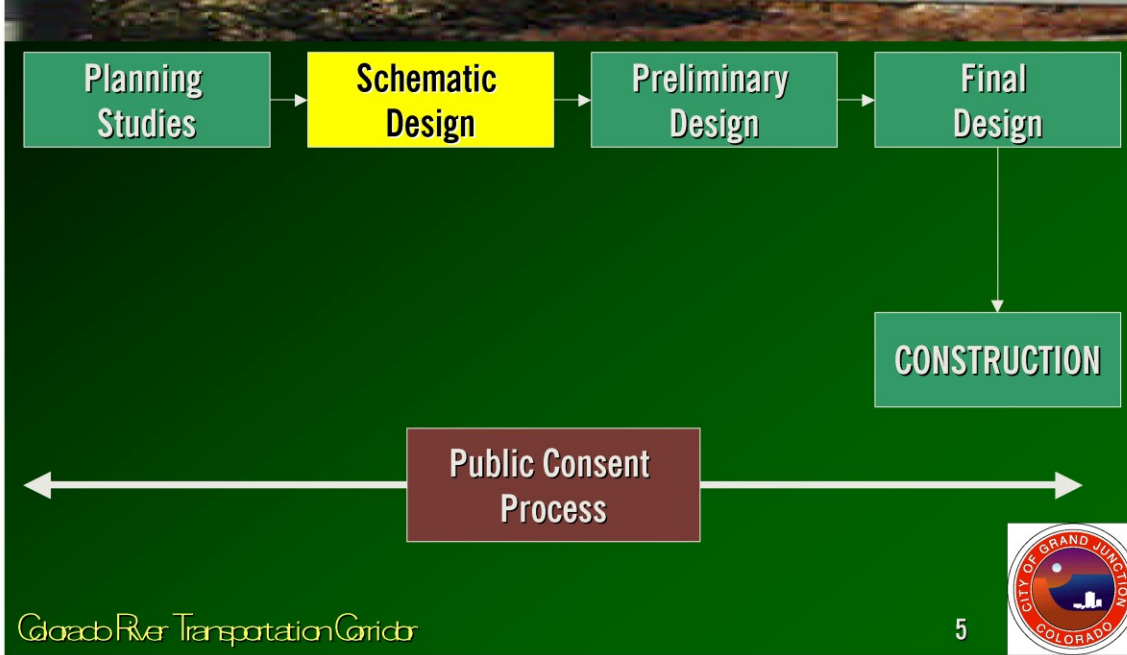


Project Goals

- ❑ Provide alternative ways to improve mobility and increase capacity between:
 - ❑ Mesa Mall area and First/Grand intersection
 - ❑ Orchard Mesa and Ute/Pitkin Avenues
 - ❑ D Road area through south Downtown
- ❑ Minimize impacts to existing neighborhoods and commercial operations
- ❑ Improve safety by eliminating existing railroad crossing(s)



Project Development





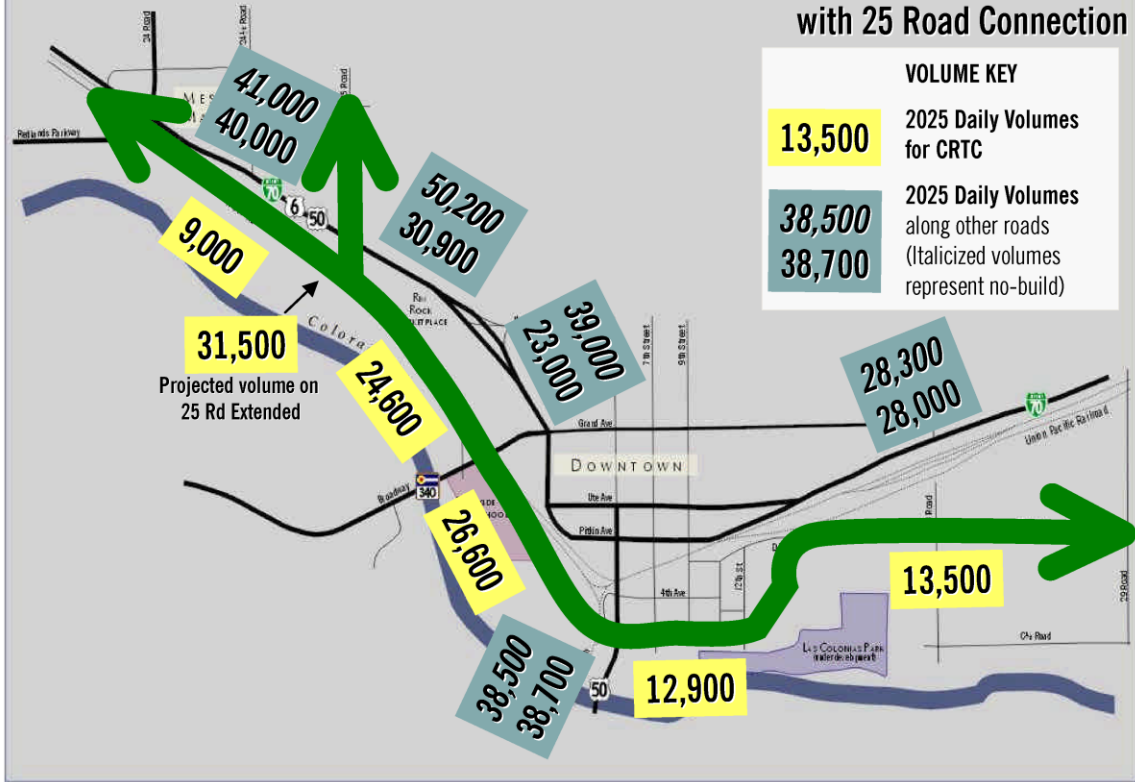
Design Criteria

- ❑ Target speed limit – 40mph
- ❑ Principal arterial classification**
- ❑ South Downtown cross-sections to include landscaping/parkway

- ❑ ** Design according to City Transportation Engineering Design Manual (T.E.D.S.)



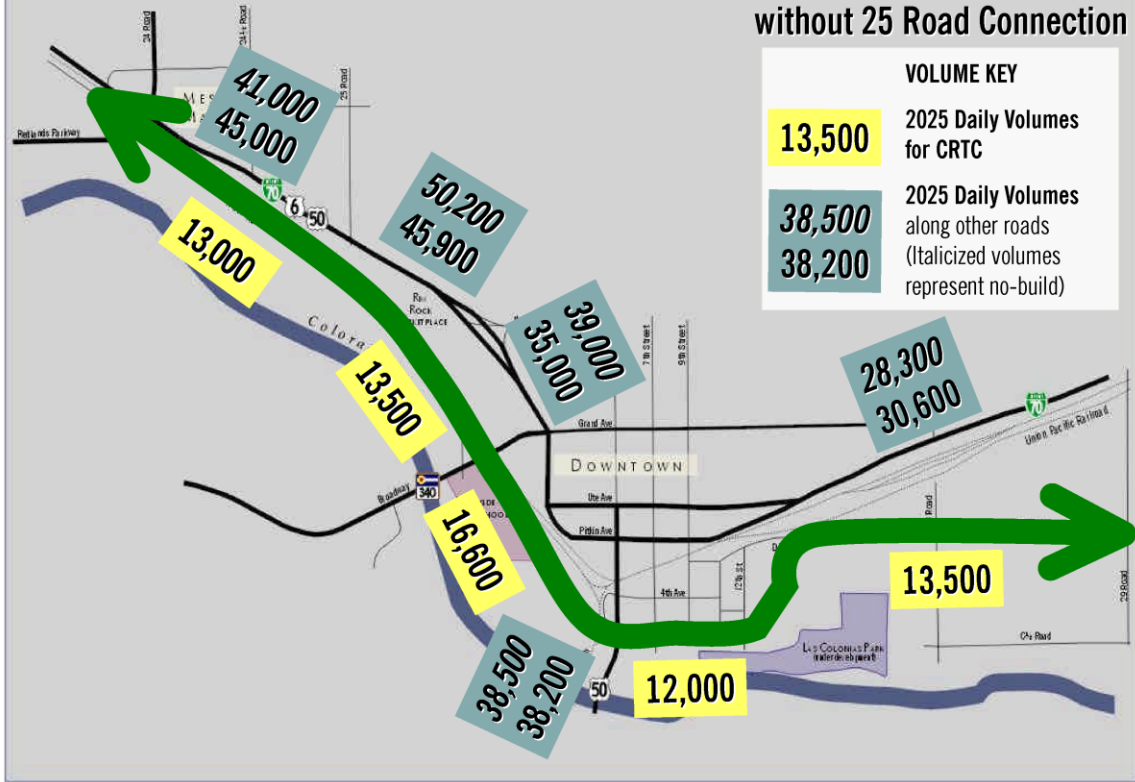
2025 Travel Demand for CRTC with 25 Road Connection



2025 Travel Demand for CRTC without 25 Road Connection

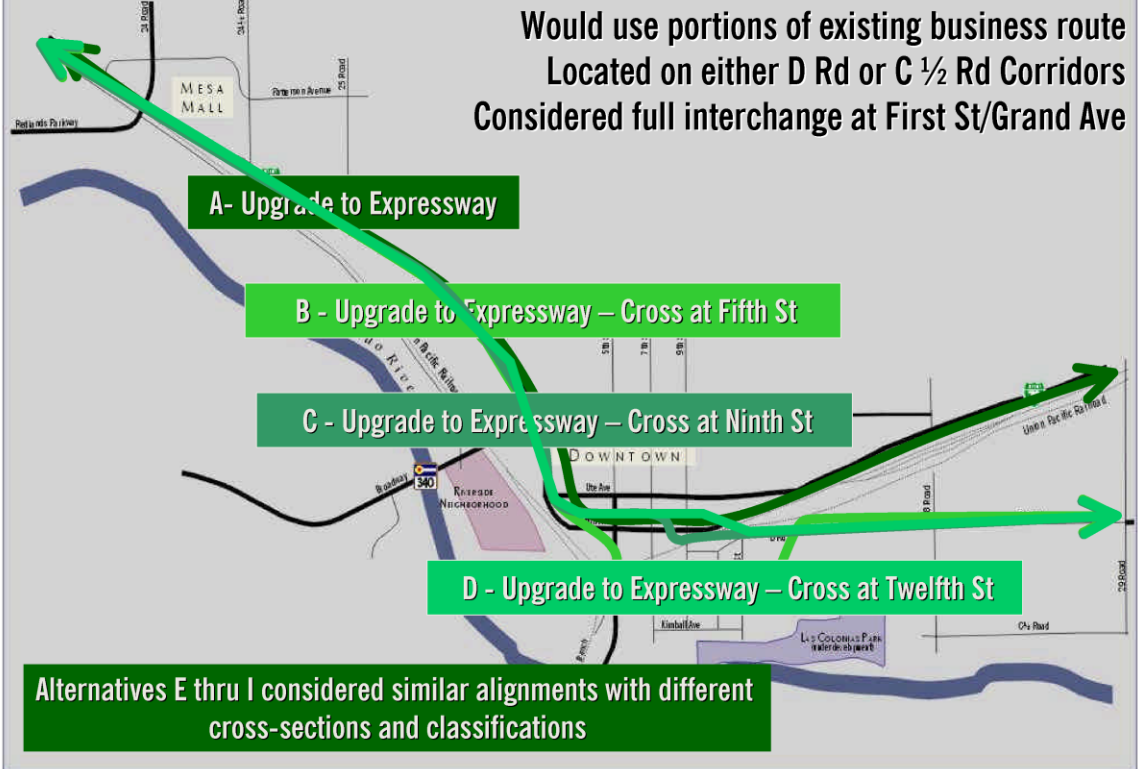
VOLUME KEY

- 13,500** 2025 Daily Volumes for CRTC
- 38,500** 2025 Daily Volumes along other roads (Italicized volumes represent no-build)



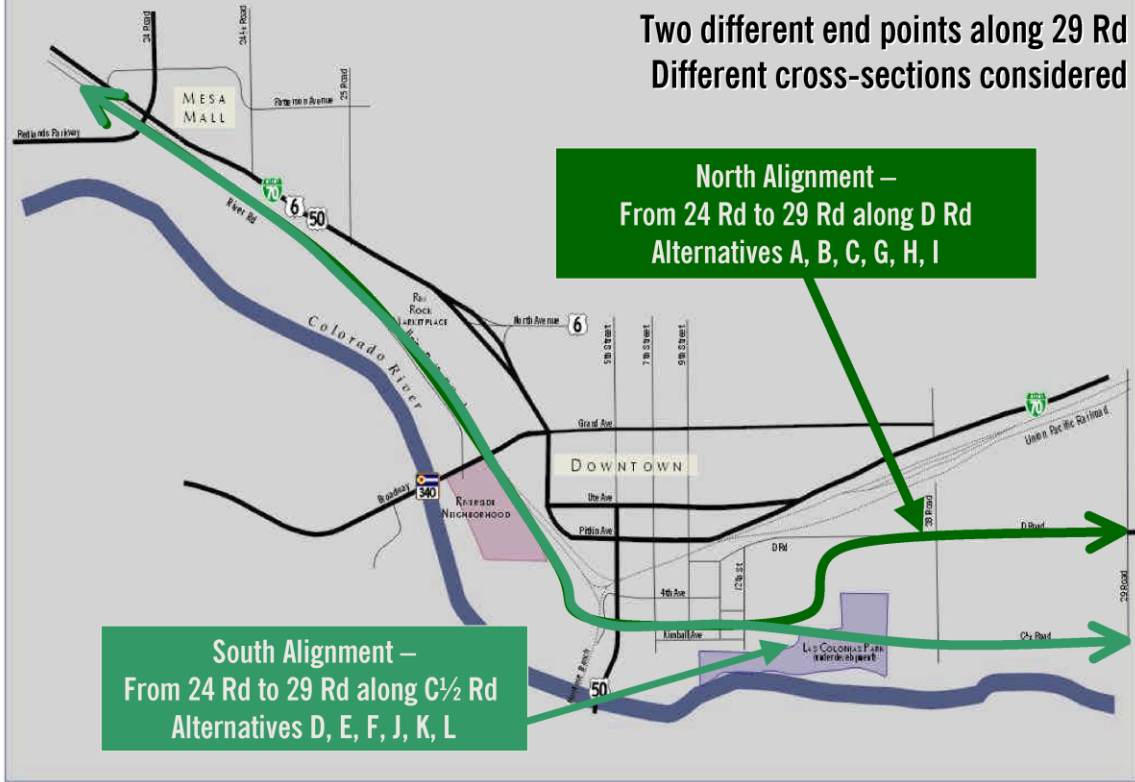
SH-70B Alternatives

Would use portions of existing business route
Located on either D Rd or C 1/2 Rd Corridors
Considered full interchange at First St/Grand Ave



South of Railroad Corridor Alternatives

Two different end points along 29 Rd
Different cross-sections considered

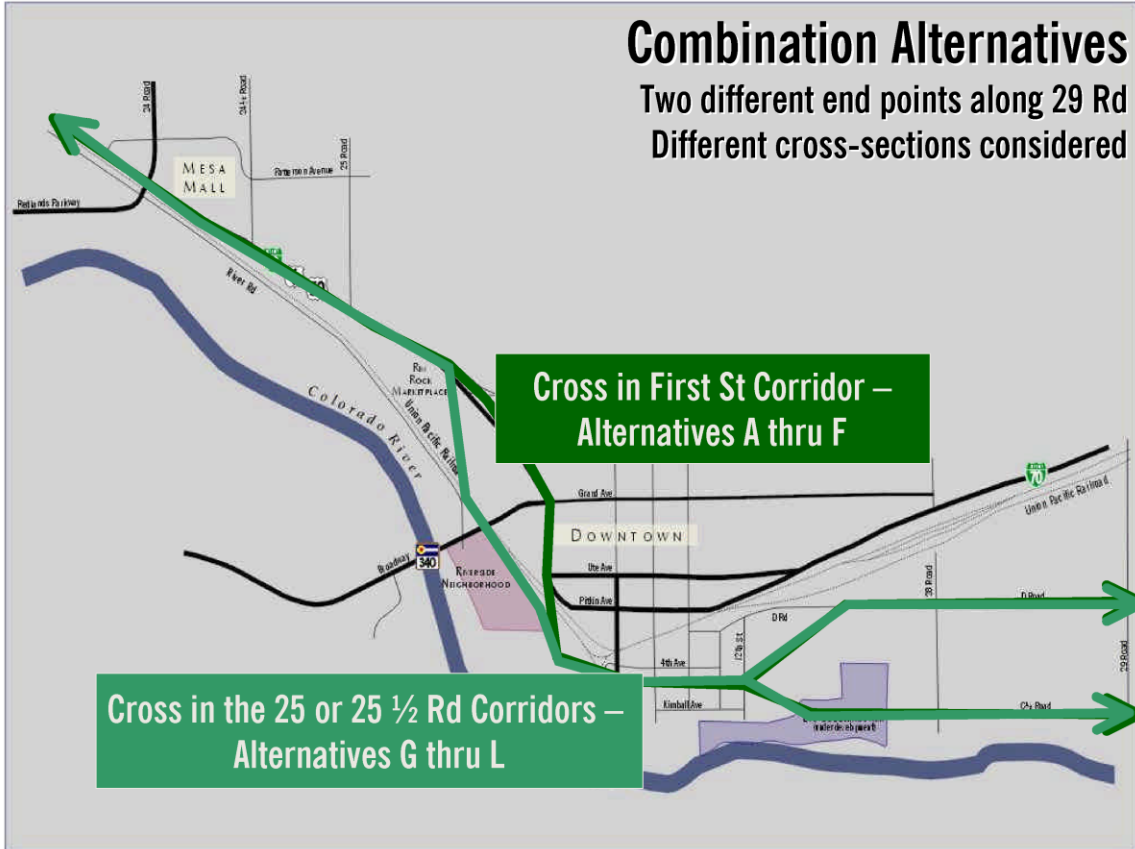


North Alignment –
From 24 Rd to 29 Rd along D Rd
Alternatives A, B, C, G, H, I

South Alignment –
From 24 Rd to 29 Rd along C½ Rd
Alternatives D, E, F, J, K, L

Combination Alternatives

Two different end points along 29 Rd
Different cross-sections considered



South of Railroad Corridor

Alternatives within Selected Corridor





Current Design Issues at Fifth St

- ❑ Need for grade-separated interchange to accommodate over 65,000 vehicles per day (by 2025)
- ❑ Heavy north-to-west and west-to-south movements
- ❑ Three options under consideration





❑ **Positive aspects:**

- ❑ Existing SH-50 bridge
- ❑ Existing ramp
- ❑ Least environmental concerns

❑ **Negative concerns:**

- ❑ Sight Distance difficulties
- ❑ Difficult connection to D Rd
- ❑ Ground water contaminants
- ❑ East to North connection eliminated





- **Positive aspects:**
 - Existing intersection; allows phased construction
 - Less environmental concerns
- **Negative concerns:**
 - Ground water contaminants
 - Constructability of Railroad underpass
 - Impacts more private property
 - CDOT does not favor at-grade signalized intersection; even in the short-term





Southern Route: **anticipated construction costs of \$11.3 million**

□ Positive aspects:

- Existing railroad and Fifth Street structures
- Easier connections to D Rd
- Impacts fewer private properties
- Least expensive
- Free-Flow interconnectivity

□ Negative concerns:

- Most environmental concerns
- Close proximity of roadway to Colorado River
- Potential impacts to Riverfront, Botanical Society and Las Colonias Park



Opinion of Construction Costs

(in millions; Right-of-way not included)

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>City CIP</u>
1	24 Rd to 25 Rd	\$ 3.0	\$2.3 (2014)
2	25 Rd to SH-340	\$ 10.3	\$1.4 (2006)
3	SH-340 to Seventh St**	\$ 11.3	\$10.2 (2004)
4	Seventh St to D Rd	\$ 2.7	\$3.5 (2009)
5	D Rd to 29 Rd	\$ 3.8	--

** Assumes Southern Alignment





Public Consent Process

- ❑ Project newsletters, newspaper advertisements, and mailings
- ❑ Web-site, toll-free project hotline, and public response log
- ❑ Small group meetings with affected interests
- ❑ Forums – July 7 and November 14, and Open House – February 26

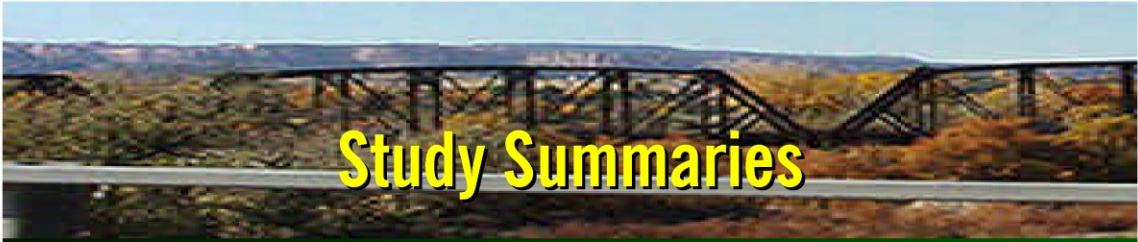




Action Plan at Fifth St

- ❑ Expand existing Public Consent Effort
 - ❑ Conduct additional small group meetings
 - ❑ Coordinate with future land use plans
 - ❑ Develop and promote a community “Design Action Committee” for preliminary and final design





Study Summaries

Traffic	Need for roadway presently exists
Environmental	Possible impacts; mitigation feasible
Constructability	Challenges throughout the corridor
Acceptance	Overall positive . . . Need to work out Fifth Street options
Opinion of Costs	\$30 to \$35 million (24 Rd to 29 Rd)



COLORADO RIVER TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE



FIGURE NOT TO SCALE - ALL LOCATIONS APPROXIMATE
 KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
 ROLLAND ENGINEERING THE WALTER GROUP
 FEBRUARY 2002



Selection Reasons

- ❑ Meets project goals
- ❑ Has impacts . . . that can be mitigated
- ❑ Best economic benefit . . . for every dollar spent on construction, area residents realize \$5.50 in benefits





Future Milestones

all dates approximate





Next Steps **to meet 2005 construction schedule**

- ❑ **Expand public consent effort**
 - ❑ **Resolve initial construction phase to include extension to 25 Rd**
 - ❑ **Resolve Fifth St connection issues**
- ❑ **Proceed with preliminary design**



A photograph of a wide, paved road stretching into the distance, flanked by green hills and a clear sky. The text "Colorado River Transportation Corridor" is overlaid in a yellow, stylized font.

Colorado River Transportation Corridor

THANKS!



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Attach W-3
Changing Airport Name

March 14, 2002

City Council Members
City of Grand Junction
225 North 5th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Councilmen;

The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce would like to request five to ten minutes with you to discuss the proposal that we are forwarding to the Airport Authority about possibly changing the name of Walker Field Airport to Grand Junction Regional Airport.

We would like to update you on the reasons we are seeking the name change and determine if the Council has any serious objections to the action.

Sincerely,

Diane Schwenke
President/CEO