

# GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**April 3, 2002**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 6:09 p.m. in the City Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Reford Theobald, Janet Terry and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez.

## **Summaries and action on the following topics:**

1. **Colorado River Corridor Transportation Project:** Mark Relph, Tim Moore, and Bob Hazlett of Kimley-Horn, presented an update to Council on the progress of this project (CRCT). Tim Moore gave a brief history of the process involved in working with Kimley-Horn and the community on the project and a proposed schedule for the completion of the project:

May 1, 2002	Form a Community Design Action Committee (DAC)
August, 2002	Public Forum (more if required)
September, 2002	Adopt Roadway Centerline-Council approval needed
December, 2002	Council update
January, 2003	Complete Preliminary Design Conceptual approval from federal agencies investigated-"Show Stoppers" critical issues
December, 2003	Community DAC final report-Council update
January, 2004	Complete final design
February, 2004	Begin ROW acquisition
Spring, 2005	Begin construction
Fall, 2007	Complete construction, Hwy 340 to Hwy 50

Five alternative routes have were examined along with associated costs:

1. 2025 Travel Demand for CRCT with a 25 Road Connection; South of Railroad Corridor Alternatives with 2 different end points along 29 Road with different cross-sections considered.
2. SH-70 alternatives which would use portions of existing business routes, to be located on either D Road or C ½ Road corridors, and consideration was given to a full interchange at First Street and Grand Avenue.
3. South of Railroad corridor with alternatives within the selected corridor;
4. A combination of alternatives-with either a cross in the First Street corridor or;
5. A cross in the 25 or 25 ½ Road corridors.

**Action summary:** Mark Relph suggested asking John Elmer, former Planning Commission Chair, to head the Design Action Committee (DAC). Councilmembers concurred that he would be an excellent choice. Council directed Public Works to continue examining the alternatives and to come back in the near future to update them on the status.

2. **Airport Name Change:** Norm Franke, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and Barbie Miller, Chamber Board member, requested Council to consider changing the name of the Walker Field Airport to the Grand Junction Regional Airport in order to facilitate travelers searching the web for airports in this area and to reflect a more regional hub status. Mr. Franke suggested naming the terminal after Walter Walker.

**Action summary:** Councilmembers did not want to lose the historical significance of the current name and suggested the Chamber of Commerce try to find a different alternative where 'Walker' would be left in the name.