

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

## Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

### Minutes May 10, 2016

#### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair, Dr. Kristin Heumann. Those present from the Committee were:

Dr. Kristin Heumann	David Lehmann, Vice Chair	Jeff Kuhr, Ph.D
Julie Sabin	Max Schmidt	Shana Wade
Dan Fitzgerald	Orin Zyvan	

Also present Trent Prall, Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District (BID), Terri Wenzlaff, John Hodge, Jody Kliska, public Bennett Boeschstein, City of Grand Junction City Council member and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes** – Julie/Max. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – Welcomed new members, Orin Zyvan and Shana Wade, and did introductions.

**New Business** – Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant approval and CBD – Jody said that Mesa County (MC) RTPO applied for a SRTS grant in partnership with School District 51 and were awarded a grant of \$78,000. The grant will fund adaptive bikes and trailer, as well as 1-mile radius walk audits at 24 schools. RTPO is waiting for the notice to proceed from CDOT.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – SRTS projects approved for CDBG funding are additional sidewalks on 28 ¾ Road south of Nisley Elementary and sidewalk along Mulberry Street from West Ouray to HWY 340/Broadway in the El Poso neighborhood.

#### **Old Business** –

Grand Valley Circulation Plan – Kristen gave an overview of the concept map, showing connections from one point to another (concept is similar to the route maps in the back of in-flight airline magazines). Trent gave an overview of the Active Transportation Corridor map showing more detailed pedestrian and bicycle connections.

Complete Street Policy – Kristen reported that there were no comments received from the UTC members on the previous partial draft of the Complete Streets Policy, so will move forward with that version. Trent gave an overview of a recent publication, The Best Complete Street Policies of 2015 and suggested that be used as a guide to complete the policy. An important concept to include is context sensitive design to provide flexibility and the best site specific solutions. There are still four sections of the policy to draft. Once complete the policy will go through a public review process.

Bike to Work Month/Day – Vara updated UTC on planned events, including, a bike repair party on May 24th sponsored by Brown’s Cycles for anyone who works in the Horizon Drive District. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the kick-off event and two Hump Day Parties are planned on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. June 22<sup>nd</sup> is Bike to Work Day with breakfasts at GJ City Hall, Horizon Drive and Fruita Community Center and the After Glow at Edgewater Brewery. Julie reported on kids’ events, including free pool passes for riding 10 times to any library branch and ice cream coupons that officers will give out when they see kids riding safely. St. Mary’s has donated helmets to be given out at the libraries. Also, on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Chris Brown will be giving a talk (6:30pm to 8:30pm) at the Central Library. There is also a Commuter Challenge and Business Challenge. All the information can be found on the Healthy Mesa County website.

There was no further old business.

**Public Comment** – John said Mesa County Bicycle Alliance on June 18<sup>th</sup> will be joining in the “Ride of Silence” – meeting in front of City Hall at 7:00pm.

Trent said that City Council approved the Monument Road Trail Connection FLAP grant application. Mesa County Commissioners also gave their approval of support for the application. Should know in September on grant.

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next agenda – Active Transportation Maps