The Transportation Plans We Have Now

Circulation Plan (2010)  
Urban Trails Master Plan (2001)

Support the principle that development should support an integrated transportation system
The 2018 Circulation Plan Will Contain The Following

2018 Draft Circulation Plan

• The Network Map

• The Street Functional Classification Map (Street Plan)

• The Active Transportation Map

• Policies and Strategies for Implementation (Plan Document)
Vision

The community envisions a safe, balanced and environmentally sensitive multi-modal, urban transportation system that supports greater social interaction, facilitates the movement of people and goods, and encourages active living, mobility independence, and convenient access to goods and services for all users.

A multi-modal transportation system should accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, movers of goods, and transit; and should be safe and navigable for all users. It must provide transportation options to all users including those with limited mobility such as children, seniors, and persons with disabilities.
Purpose

This Plan moves forward the transportation principles, strategies and vision to create an urban area-wide multi-modal circulation plan as identified in the 2010 Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan.

It supports the Mesa County 2040 Regional Transportation Plan’s sound planning principles and best practices including: reducing congestion; easing commutes; improving roadway safety; enhancing sidewalks, bike, and multi-use trails; and maintaining an efficient and effective transportation system.

It builds on the transportation goals found in the Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan, including: designing streets and walkways as attractive public spaces; constructing streets to include enhanced pedestrian amenities; and developing a well-balanced transportation system that supports automobile, local transit, pedestrian, bicycle, and freight movement while protecting environmental conditions of air and other natural resources.
By understanding destinations and linkages between them, we can further plan and define specific routes.
Street Plan - Functional Classification Proposed Revisions

Draft Street Plan

Map identifies the functional classification of the major roadways that connect neighborhoods, employment centers and local attractions.
Map identifies major corridors important for non-motorized travel, providing critical, continuous safe and convenient connections for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Map will replace the 2001 Urban Trails Map.
Map identifies Active Transportation Corridors
Located on Roads in Orange, Canals in Blue and Drainage Ways in Red

Proposed Road Corridors = 236 mile
Proposed Canal Corridors = 25 miles
Proposed Drainage Corridors = 15 miles
Total = 276 miles
Purpose

- To create a network of critical, continuous, safe, and convenient connections for non-motorized transportation (bicycles, pedestrians, motorized wheelchairs, e-bikes where permitted by law, etc).
- While it may be used for recreational purposes, the Active Transportation Corridors are intended to provide a complete alternative network of non-motorized travel routes.
- These travel routes includes using existing streets and future trails along water ways to connect neighborhoods, schools, parks and employment and commercial districts with each other.
- It further identifies specific corridors that support the Network Map and link important centers identified in the Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map with neighborhoods and other attractions and local amenities.
Proposed Plan reduces miles of canal trail by 20 miles or 45% from adopted Urban Trails Master Plan.
Connecting Neighborhoods to Active Transportation Corridors

The Circulation Plan identifies the need to create neighborhood and community connections that are safe, convenient and efficient to provide non-motorized transportation options for residents.

These will include active transportation routes to parks, schools, commercial and employment areas that are off the major, highly traveled ways.

Access between neighborhoods and subdivisions and connecting them to other attractions using “Active Transportation Corridors” will be done in a variety of ways, including the use of roadways, waterways and open space to make these connections work.
Existing trails would be linked and become part of the Price Ditch Active Transportation Corridor between Matchett Park and Thunder Mountain Elementary School.
Implementing the Circulation Plan

Strategies and policies identified in the Circulation Plan will help the community achieve its vision of becoming the most livable City west of the Rockies. A balanced transportation system will be achieved through the strategies and policies described in the Plan.

Strategies and Policies

1. Adopt a Complete Streets Policy for Grand Junction and develop and adopt a Complete Streets Policy for Mesa County.
2. Develop or revise policies for support of an integrated transportation system.
3. Provide conceptual and corridor maps that will be used by decision makers and staff to improve transportation systems.
4. Improve interconnectivity between Grand Valley Transit and centers, neighborhoods and community attractions.
5. Improve the Urban Trails System on and connecting to Active Transportation Corridors.
   a. Provide guidance on incentives for trail construction
   b. Provide guidance on standards for trail construction
   c. Provide guidance on ownership and maintenance of trail system
   d. Maintain or improve multi-purpose trails
   e. Provide wayfinding to attract visitors to the trail system and improve the ability of residents and visitors to find area attractions.
6. Maintain or improve circulation of vehicles on road system.
## Circulation Plan and Complete Streets Implementation

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<td><strong>1. Complete Streets Policies</strong></td>
<td>Integrate the needs of people and places in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of transportation networks.</td>
<td>A Draft Complete Streets Policy has been developed and its adoption is a Key Initiative of the 2017 City Council Strategic Plan. Mesa County will develop a Complete Streets Policy for the Urban Development Boundary and fosters community values of transportation connections, attractive corridors and safe routes for all modes of travel.</td>
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<td><strong>2. Integrated Transportation System (Strategy)</strong></td>
<td>Defined as a system that provides transportation options and needs for all mobility types.</td>
<td>Update Code to clarify requirements for building street networks, establishing construction responsibility and update design guidelines to promote an integrated transportation standard. Both jurisdictions include the following plans: Safe Routes to Schools, Safe Routes to Parks &amp; Open Spaces, Orchard Mesa Neighborhood Plan, Redlands Area Plan, and Pear Park Neighborhood Plan.</td>
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<td><strong>3. Sub Area Maps (Strategy)</strong></td>
<td>Revisit current sub-area plans regularly and update plans, as needed. List to be expanded as other sub-areas are planned and mapped.</td>
<td>City plans include: North Avenue Corridor Plans, Horizon Drive Business District, and Mesa Mall Environs. Mesa County plans include: Clifton Pedestrian Plan.</td>
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<td><strong>4. Improve Interconnectivity with Grand Valley Transit (GVT) (Strategy)</strong></td>
<td>The vision for GVT is to provide a viable transportation choice for all populations that connects communities, neighborhoods, and destinations while improving quality of life and supporting economic vitality in the region.</td>
<td>To achieve GVT’s vision, the transit system must provide improved interconnectivity and accessibility through: improving sidewalks, curb ramps, and bike lanes and providing bike racks at bus stops in an ongoing effort to improve access for riders and working with public, private, and non-governmental organizations to provide transit service options within the transportation system.</td>
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<td><strong>5. Improve Urban Trails System on and connecting to Active Transportation Corridors (Policy)</strong></td>
<td>Creating neighborhood and community connections that are safe, convenient and efficient are very important to providing transportation options.</td>
<td>Revise the City’s Zoning and Development Code (Z&amp;D) to provide incentives for trail construction, revise design standards, identify ownership and maintenance of trail system, and improve the trail system. Revise the Counties Land Development Code to provide incentives for trail construction, revise design standards, and identify ownership and maintenance of trail system.</td>
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<td><strong>6. Maintain/Improve Vehicular and Non-vehicular Circulation (Policy)</strong></td>
<td>Constructing local subdivision streets for better connectivity and access to the collector and arterial street network.</td>
<td>Develop wayfinding and marketing for trails system.</td>
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PROPOSED COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Integrate the needs of people and places in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transportation networks

Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan Circulation Plan

Specific Strategies and Policies

Strategies identified will help to achieve the vision to “Become the most Livable Community West of the Rockies”

Strategy 1 – Adopt a Complete Streets Policy for Grand Junction and develop and adopt a Complete Streets Policy for Mesa County.

• Grand Junction – Adopt a Complete Streets Policy – to support the goal to “develop a well-balanced transportation system…”.

• Mesa County - Develop and adopt a “Complete Streets” Policy
  - A Complete Streets Policy within the Mesa County Road and Bridge Standards will be developed that is appropriate to the County and supports the Comprehensive Plan by fostering community values of transportation connections, attractive corridors and safe routes for all modes of travel.

City of Grand Junction Proposed Complete Streets Policy

Vision – Grand Junction streets will be designed and maintained to be safe, attractive, accessible, convenient and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities and transportation modes.

Purpose – The City of Grand Junction commits to improvements that are planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to support safe, efficient and convenient mobility for all roadway users.

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PROPOSED CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

City of Grand Junction Complete Street Principles/Context
Sensitive Design Standards
1. Complete Streets serve all users and modes – commit to design, operate and maintain the communities' streets and right-of-way so as to promote safe, comfortable and convenient access and travel for people of all ages and abilities.
2. Complete Streets require connected travel networks...
3. Complete Streets are attractive, interesting and comfortable places for people...
4. Complete Streets require context-sensitive approaches...
5. Complete Streets include all roadways and all projects and phases...

Exceptions – any exception to this Policy, including for eligible private projects, must be reviewed and approved by the City.

Applicability – the policy is applicable to all development and redevelopment in the public realm within the City of Grand Junction. It applies to the work of all City Departments and other entities working within the public right-of-way.

Performance Measures – The City will track and report performance measures for the transportation system that measure how well the City is conforming to this policy.

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Implementation Strategies:
1. Implementation of the Complete Streets Policy will be carried out cooperatively among all departments in the City of Grand Junction, outside agencies, and, to the greatest extent possible, private developers.
2. The Department of Public Works as well as the Community Development Department will serve as the technical review agencies for all Complete Streets projects. Community Development will forward the project documentation and plans to all applicable City departments for comment during the review process. Ultimately, the project will require a vote by the appropriate governing body.
3. The City shall make the Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, and work in coordination with other departments, agencies and jurisdictions.
4. The City will review and revise, as needed, all plans, guidelines, regulations, procedures, and programs to integrate the Complete Streets principles in all street projects, as feasible.
5. The City will maintain a comprehensive priority list of transportation improvement projects, including problem intersections and roadways.
6. The City will maintain a comprehensive inventory of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and will prioritize projects to eliminate gaps in the sidewalk and bikeway network. The City will coordinate with Colorado Department of Transportation to confirm the accuracy of a baseline pedestrian and bicycle accommodations inventory in order to prioritize projects.
7. The City will re-evaluate Capital Improvement Projects prioritization to encourage implementation of Complete Streets principles.
8. The City will incorporate Complete Streets principles into the City of Grand Junction's Comprehensive Plan as well as other plans.
9. The City will train pertinent staff on the content of Complete Streets principles and best practices for implementing this policy.
10. The City will utilize inter-department coordination to promote the most responsible and efficient use of resources for activities within the public way.
11. The City will seek out appropriate sources of funding and grants for Implementation of Complete Streets policies.
12. The City will produce an annual report detailing progress made on the performance measures and implementation of the Complete Streets Policy.
Draft Plan Refinement Process

- City and County Technical Team (on-going)
- Elected and Appointed Officials Workshops (on-going)
- Stakeholder One-on-One Meetings (on-going)
- Focus Group Meetings (on-going)
- Public Open House(s) (February 28, 2018 from 4 to 6 pm at Mesa County Public Library Downtown in the Monument Room)
- Public Hearings (May - July, 2018)
Thank you for coming to the Open House!

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