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CITY INVESTS IN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. June 20, 2023 – The City of Grand Junction continues to invest in transportation improvements as a critical component of economic development for Grand Junction. Current projects focused on improving capacity and access are 24 Road and G Road and the F ½ Parkway. These are just two of the 10 projects totaling more than \$70 million of improvements authorized by voters and are part of more than \$83 million in capacity improvements proposed in the next five years.

“As the Grand Junction area increases in population and attracts more visitors, transportation infrastructure takes center stage,” stated City Manager Greg Caton. “Improvements planned for these areas of the city will offer greater connectivity to Grand Junction’s major retail areas. In addition, easing traffic congestion enables access for visitors and community members to significant destinations like regional medical facilities, and Canyon View Park, the site of local and regional sports competitions. Positive economic development is also enhanced due to increased access to businesses, shopping, restaurants, lodging, activities, and recreation.”

“Roads have an impact on economic growth and development as well as help build strong communities,” Caton continued.

According to the Transportation Research Board “Well built and maintained infrastructure allow vital societal functions to flow ... roads enable us to commute to work, send our children to school, get to the hospital, and transport goods between manufacturers and to the end user.”

Projects currently underway such as the 24 Road and G Road roundabout and other corridor improvements will increase capacity of the network so traffic can flow smoothly in all directions. This section of roadway will increase the utilization of “the loop” for motorists traveling into and out of Grand Junction. Paving should be complete in the fall of this year with final landscaping completed in the spring of 2024.

The F ½ Parkway from 24 Road to 25 Road and Patterson improves access to and from the loop at 24 Road and for travelers seeking alternative routes into Grand Junction along Patterson Road. In 2005 the F ½ Area Corridor Study was completed and included a public involvement process. The findings from the study provided the foundation for further transportation planning efforts and were incorporated into the adopted 2018 Grand Junction Circulation Plan. This five-lane, multimodal arterial will provide an alternative route around congested Patterson Road and serve a rapidly developing area. Additional benefits include access to adjacent neighborhoods, alleviated traffic congestion, accommodation of growth and new development, safer access for

homes along 25 Road, improved existing infrastructure, improved aesthetic appeal for the 25 Road corridor, and increased trail connectivity. Phase 1 between 24 and 24 ½ Road is planned for the fall through June of 2024 and Phase 2 east of 24 ½ Road will begin in mid-2024 with planned completion in 2025. By year end the City will have constructed or will be under contract on over \$42 million of capacity enhancing projects since 2019.

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