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### **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION AWARDED GRANT FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. June 12, 2023** – The City of Grand Junction was recently awarded a grant of \$2,300,000 from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the North Avenue Enhanced Transit Corridor Improvements.

This grant will allow the city to build approximately 1 1/4 miles of additional detached sidewalk on North Ave. These grant funds combined with other previously awarded Transit and Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) grants brings the total scope of the project to \$4,950,000.

The grant funds will provide lower stress paths for pedestrians and cyclists along the north side of North Ave. between 29 Road and I-70B and on the south side between 29 1/2 and I-70B. The project will connect with previously funded segments on the north side between 28 1/2 Road and 29 Road and on the south side between 29 Road and 29 1/2 Road.

“One of the transportation goals for the city is to preserve the ability for people to navigate easily using whatever mode of transportation best fits their needs,” stated Trent Prall Public Works director. “These improvements to North Avenue will not only provide connectivity on a regional level but will increase safety for everyone who walks, bikes, or rolls along this major roadway in our community.”

The project on North Ave. addresses national and local transportation goals such as safety; improved network connectivity and active transportation; reduced greenhouse gas emissions; improved recreation, quality of life, and public health; and provides transportation equity. The project will also implement recommendations outlined in the newly adopted city pedestrian and bicycle plan to increase access and connectivity.

Design and securing environmental permits and right-of-way will take place through 2024, followed by construction in 2025.

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