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CITY BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF F ½ PARKWAY BETWEEN 24 ROAD AND 24 ½ ROAD

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. Jan. 10, 2024 – With construction of the F ½ Parkway scheduled to begin in February of 2024, the City of Grand Junction continues to invest in transportation improvements as a critical component of economic development for the city. As the 24 Road and G Road project is completed this spring, the focus of improving transportation infrastructure for 2024 moves to F ½ Parkway. City Council recently approved the contract for Phase 1 of the construction, between 24 and 24 ½ Road, which is planned for February through November of 2024. Phase 2, which is east of 24 ½ Road, is planned to begin in 2025.

“One of the measures of a high-quality of life is our ability to move freely around the community. The F ½ Parkway has both regional as well as neighborhood level benefits. Easing traffic congestion improves access for visitors and members of the community to regional medical, commercial, and industrial centers as well as key recreation locations like Canyon View Park,” stated Trent Prall, Engineering and Transportation director. “In addition, whether walking, biking or driving from home to businesses, shopping, restaurants, lodging, activities, and recreation, residents in the area of F ½ Parkway will have increased, safe access.”

The parkway will be two lanes in each direction with a raised center median and occasional turn lanes. This principal arterial will accommodate multiple modes of transportation and serve people of all ages and abilities. Buffered bike lanes adjacent to the parkway provides space for experienced cyclists while a detached 10' sidewalk on either side accommodates other users whether walking or on wheels such as wheelchairs, scooters, or bikes. Additional benefits include access to adjacent neighborhoods, accommodation of growth and new development, safer access for residents along 25 Road, improved existing infrastructure and aesthetic appeal for the 25 Road corridor, and increased trail connectivity.

Once completed, the F ½ Parkway from 24 Road to 25 Road down to Patterson improves access to and from the loop at 24 Road and for travelers seeking alternative routes into Grand Junction. The parkway will provide a route around congested section of Patterson Road and serve a rapidly developing area of the community. In 2005, the F ½ Area Corridor Study was completed and included a comprehensive public involvement process. The findings from the study provided the foundation for further transportation planning efforts which were incorporated into the adopted 2018 Grand Junction Circulation Plan.

This project is one of the major projects included in more than \$66 million of transportation expansion projects planned in the next four years which is funded in large part by voter-approved debt. More information about the [city's transportation projects](#)

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