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## City of Grand Junction Initiates Next Steps of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pilot Project

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. Sept. 6, 2024** – The City of Grand Junction will launch the next steps of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Pilot Project with work beginning Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, on 5<sup>th</sup> Street heading north from Ute Avenue.

The pilot project is designed to reduce speeds on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets which will increase safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians and address capacity in anticipation of future growth. The blocks between North Ave. and Ute Ave. on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets are undergoing a transformation into one-lane, one-direction streets.

The first phase of this project began in mid-July to include minor concrete curb work, chipseal, and restriping. Vehicle traffic was narrowed to a one-way, single lane on 4<sup>th</sup> St. The work on 5<sup>th</sup> St. south of Grand Ave. will incorporate the revised 4<sup>th</sup> Street geometry that better accommodates emergency services vehicles with an 18' travel lane while still maintaining a bike lane protected by parallel parking. North of Grand, there will be a 14' travel lane and the existing parallel parking on the left-hand side will remain.

“The community feedback has led to adjustments that widened travel lanes, improved corner visibility, and increased parking spaces available. The project has been successful in decreasing vehicle speeds which in turn increases safety for those traveling into downtown whether in cars, on bikes, or on foot,” said Engineering and Transportation Director, Trent Prall. “This pilot phase continues to allow community members to experience the corridors and provide feedback to the city.”

“The adjustments city crews have made on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in response to community input will be applied to the implementation of the next steps of the pilot on 5<sup>th</sup> Street,” Prall continued.

Community members can provide feedback about the project at [EngageGJ.org](http://EngageGJ.org). [More information.](#)

“Concerns around traffic speeds and overall safety of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street corridors were expressed in the study and outreach period that began in 2021 through 2023” stated Brandon Stam, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority. “The pilot has provided the city with an opportunity to develop solutions that reduce speeds and provide a safer experience for all downtown users while allowing flexibility to adapt the project prior to final buildout,” Stam continued.

The design being implemented in the pilot is the result of feedback provided in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Feasibility Study conducted in 2022 with additional input from businesses and residents in 2023.

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