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### **City of Grand Junction will Begin Modifications to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pilot Project**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. January 14, 2025** – The City of Grand Junction will make modifications to the pilot project on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. The modifications will focus on the blocks between Ute Ave. and Grand Ave. on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets and are scheduled to begin in late January.

City staff recommended and received direction from City Council to modify based on challenges with the current layout, feedback from the community, and data collected since the project's implementation. The pilot will maintain the one way, one lane configuration with minor alterations planned to improve the functionality and address concerns.

In the first quarter of 2025 adjustments will include minimizing the number of vertical delineators and replacing them with more subtle, lower vertical, elements such as curb stops and rollover humps, to define bulb-outs. Parking spaces near intersections will also be adjusted to increase visibility and sight distances.

In the second quarter of 2025, alterations will include restriping both corridors to adjust the bike lane adjacent to the travel lane which accommodates an increase in lane width for vehicular users. Pre-pilot parking configurations will be restored. These changes cannot occur until consistent warmer temperatures return.

After the second round of modifications are made, city staff will continue to monitor the pilot project for three to six months, collecting data, receiving community feedback, and assessing the pilot's progress to determine the next steps.

"We recognize that the changes to these corridors have presented challenges, and we have appreciated the feedback from the community and area businesses," said Engineering and Transportation Director, Trent Prall. "One of the project goals is to ensure safety for those traveling into downtown regardless of whether you are in a car, on a bike or on foot. These modifications are a direct response to what we have heard from the community and reflect on our commitment to balancing safety with the needs of all users," continued Prall.

The first phase of this project included minor concrete curb work, chipseal, restriping, and vehicle traffic narrowed to one way, one lane on each street (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>). A bike lane protected by parallel parking is currently constructed on the right-hand side and diagonal parking on the left-hand side of the roadway. The pilot project is designed to reduce speeds on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets to improve safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Community members can provide feedback about the project and modifications at [EngageGJ.org](https://EngageGJ.org).

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