

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES LIST

Summary

One of the UTC's main responsibilities is to review the City's active transportation network on an ongoing basis and recommend enhancements for the purpose of increasing the extent and connectivity of well-maintained sidewalks, bike lanes, and pathways within the urbanized area that emphasize safety, connectivity, and efficiency for multimodal users of all ages and abilities.

Process

Projects are added, removed, and re-ranked through two processes. On an annual basis, the UTC adds, removes, and re-ranks items in a comprehensive review of the Priorities List. This ranking is conducted using a standardized rating system. Each UTC committee member rates each project on the list 1 - 3, with 3 being the highest value, in the following categories: Safety, Connectivity, Usage, Social Equity, and Current Condition (see below for definitions). Once the projects have been rated, a total score will be developed for each project. The project list is then ranked according to the total scores, from highest to lowest. At present, all five categories are equally weighted. Further adjustments and ranking may be made with the agreement of the Urban Trails Committee. Once the ranking is complete, the UTC's annual Active Transportation Priority List is published and shared with City Departments and the public.

When a project is added to the list, it will be given a unique identifying number (last two digits of the year, decimal point, followed by the numeric order of when the project was added). For example, "2020.4" would be the 4th project added to the list in 2020. Over time, this number could provide a point of reference for how long projects have remained on the list. Once a project has been funded it will be removed from the priority list and moved to the funded list. Once completed, the project will be moved to the completed list.

Connectivity [CNT] creates and completes connections in the network

Safety [SFT] decreases likelihood of accidents and injuries

Usage [USG] likely to increase usership and engage new user groups

Social Equity [EQY] enhances multimodal options for marginalized groups

Current Condition [CND] substantially improves the physical condition of infrastructure

Cost Estimate: This general estimate of costs is prepared by the Public Works Department.

**ATC:* This indicates that the project implements the existing Active Transportation Corridors Plan.

**CS:* This indicates that the project implements the Complete Streets Policy.

**Jurisd.:* This indicates that the project involves right(s)-of-way not controlled by the City of GJ.

- 1 Orchard Avenue** 2016.2
Install complete streets improvements along Orchard Avenue from Mesa Mall to 30 Road, with bike lanes and/or sharrows from 1st Street to 29 Road and paths, bike lanes and/or sharrows from Mesa Mall to 1st Street, most importantly providing sidewalks at Nisley Elementary School.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS
- 2 Colorado Riverfront Trail Gap – 27½ Road to 29 Road** 2016.6
Depending on timeframe and feasibility, it may be worth considering creating an alternate safe route on C½ and 29 Road to fill the gap of the missing Colorado Riverfront Trail section. This would include bike lanes and signage on C½ Road and a viaduct under 29 Road for the safe passage of pedestrians and bicycles on and off the Colorado Riverfront Trail.
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 3 North Avenue** 2017.1
Install Complete Streets improvements to provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities along and crossing North Avenue from 23rd Street to 30 Road.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.
- 4 Way-finding Signage** 2020.1
Develop and implement signage and striping for wayfinding throughout Grand Valley, in cooperation with Mesa County, Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Town of Palisade, and Fruita. The UTC recommends doing so in line with the UTC Wayfinding Program Draft.
Cost Estimate: *Jurisd.
- 5 Horizon/Independent Ranchman’s Ditch** 2016.3
Provide connectivity from Horizon Drive hotels to a trail following the Horizon Drive Channel down to 1st Street and Patterson where trail will connect and follow Independent Ranchman’s Ditch to Mesa Mall. This should be accomplished through a combination of off-street trails, canal trails, appropriate bicycle/pedestrian crossings and bike lanes. Much of this network will be built as the remaining undeveloped parcels in the area subdivide and develop.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *Jurisd.
- 6 [tie] Main Street – 1st Street to 8th Street** 2018.3
Utilize sharrow markings and signage along Main Street from 1st Street to 8th Street to improve the on-street bicycle facilities and reduce bicycles using the sidewalks, which is prohibited on this section of Main.
Cost Estimate *ATC *CS
- 6 [tie] 27½ Road (Orchard Mesa)** 2017.2
Complete Street improvements to provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities on 27½ Road in Orchard Mesa from B½ Road to UnawEEP Avenue. This project also includes similar improvements to 27¾ Road from UnawEEP Avenue to Cheyenne Drive/Eagle Rim Park.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS
- 7 [tie] I-70B and 1st Street** 2018.1
Provide improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities at and around the intersection of the I-70 Business Loop and 1st Street. Create a connection from the detached path that ends near the north end of Mulberry Street to the 1st Street corridor. Also improve the bicycle and pedestrian facilities along and crossing 1st Street between Grand Avenue and Pitkin Avenue.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.

- 7 [tie] 23rd/24th Street** 2016.14
 Provide Complete Streets improvements on 23rd Street from Gunnison Avenue to Orchard Avenue and on 24th Street from Gunnison to Belford and 23rd from Belford to Orchard). Provide bike lanes between Gunnison Avenue. and Orchard Avenue.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS
- 8 Crosby Avenue** 2016.9
 Construct complete streets improvements along Crosby Avenue from Base Rock Street (25 ½ Road) to the east side of the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge. This includes the addition of bike lanes along Crosby, as well as curb ramps connecting the new bike lanes to the pedestrian bridge.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS
- 9 [tie] “Black Bridge” Gunnison Crossing** 2016.10
 Construct a bridge at or near the historical location of the “Black Bridge” to provide direct bicycle and pedestrian access between the Redlands and Orchard Mesa. This would provide a connection from Highway 50 to Rosevale Road, facilitating connectivity between the two neighborhoods and between Tabeguache Trails and Colorado National Monument specifically. This is in alignment with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 9 [tie] 30 Road - Patterson Road to F½ Road** 2018.2
 Construct complete street improvements along 30 Road from Patterson Road to F ½ Road to provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.
- 10 [tie] 10th Street from Downtown to CMU** 2016.17
 Provide a strong connection from CMU to Downtown using innovative techniques to emphasize the bike friendly corridor that might include improved intersection design, green colored pavement, signage, and lighting.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.
- 10 [tie] Orchard Mesa Irrigation District Canal Trails** 2020.2
 Construct bicycle/pedestrian trails on four sections where ditches have been or will be piped and buried, where Orchard Mesa Irrigation District has voiced support for these projects. Such trails would serve as assets to the Orchard Mesa multimodal network and may provide a positive model for trails along irrigation canals
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.
- 11 3rd Street and Grand Avenue** 2020.3
 3rd Street and Grand Avenue protected median for North/South multimodal crossing. This may be reduced in priority if 4th Street and 5th Street become two-way streets with bike lanes.
Cost Estimate: *ATC

- 12 West Main Street** 2016.16
Install various multi-modal upgrades along West Main Street from the Colorado Riverfront Trail to the east side of 1st Street. Improve access to the Colorado Riverfront Trail from Downtown utilizing wayfinding signage, improved crosswalks and intersection design, and a clearly marked bike lane if street width is sufficient. Utilize sharrow markings and signage on West Main Street from the Colorado Riverfront Trail to the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge because bike lanes cannot fit within the existing street width.
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 13 Highway 340 (Broadway) Bridges Over River and Railroad** 2020.4
Carry out a lane diet on north side of the Highway 340 (Broadway) bridge (westbound lanes) and moving of concrete barrier resulting in a substantially wider bi-directional multiuse path. Also make chain-link fence more "friendly" and fix the gap beneath it.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.
- 14 [tie] Cyclist Sensors at Key Intersections** 2018.4
Install Sensors for Cyclists at the following signalized intersections: 5th Street at North Avenue; Orchard Avenue at 1st Street; Independent Avenue at 1st Street; 25½ Road at Patterson Road; 24½ Road at Highway 6 & 50; 15th Street at Patterson Road; Bookcliff Avenue at 12th Street; Bookcliff Avenue at 7th Street; Main Street at 1st Street (repair); 23rd Street at North Avenue; 10th Street at North Avenue (south side); and Orchard Avenue at 29½ Road.
Cost Estimate: *Jurisd.
- 14 [tie] Orchard Avenue and 28 Road Intersection** 2020.5
Redesign and reconstruct intersection at Orchard Avenue and 28 Road to improve navigability for bicycles and pedestrians.
Cost Estimate:
- 15 Monument Road Trail** 2016.7
Construct a detached concrete path from D Road to Tabeguache Trails and beyond to the South Camp Road path and Colorado National Monument. The segment of this trail from D Road to Tabeguache was constructed 2019-2020].
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 16 [tie] D Road/9th Street** 2016.12
Provide bike lanes on D Road between Riverside Parkway and 9th Street, and on 9th between D Road and Main Street, to facilitate connectivity from south of I-70 Business Loop to Downtown.
Cost Estimate: *CS
- 16 [tie] Westlake Park Access** 2020.6
Install a curb cut and trail ramp into Westlake Park to facilitate the Orchard Avenue crossing.
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 17 [tie] Tour of the Moon National Scenic Byway** 2020.7
Construct shoulders and install signage on all Tour of the Moon Byway rights-of-way controlled by City of Grand Junction.
Cost Estimate: *Jurisd.
- 17 [tie] 26 Road (1st Street)**
Install bike lanes along 26 Road (1st Street) from Patterson Road to I Road.
Cost Estimate: *CS *Jurisd.

- 17 [tie] H Road** 2020.8
 Install bike lanes along H Road from the Grand Junction Airport roundabout to 26 Road.
Cost Estimate: *CS
- 18 Audubon Trail Asphalt Section** 2020.9
 Replace the damaged asphalt trail section of the Audubon Trail from Redlands Marketplace to the Connected Lakes (James M. Robb) Colorado State Park entrance.
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 19 [tie] 28¼ Road Multimodal Extension** 2020.10
 Construct a 375-foot multimodal trail connection from the northerly stub of 28¼ Road to connect to Hawthorne Avenue.
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 19 [tie] Dos Rios Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge** 2020.11
 Construct bicycle/pedestrian bridge over railroad tracks, from Grand Junction Union Station to the Riverfront at Dos Rios.
- 20 Independent Avenue** 2020.12
 Widen shoulders along the west end of Independent Avenue from Splish Splash to Chik Filet.
Cost Estimate: *CS
- 21 [tie] North 7th Street** 2016.11
 Develop detached bicycle/pedestrian facilities on the west side of North 7th Street as an alternative to along the alley that borders Grand Junction High School and continue the CMU perimeter trail on east side of North 7th Street, with improved bicycle/pedestrian crossings.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.
- 21 [tie] F½ Road and Cortland Avenue** 2020.13
 Construct bike lanes along F½ Road from 28 Road to 33 Road, and along Cortland Avenue from 21½ Road to 28 Road.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.
- 21 [tie] South Rim Drive Intersection** 2020.14
 Redesign and redevelop the intersection of Redlands Parkway and South Rim Drive to improve multimodal accessibility.
Cost Estimate: *ATC
- 22 Broadway Trail** 2020.15
 Replace damaged asphalt trail section stemming from the Colorado Riverfront Trail from the Redlands Power Canal bridge up the hill to East Mayfield Drive.
Cost Estimate: *ATC *Jurisd.
- 23 South Camp Road Trail** 2020.16
 Replace damaged asphalt at the trail section of South Camp Road Trail from Rimrock Road to Wingate Elementary.
Cost Estimate: *ATC

24 [tie] West Independent Avenue 2018.5

Construct complete street improvements along West Independent Avenue from 24 ¾ Road to Bogart Lane, including 24¾ Road to I-70 Business Loop, adding width to the paved road surface to allow for striping of on-street bike lanes.

Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS

24 [tie] Colorado Riverfront Trail Connector – West Orchard Mesa Bridge 2020.17

Replace the damaged asphalt trail section on the Colorado Riverfront Trail Connector from the West Orchard Mesa Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge to Eagle Rim Park.

Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS *Jurisd.

25 [tie] Riverfront Trail Redlands Boat Ramp Asphalt Section 2020.18

Replace the damaged asphalt trail section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail from the Redlands Boat Ramp to Bananas Fun Park (2469 Riverside Parkway).

Cost Estimate: *ATC

25 [tie] Redlands Parkway Trail 2020.19

Replace the damaged asphalt trail section along Redlands Parkway from the roundabout at Highway 340 (Broadway) and Redlands Parkway to the Redlands Boat Ramp.

Cost Estimate: *ATC

26 [tie] Redlands Parkway/South Broadway 2016.8

Construct multimodal improvements along South Camp Road to 23¾ Road. Add a bike lane westbound beginning at 23¾ Road, crossing Highway 340 (Broadway), to South Camp Road.

Cost Estimate: *ATC *CS

26 [tie] The Ridges Trail System 2020.20

Replace damaged asphalt trail sections along the entire trail system in The Ridges development and make a new trail connection from Duck Pond Park to Ridge Circle Drive.

Cost Estimate: *ATC

27 Riverside Bridge to Highway 340 (Broadway) Connection 2020.21

Create an improved connection from east end of Riverside bicycle/pedestrian bridge to the Highway 340 (Broadway) and Rice Street intersection. This could include construction of a bridge from the north end of the Riverside Bicycle-Pedestrian bridge (halfway down) connecting directly to the wide sidewalk on Highway 340 (Broadway).

Cost Estimate: *ATC *Jurisd.

28 Portland Loo-style Bathrooms Downtown 2020.22

The Portland Loo is a public bathroom model first implemented in the City of Portland, designed specifically to prevent problems that are commonly experienced with public toilets. The sleek and modern kiosk discourages crime with graffiti-proof wall panels and open grating. And, they're easy to clean.

Cost Estimate:

FUNDED PROJECTS

24 Road/Redlands Parkway 2016.4

Safer navigation of pedestrians and bicycles over the I-70 Business Loop. This may involve a road diet and include a separated lane for bikes and pedestrians. Ideally this will include a larger scheme of linking The Riverfront Trail to bike lanes that go to Canyon View Park and a connection to the existing Leach Creek detached path.

Funded

F ½ Road to Thunder Mountain Elementary 2017.3

Construct complete streets improvements to provide continuous bike and pedestrian facilities along F ½ Road 30 Road to Thunder Mountain Elementary.

Funded

26 ½ Road Bridge 2020.0

Construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across I-70 at 26 ½ Road to improve access to Northwest neighborhoods.

Funded

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Riverside Park Drive Pathway 2016.15

Provide a separated path as a continuation of the Colorado Riverfront Trail through the Riverside neighborhood.

Completed 2019

Horizon Drive BID Trail Network Plan 2019.0*

The Horizon Drive Business Improvement District's Trail Network Plan was completed in 2019.

Completed 2019

Monument Road Trail 2016.7

Construct a detached concrete path from D Road to Tabeguache Trails and beyond to the South Camp Road path and the Colorado National Monument. The segment of this trail from D Road to Tabeguache was constructed 2019-2020.

Partially Completed 2020

Redlands Parkway/South Broadway 2016.8

The segment of Redlands Parkway/South Broadway from Highway 340 (Broadway) to South Camp Road was completed when bike lanes were added concurrent with street maintenance in 2016. The roundabout at Highway 340 (Broadway) & Redlands Parkway was built in 2018.

Partially Completed 2016

1st Street 2016.1

Construct complete street upgrades for 1st Street from Ouray Avenue to Orchard Avenue. Redevelop the four through-lanes into two through-lanes with a center turn-lane and bike lanes. Bike lane enhancements included maintaining the bike lanes across the North Avenue intersection and five-foot width lanes from North Avenue to Orchard Avenue.

Completed 2017

Riverfront Trail Gap – 29 Road Bridge Crossing 2016.6

The gap in the Riverfront Trail between 27½ Road and 29 Road saw progress with the construction of the segment of trail crossing under the 29 Road River Bridge and connecting to both sides of 29 Road.

Completed 2018

Riverfront Trail – Flooded Blue Heron Section 2020.0

Replace the Blue Heron Lake section of the Riverfront Trail that fell into Colorado River.

Completed 2020

Orchard Avenue [partial] 2016.1

Complete Streets improvements for the segment for Orchard Avenue from Normandy Drive to 29 Road were constructed 2019.

Partially Completed 2019

B½ Road crossing of Highway 50 2016.5

Transform the existing elevated automobile crossing into a bridge for bicycle and pedestrian use to facilitate safer travel to either side of Highway 50. This will provide safer routes to schools, the County Fairgrounds, ballfields and BMX track. This would also include bike lanes on B ½ Road to facilitate E/W connectivity, as well as connections to the Riverfront.

Completed 2017

South 7th Street 2019.1

Create a strong bicycle/pedestrian connection from Main Street to River Front Trail along 7th Street using innovative techniques, such as painted, buffered or separated bike lanes.

Encourage use with wayfinding signage.

Completed 2019