



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# EXISTING CONDITIONS & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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# Introduction

This report provides a summary of the existing conditions and needs assessment of the bicycle and pedestrian network in Grand Junction, including a summary of the community outreach findings conducted as part of the *Grand Junction Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*. The existing conditions needs assessment includes the following major components:

- Summary of Existing Relevant Plans
- Existing Pedestrian Network
- Existing Bicycle Network
- Level of Traffic Stress Analysis for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Active Transportation High Injury Network Analysis
- Existing Pedestrian and Bicycle Demand
- Input Received from the Community

The findings of the analysis and data summarized in this report informed strategies and recommendations in the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*.

# Summary of Relevant Plans

The section provides a summary of existing local and regional plans, documents, and existing technical design standards relevant to the Grand Junction Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan. These documents provide a foundation for developing the vision for active transportation in Grand Junction.

## Previous Plans

### ONE Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan (2020)

The city adopted the *One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan* in 2021, as an update to the 2010 *Comprehensive Plan*, addressing changes that occurred over the intermediate decade and setting strategies to guide decision-making for the next 10 to 20 years. Community input helped drive the development of the plan principles that will guide the vision for Grand Junction until 2040. *One Grand Junction* is comprised of eleven plan principles that examine current conditions and goals for the future. The Plan Principles are:

- Plan Principle 1: Collective Identity
- Plan Principle 2: Resilient and Diverse Economy
- Plan Principle 3: Responsible and Managed Growth
- Plan Principle 4: Downtown and University Districts
- Plan Principle 5: Strong Neighborhoods and Housing Choices
- Plan Principle 6: Efficient and Connected Transportation
- Plan Principle 7: Great Places and Recreation
- Plan Principle 8: Resource Stewardship
- Plan Principle 9: Quality Education and Facilities
- Plan Principle 10: Safe, Healthy, and Inclusive Community
- Plan Principle 11: Effective and Transparent Government

*Plan Principle 6* outlines strategies to create an efficient, connected transportation network where Grand Junction residents have multiple convenient travel options. This principle includes numerous recommendations that will be incorporated within the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*:

- Balance all modes in decision-making by the city
- Continue implementation of the Complete Streets Policy, with priority given to projects near schools, employment corridors, bus stops, Active Transportation Corridors and other key destinations; and specific infrastructure such as sidewalks, bike lanes, protected intersections, pedestrian bridges and underpasses, and median islands
- Reduce severe crashes by providing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all users and modes
- Improve first and last mile connections to transit
- Encourage bicycle commuting by requiring bike parking, lockers, and/or shower facilities with development

- Implement better wayfinding

Finally, the development of this *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan* fulfills the recommendation to establish such a plan to prioritize pedestrian and bicycle projects in Grand Junction.

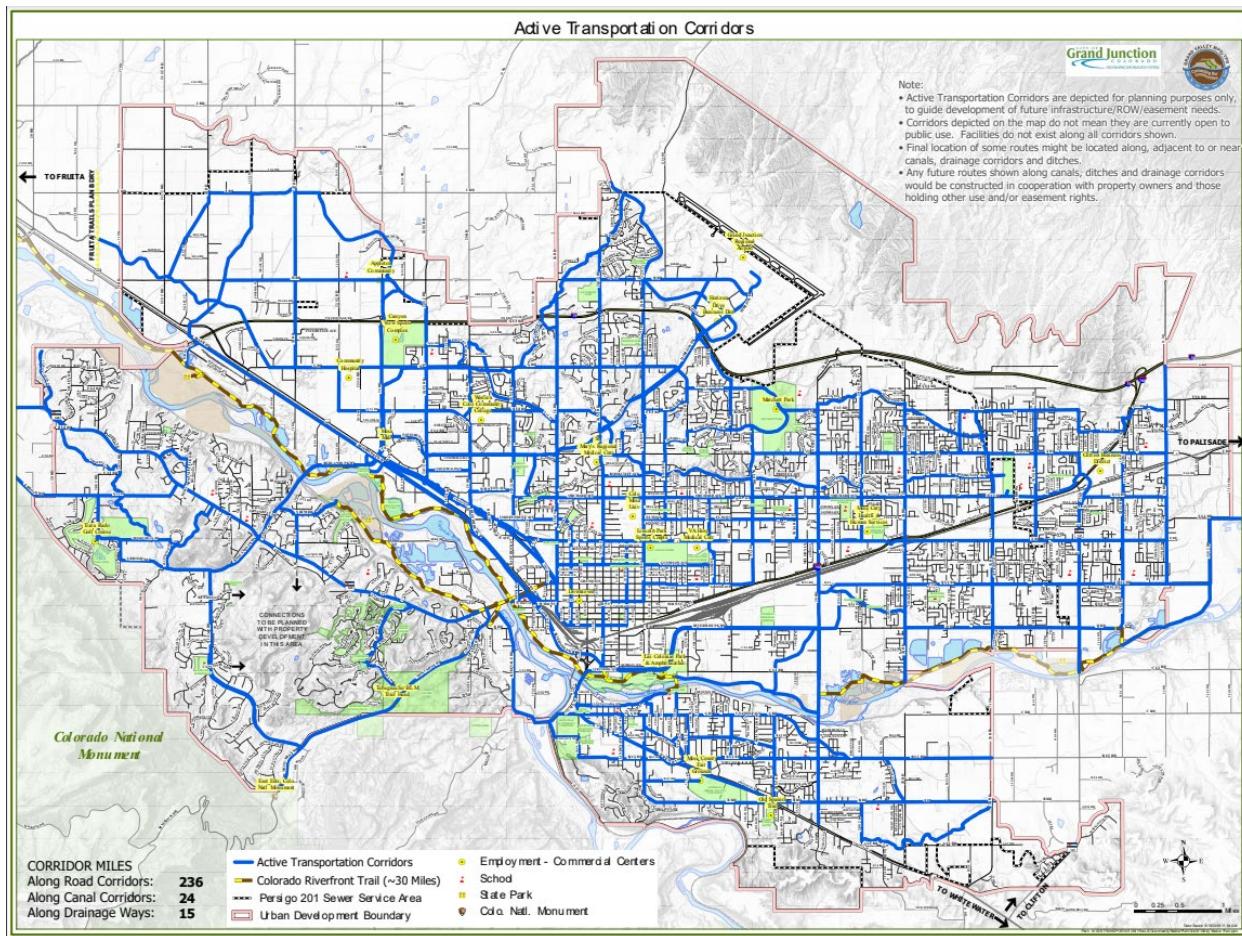
### **Grand Junction Circulation Plan (2018)**

*The Grand Junction Circulation Plan* was developed in coordination with the city's comprehensive planning process and updated in 2018. The plan sets forth transportation principles, strategies, and vision that will improve access to jobs, healthcare, goods, services, recreation, and other community amenities. The plan includes numerous maps to guide future planning efforts.

The Network Map is a conceptual view of the community from an overall "30,000 foot" vantage point that identifies important corridors and linkages connecting centers, neighborhoods, and community attractions. It is implemented through capital construction of streets, sidewalks and trail infrastructure.

As a part of the *Circulation Plan*, the city also identified Active Transportation Corridors important for non-motorized travel (shown in **Figure 1**). The Active Transportation Corridors Map replaces the *Urban Trails Master Plan*, adopted by the city in 2001.

These corridors will create Grand Junction's backbone active transportation network, improving comfort for people walking, rolling, and biking as the city upgrades or completes pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The intent of this map is to establish a complete, connected network of sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails that connects communities across Grand Junction via existing and planned infrastructure.



**FIGURE 1: PLANNED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS MAP FROM THE 2018 GRAND JUNCTION CIRCULATION PLAN**

Active transportation corridors total 275 miles, with 236 miles along the road, 24 miles along canal corridors, and 15 miles along drainage ways. The Active Transportation Corridors can accommodate users on the road network or separate trail. The city will need to construct any future routes along canals, ditches, and drainage corridors in cooperation with property owners and those holding other use and/or easement rights.

*The Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan* will refine this network to ensure it reflects the community's current network vision and improves access to key destinations. The updated Active Transportation Corridors will be the vision for the future bike network and key pedestrian corridors in Grand Junction.

### Grand Valley Regional Transportation Plan (2020)

The *Grand Valley 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* was adopted to maintain the region's transportation system, ensure the efficient movement of people and goods, and support future growth and development. The RTP is anchored by goal statements for active transportation, transit, regional roadways, safety, freight, funding, and maintenance. The active transportation goal is to "foster active transportation by providing a regionally connected network of low-stress facilities that are safe for people walking and biking."

To support this goal, the plan outlines strategies to guide practitioners on how to prioritize active transportation projects:

- Prioritize on-street projects that connect to the Grand Valley's existing and planned off-street multi-use path network.
- Identify new opportunities for regional travel on foot or bicycle that supplement the *Circulation Plan* by identifying gaps in the off-street multi-use path network that connect major population centers, major employment centers, parks, and public lands across the Grand Valley.
- Improve the pedestrian and bicycle experience by prioritizing sidewalks, bike facilities, and crossings that connect to bus stops, parks, schools, grocery stores, and public lands.
- Prioritize implementation of active transportation facilities on corridors that provide comfortable and low-stress connections for the first-last mile gaps between transit stops and key destinations, including parks and public land trailheads.

## Relevant Documents

### Complete Streets Policy (2018)

The city adopted a Complete Streets Policy in 2018 to encourage street design that enables safe use and mobility for people of all ages and abilities, whether they are traveling as pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, or drivers. It also sets context-sensitive design standards and approaches for all construction and reconstruction of the city's transportation system. These standards will be consulted during the development of the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan* and *Transportation Engineering Design Standards (TEDS) Manual Update* that will guide recommendations on how to improve implementation of the policy.

The vision of the Complete Streets Policy is to develop a safe, efficient, and reliable travel network of streets, sidewalks, and urban trails throughout Grand Junction. The transportation strategies identified in the comprehensive plan and *Circulation Plan* will help the community achieve its complete streets vision. The purpose of the Complete Streets Policy is to expand everyone's travel choices, particularly safe and convenient mode options. Safety, including a reduction in hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists is a main driver of the Policy. To meet the vision of the Complete Streets Policy, the city established a series of complete street principles and context sensitive design standards to determine priority investments to guide implementation.

The policy is applicable to all development and redevelopment in the public realm within the City of Grand Junction. It applies to the work of all city departments and other entities working within the public right-of-way. In addition, it is intended to guide all private development that affects streets, the transportation system, and the public realm. The city outlined performance measures in the areas of safety, access, and health and environment to track the success of the policy. The city can collect and analyze data such as crashes, the number of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, and the percentage of students who walk or bike to school to measure policy success. To ensure implementation of the policy, Grand Junction aims to integrate it with other existing and new policies, transportation projects, and consistently throughout departments.

## Transportation and Engineering Design Standards (TEDS) Manual

The *TEDS Manual* provides the teeth for implementation of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure around the city. It guides developers and city engineers on how to design new and reconstructed streets, the impacts of which will be felt for many generations. Fehr & Peers is concurrently helping the city update the pedestrian and bicycle components of the *TEDS Manual* in tandem with the development of the new *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*, to ensure cohesive guidance in both documents.

Updates may include better transit stop design guidance, pedestrian and bicycle crossing guidelines, street cross sections, and more. This will support implementation of the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*, while considering the context of Grand Junction's existing street network and environment.

## Grand Junction Fire Code

Ordinance Number 4830 prescribes regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, explosion, and chemical release. Grand Junction's *TEDS Manual* is responsible for the design standards of dead-end fire apparatus road turnarounds. Additionally, all residential and commercial/industrial cul-de-sac designs shall adhere to *TEDS Manual*. Design standard requirements will be reviewed and updated in accordance with the latest guidance.

## Zoning and Development Code

Grand Junction is in the process of updating their zoning code to better reflect the goals and policies described in the *ONE Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan*, especially those key principles related to responsible and managed growth and strong neighborhoods and housing choices. The following sections have existing design practices, mostly along North Avenue that will be reflected in the *TEDS Manual* update.

- **Section 32.48.030 Designing Street Intersections** - Design of intersections should follow AASHTO's guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities. Community input identified that safety is needed for cyclists and pedestrians without impeding traffic.
- **Section 32.48.0070 Curb Cut Consolidation** - To reduce curb cuts along North Avenue, at the time of redevelopment curb cuts will be consolidated.
- **Section 32.48.100 Transit** - All transit stops on North Avenue should be off-street pull-outs. Bus shelters should be incorporated at higher use transit stop locations.

## Vibrant Together: A Downtown Initiative

The Downtown Development Authority launched this effort to build upon the successes of the *1981 Plan of Development* and identify a new vision for downtown Grand Junction that aligns with the needs of the community. *Vibrant Together* sets five main goals for identity, downtown development, vibrancy, connectivity, and safety and comfort. To bring more people downtown and better link it with the river, the plan identifies three main strategies to improve connectivity, placemaking, and infill development. Strategies around connectivity will be relevant to this planning effort and they include:

- Convert 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to two-way streets
- Prioritize pedestrian and bike improvements to improve mobility throughout downtown and to the river



- Create a 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Promenade connecting the Train Depot to Two Rivers Plaza
- Initiate a gateway and wayfinding study to improve ease of navigation for people walking, biking, and driving downtown

### **Horizon Drive Business Improvement District Trails Master Plan**

The Horizon Drive District is a business improvement district that uses a fee on its member businesses along Horizon Drive, a major gateway to the city, to make capital investments in the corridor. They stimulate business in this area through beautification projects, transportation improvements, and promotion of tourism.

The trails plan recommends aligning the existing trail network with businesses along Horizon Drive to increase connectivity for pedestrians. Proposed future trail additions to the BID network use the canal trail and are contingent upon the canal trail loop completion, construction of which would occur in phases beginning with the South West Loop. Art installations, workout stations, rest areas, and other amenities would anchor each loop. The plan documents drainageway conditions and constraints as well as graphic examples of alignments. New recommendations for trails in this area will consider the suggestions already made in this plan.

### **Bicycle Friendly Community Designation**

The League of American Bicyclists recognized Grand Junction as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community in 2018. A bronze designation recognizes the great trails and bikeways that have been established over the years and gives the city some additional goals to work toward. Grand Junction performs well in many performance criteria but has room for improvement in the categories of engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation and planning. Recommended steps for Grand Junction to achieve a higher designation include:

- Prioritize planned projects and a reporting mechanism for the community to follow progress on infrastructure improvements.
- Increase the amount of high quality, Association of Professional Bicycle Professionals (APBP)-compliant bicycle parking.
- Launch a public bike share system.
- Expand the audience for educational programs to include high school students, college students, and new drivers.
- Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs.
- Develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, incentive program, and/or a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters.
- Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote biking to their employees and customers and to seek recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Business.
- Develop a bike patrol unit to improve bicyclist/officer relations, and ensure that all law enforcement officers have basic training or experience with biking.
- Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy.
- Formalize a Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator position.

## Walk Friendly Community Report Card

Grand Junction applied for and failed to receive a Walk Friendly Communities designation from Walk Friendly Communities. The *Walk Friendly Community Report Card* identified the Urban Trails Committee, ADA transition plan, and collection of pedestrian and bicycle counts as positive progress in the community. Grand Junction is on the right track in planning and engineering efforts, but areas that need attention are education/encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation of metrics. Grand Junction has the potential to become a Walk Friendly Community through the following steps:

- Formalize a Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator position.
- Establish a pedestrian safety action plan with performance targets and metrics.
- Set mode share and safety goals.
- Reform parking policy via parking maximums or absence of minimums.
- Continue implementing Complete Streets Policy.
- Expand Safe Routes to School Program.
- Educate staff on walking, walkability, and pedestrian safety.
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding.
- Maintain and complete the sidewalk network.
- Establish concrete design guidelines.
- Enforce in areas with high pedestrian volumes/safety issues and consider automated enforcement.
- Increase share of enforcement that occurs on foot or bike.
- Establish permanent bicycle and pedestrian count locations.
- Perform regular safety evaluation of completed projects.

# Existing Pedestrian Network

The existing pedestrian network map in **Figure 3** shows which streets in the Grand Junction planning area currently have an attached sidewalk, detached sidewalk, or no sidewalk on either side of the street. Examples of each of these walkway conditions are shown in **Figure 2**.



**FIGURE 2: SIDEWALK CONDITION EXAMPLES**

Conditions supportive of pedestrians include wide and smooth sidewalks, a buffer zone between the sidewalk and roadway (particularly vertical buffers like landscaping and street furniture, which also provide shade and places to sit), accessible curb ramps at corners, a gridded street network, and shorter block lengths. While the first few factors are more straightforward, shorter blocks and gridded streets (or at least streets with numerous connections north-south and east-west) provide more route options and allow people walking and rolling to choose more direct paths between destinations.

The condition of the existing pedestrian network in Grand Junction varies considerably by location in the city. Many of the major streets in Grand Junction currently have a sidewalk, but there are notable gaps as well across the city. The pedestrian environment in the core of the city around downtown is dominated by relatively short blocks, a gridded street network, and importantly, detached sidewalks that make the area generally more comfortable to pedestrians than other parts of the city. Other high-comfort facilities for pedestrians include the relatively robust trail network through Grand Junction, currently confined mostly to the Colorado River corridor.

Many parts of the city outside the historic core lack direct connections through neighborhoods and these areas more commonly feature attached sidewalks or no sidewalks.

Street characteristics like roadway width, speed, and volume, affect the comfort of someone walking or rolling on an attached sidewalk. Missing sidewalks in neighborhoods and commercial areas can pose a significant barrier to choosing to walk for even short trips. These areas of missing sidewalks, along with major arterials with uncomfortable and inaccessible sidewalks and roadway crossings, create broad gaps in the pedestrian network and prevent residents from choosing to walk downtown or elsewhere.

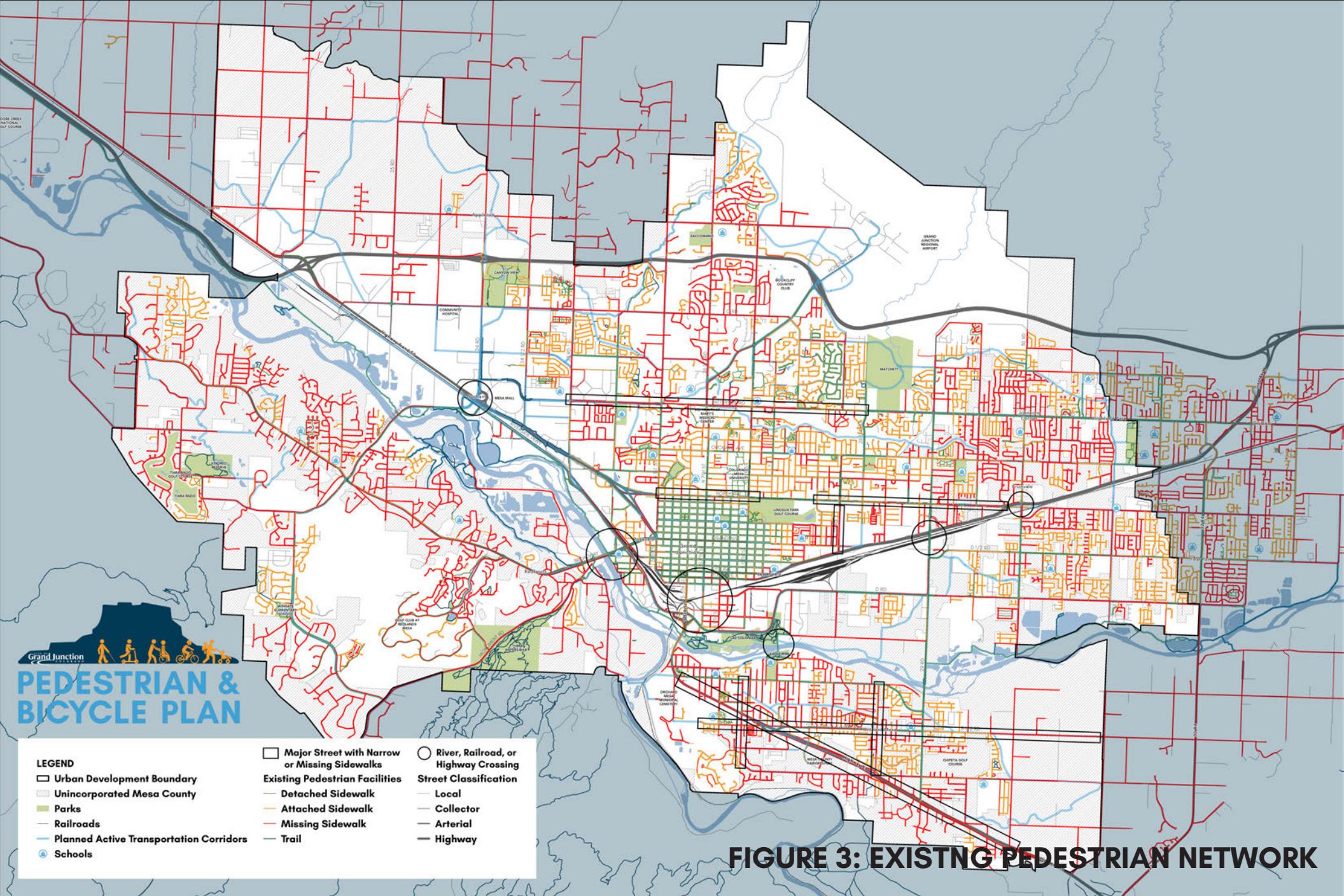
As shown in **Figure 3**, notable major streets with sections of narrow or missing sidewalks include, but are not limited to:

- North Avenue
- Patterson Road
- 24 Road (over US 50/US 6)
- 28 Road
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street (south of downtown)
- Several key connections in the Orchard Mesa Neighborhood, such as US 50, B ½ Road, 27 Road, and 28 ½ Road.

Many comments received from the public reflect a desire to improve pedestrian and bicycle crossings of the Colorado River, US 50, and the railroad tracks. These features represent significant barriers for people walking and biking between neighborhoods on either side, especially for people connecting from the Redlands, Orchard Mesa, and the Riverfront Trail to Downtown, Colorado Mesa University (CMU), and Mesa Mall. As shown in **Figure 3**, this is amplified by the fact that there are only a few streets or paths that connect across the river and railroad, including:

- Redlands Parkway/24 Road
- Broadway
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street (US 50)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street/9<sup>th</sup> Street/the multi-use trail bridge at Eagle Rim Park
- 29 Road

Of these crossings, 24 Road and 9<sup>th</sup> Street lack sidewalks and bicycle facilities. Numerous commenters suggested the opportunity and value of installing new connections that would provide greater redundancy in the active transportation network and improve access across these barriers. These include 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 28 Road, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from downtown to Dos Rios.



# Existing Bicycle Network

The current bicycle network in Grand Junction consists of shared streets that are signed bike routes, striped bike lanes (including two streets with buffered bike lanes – 1<sup>st</sup> Street and East Main Street), and trails. Figure 4 shows examples in Grand Junction of each of these facility types and a map of the existing bike network is provided in Figure 5.



**FIGURE 4: EXISTING BICYCLE FACILITY TYPES IN GRAND JUNCTION**

One of the city's most used facilities and a key asset for bicycle mobility across the city is the Riverfront Trail that parallels the Colorado River, generally running east–west. Most of the existing bike facilities overlap with the city's designated Active Transportation Corridors. However, the existing bike network is disconnected in many places. Most of the Active Transportation Corridors currently lack bike facilities, and in many parts of the city multi-use trails, bike lanes and bike routes on low volume streets end abruptly. Key gaps in the bike network include, but are not limited to, sections of: 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street, North Avenue, Patterson Road, 24 Road, and Orchard Avenue.

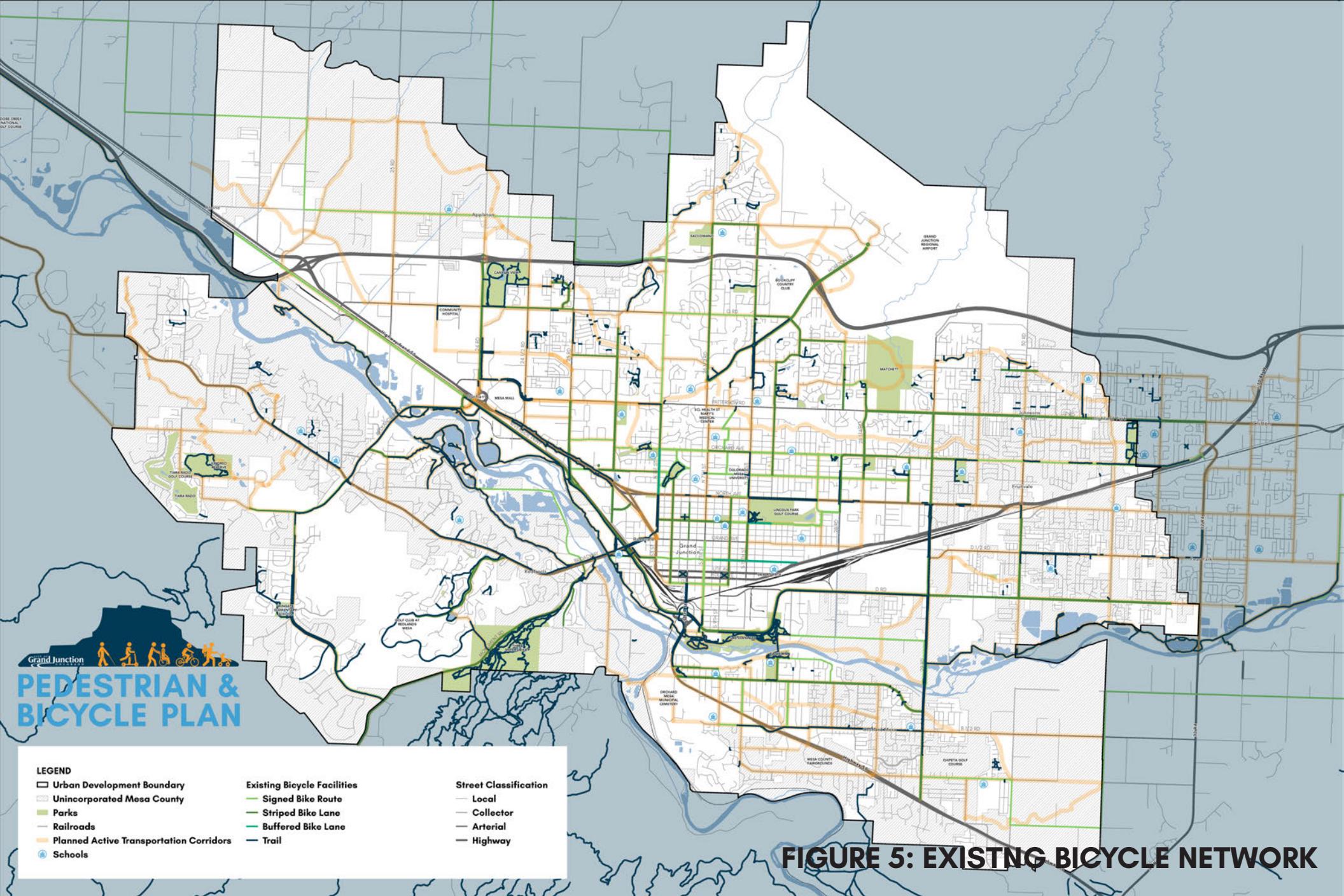
Additionally, some locations with existing bike facilities are not sufficient to provide a comfortable experience for cyclists given the characteristics of the street. Generally, the highest-comfort facilities for people biking are detached trails and buffered or protected bike lanes. Like attached sidewalks, the comfort of striped bike lanes depends on street characteristics including roadway width, speed, and volume. Since they provide minimal space between someone biking and vehicle traffic, this type of facility can be adequate on a low-volume neighborhood street, but is less comfortable on a major arterial. Many of the streets in Grand Junction with existing bike lanes are not wide enough or do not provide enough separation from traffic to provide a comfortable experience for bicyclists given the volume and speed of traffic. Notable examples include Patterson Road, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 28 1/4 Road, and parts of 29 Road a D Road. Signed bike routes are useful

wayfinding for people biking and signal the presence of cyclists to people driving, but depending on the volume and speed of traffic and treatments at major crossing, signed facilities alone may not provide a comfortable facility for bicyclists.

Like the pedestrian network, many comments from the public reflect a desire to improve major crossings of the Colorado River, US 50, and the railroad tracks. Access to the Riverfront Trail emerged as an important value to the community for bicyclists and can be difficult to get to by bike from the north, including from downtown/CMU, and the Mesa Mall due to the limited number of crossings. Of the five crossings identified in the Pedestrian Section, 24 Road, 5th Street<sup>1</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street lack bicycle facilities, and 29 Road crossings does not provide a high comfort facility.

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<sup>1</sup> Along the 5<sup>th</sup> Street crossing, the sidewalk narrows to 6' places, and because a sidewalk must be at least 8' wide (and ideally 10' to 12') to be considered a multiuse trail, the 5<sup>th</sup> Street overpass is not considered an existing bicycle facility.



# Level of Traffic Stress

## What is Level of Traffic Stress (LTS)?

Walking and biking comfort along roadways in the City of Grand Junction was measured using a modified version of the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) criteria and scoring system developed by Mekuria, Furth, and Nixon (2012) in *Low Stress Bicycling and Network Connectivity*.<sup>2</sup>

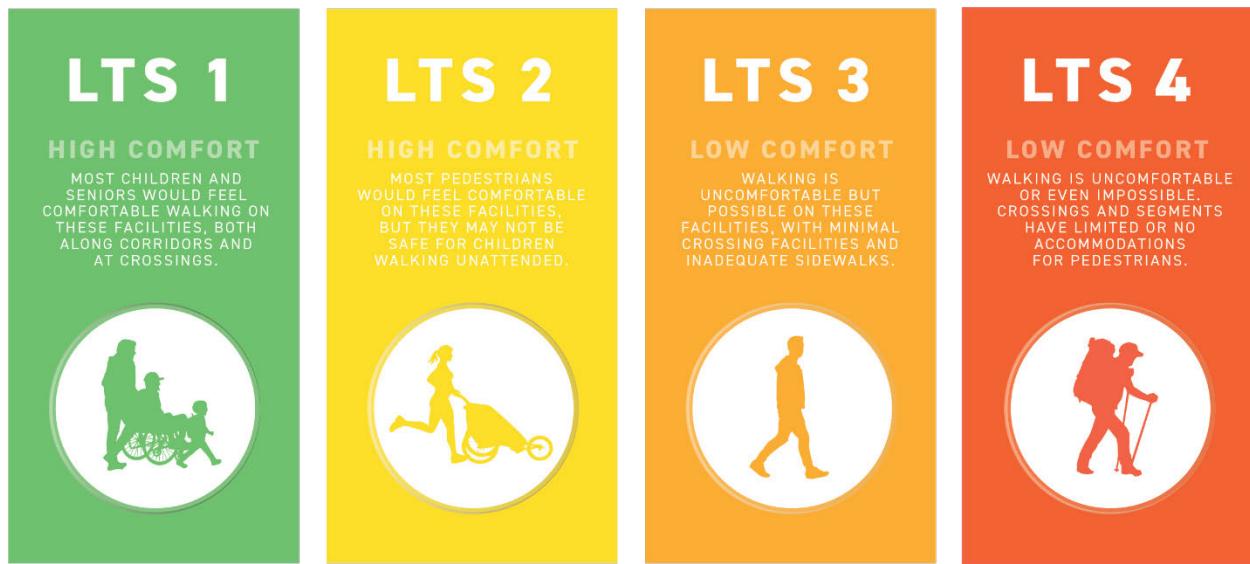


FIGURE 6: BICYCLE LTS

The LTS system assigns a street a score from 1 to 4 based on a combination of factors. An LTS of 1 indicates the most comfortable, least stressful facility that accommodates people of all ages and abilities – one which a child could comfortably walk or bike, for example (Figure 6). An LTS of 4 indicates the least comfortable, most stressful facility that most people would avoid using – one in which only a very “strong and fearless” cyclist would ride (less than 1% of the population). An LTS 2 facility is also relatively low stress and accommodating, while a facility with an LTS of 3 would be an environment that those familiar with biking and willing to accept a slightly more stressful environment might choose. LTS 3 facilities cater to “enthused and confident” cyclists, roughly 7% of the population, while LTS 2 facilities cater to “interested but concerned” riders, roughly 60% of the population.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Mekuria, M., Furth, P., & Nixon, H. (2012). Low Stress Bicycling and Network Connectivity. *Mineta Transportation Institute*. Retrieved from <https://peterfurth.sites.northeastern.edu/2014/05/21/criteria-for-level-of-traffic-stress/>.

<sup>3</sup> Geller R. (2006). Four Types of Cyclists. *Portland Bureau of Transportation*. Retrieved from <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/264746>.



**FIGURE 7: PEDESTRIAN LTS**

Similar to the Bicycle LTS, the Pedestrian LTS system also ranks pedestrian facilities on a scale from 1 to 4, with LTS 1 representing the most comfortable, least stressful facility that accommodates children, older adults, people with mobility challenges, parents with strollers, and everyone between; while LTS 4 facilities may only be used by the most fearless walkers (Figure 7).

## Methodology

### Bicycle LTS

The LTS methodology considers the type of bicycle facility, presence of a parking lane, travel lane width, traffic speed, number of lanes, and traffic volumes on a roadway segment to score bike paths, bike lanes with and without buffers, and bike routes. Intersection crossings are not factored into the analysis due to data availability. The criteria shown in **Table 1** through **Table 3** simplifies the latest 2022 LTS tables to account for available data in Grand Junction (data on presence of a parking lane and travel lane widths are unavailable). Data for each of these attributes was collected and coded for each roadway segment in the city, then the LTS was calculated in GIS.

**Using the LTS methodology, multi-use paths and trails, raised cycle tracks, and protected bike lanes are automatically given a score of 1.**

For bike lanes and other types of facilities, scores depend on the number of lanes, posted speed limits, and average daily traffic (ADT), as shown in **Table 1** through **Table 3**.

**TABLE 1: BUFFERED BIKE LANES**

	25	30	35	40	45	50
<b>5-6 lanes</b>	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4
<b>3-4 lanes</b>	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 3
<b>1-2 lanes</b>	LTS 1	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 3

**TABLE 2: STRIPED BIKE LANES**

		25	30	35	40	45	50
<b>5-6 lanes</b>		LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4
<b>3-4 lanes</b>		LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4
<b>1-2 lanes</b>	<b>ADT &gt;1000</b>	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4
	<b>ADT ≤1000</b>	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4

**TABLE 3: SIGNED BIKE ROUTES/NO FACILITY/MIXED TRAFFIC**

	ADT	20	25	30	35	40	45
<b>5-6 lanes</b>	<b>Any</b>	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4
<b>3-4 lanes</b>	<b>&gt;8000</b>	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4
	<b>≤8000</b>	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4
<b>1-2 lanes</b>	<b>&gt;3000</b>	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4	LTS 4
	<b>1001-3000</b>	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3	LTS 4
	<b>≤1000</b>	LTS 1	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 3

A few streets in the network were also manually rescored based on local understanding of roadway conditions, such as frequent curb cuts and driveways, or other uncomfortable features, as shown in Figure 8. These manual reclassifications include Pitkin Avenue (LTS 4), Ute Avenue (LTS 4), and parts of North Avenue (LTS 4).



**FIGURE 8: CURB CUTS AND SIDEWALK CONDITIONS ON NORTH AVENUE**

#### Pedestrian LTS

The Pedestrian LTS methodology used in Grand Junction is a modified version of the criteria used in StreetScore+, a tool developed by Fehr & Peers to assess people's comfort walking and biking along a street. StreetScore+ is a streamlined method for assessing Level of Traffic Stress for people walking and biking and includes more factors than a traditional LTS analysis (such as sidewalk width, sidewalk quality, buffer width, and other factors). Unfortunately, the city's sidewalk data was limited, but the Grand Junction Safe Routes to School program already developed a sidewalk layer that considers whether sidewalks are detached, attached, or missing.

The pedestrian LTS methodology shown in **Table 4** and

Table 5 considers sidewalk type, number of lanes, and posted speed limits. Data for each of these attributes was collected and coded for each roadway segment in the city, then the LTS was calculated in GIS.

**Using the LTS methodology, multi-use paths and trails are automatically given a score of 1.**

**TABLE 4: DETACHED SIDEWALKS**

	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 4
<b>Lanes</b>	2-3		4-5	6
<b>Speed limit</b>	25	30	35	40+

**TABLE 5: ATTACHED SIDEWALKS**

	LTS 1	LTS 2	LTS 3	LTS 4
<b>Lanes</b>	2-3		4-5	6
<b>Speed limit</b>	20	25	30	35+

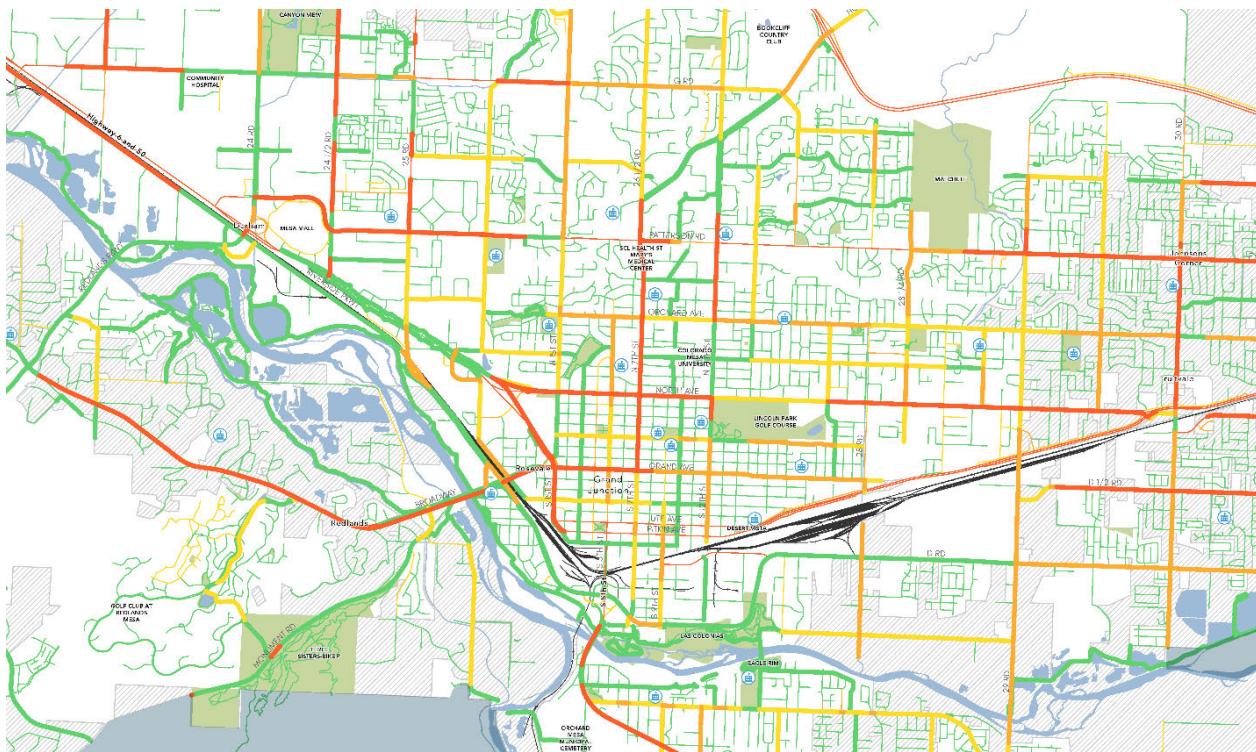
When applying the standard LTS methodology, streets with missing sidewalks would typically be classified as LTS 4. The methodology was modified for Grand Junction based on input from city staff and members of the Steering Committee, to reflect that narrow, low speed, low traffic volume neighborhood streets are viewed as relatively comfortable spaces to walk, even in the street. Furthermore, in many of these locations there is not a desire by the residents of the community to add sidewalks to preserve the narrow, rural nature of the street.

**Using the LTS methodology, streets with missing sidewalks are automatically given a score of 4 UNLESS 1-2 lanes, ADT  $\leq$ 1000 and speed  $\leq$ 25 mph - then scored LTS 2.**

## Bicycle LTS

Figure 9 and Figure 10 show the Grand Junction street network and trails classified by bicycle LTS. Active Transportation Corridors are shown with thicker lines on the map. Most local neighborhood streets are classified as LTS 1 facilities due to having fewer lanes and slower speeds. However, the Active Transportation Corridors, often score more poorly (LTS 3 or 4) where they lack adequate bicycle facilities. This is because

many of these corridors are higher speed, higher volume streets where bicyclists need more separation from traffic to have a low-stress experience.



#### LEGEND

- Urban Development Boundary
- ▨ Unincorporated Mesa County
- Parks
- Railroads
- Schools

**Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress**

**Active Transportation Corridors**

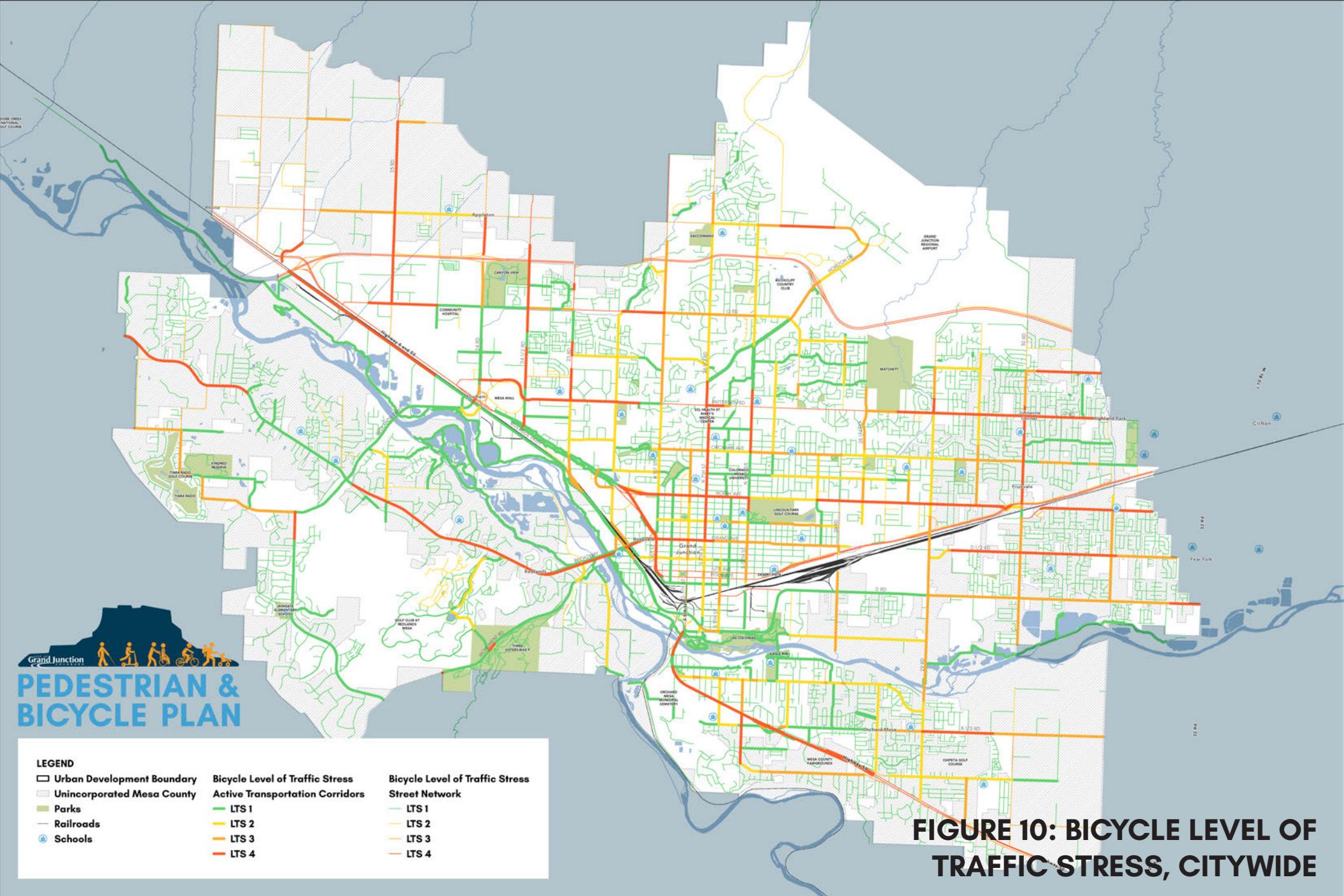
- LTS 1
- LTS 2
- LTS 3
- LTS 4

**Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress**

**Street Network**

- LTS 1
- LTS 2
- LTS 3
- LTS 4

FIGURE 9: BICYCLE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS DOWNTOWN



## Pedestrian LTS

Figure 11 and Figure 12 show the Grand Junction street network and trails classified by Pedestrian LTS. Many local neighborhood streets lack sidewalks but are classified as LTS 2 facilities because they are low volume, low speed, narrow neighborhood streets. However, Active Transportation Corridors, many of which are higher speed, higher volume, wider arterials, score more poorly where they lack adequate pedestrian facilities, such as a sufficiently wide sidewalk with a buffer.

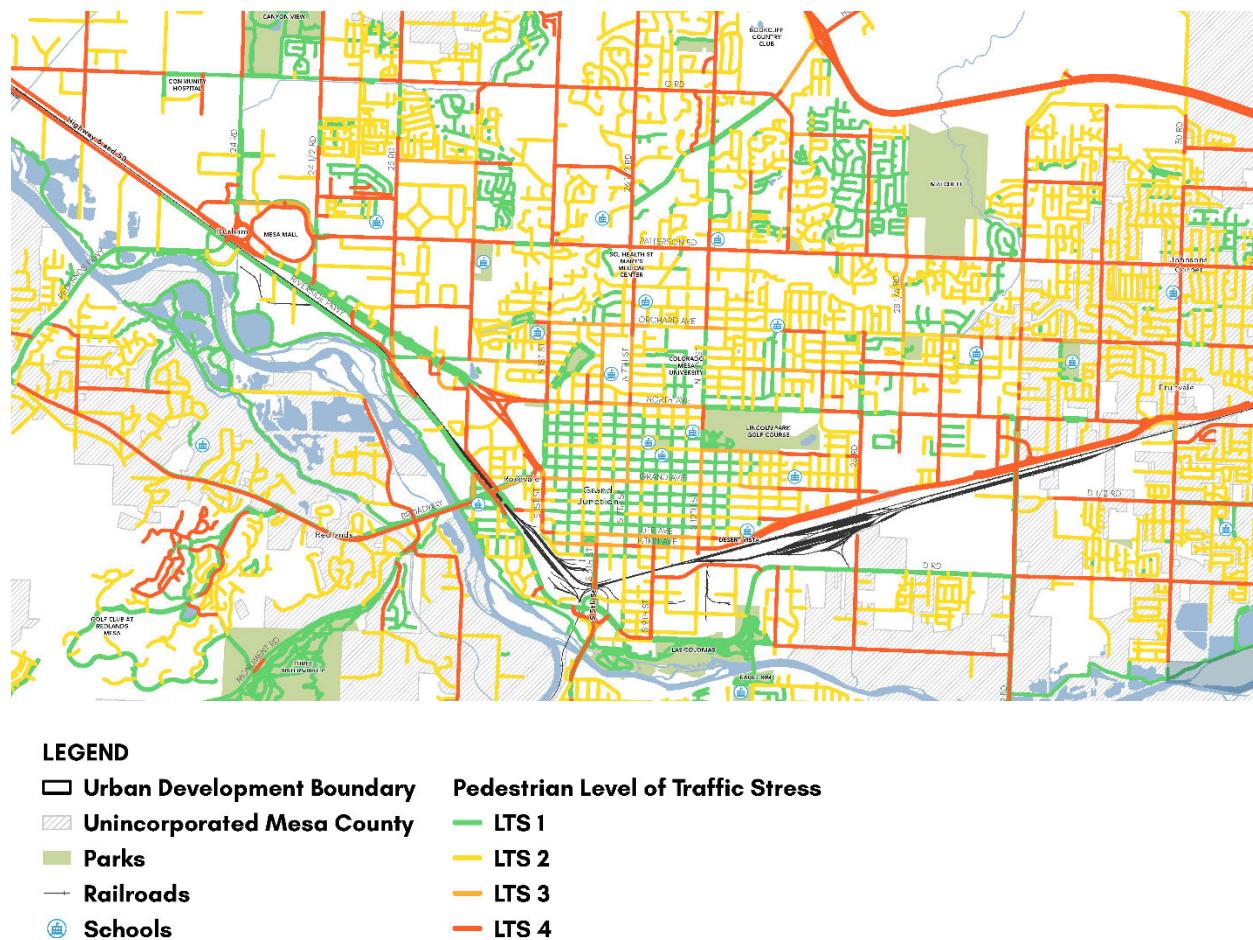
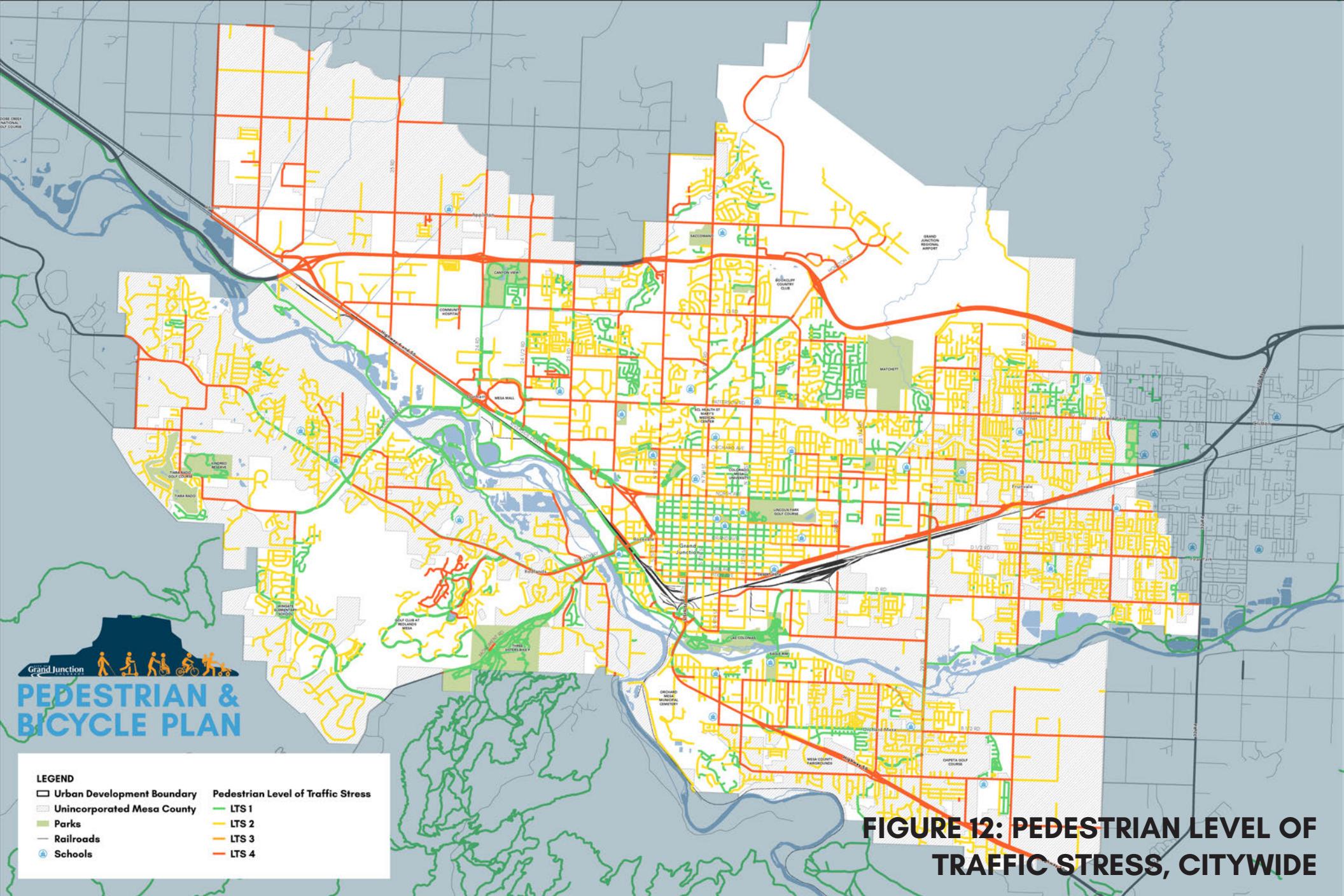


FIGURE 11: PEDESTRIAN LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS, DOWNTOWN



# Active Transportation High Injury Network

## What is a High Injury Network (HIN)?

A high injury network (HIN) is a network of streets in a community where the highest concentrations of fatal and severe injury traffic crashes have occurred. A HIN is created through the mapping of crash data to visually recognize spatial patterns. It is an important tool used in many Vision Zero plans to assist communities in prioritizing street safety projects that will have the greatest impact in improving traffic safety. Traditionally, HINs represent all crashes, and have been utilized in dozens of communities across the country and around the world to prioritize traffic safety improvements.

This effort developed an Active Transportation HIN map for Grand Junction to illustrate the streets where a disproportionately high number of citywide crashes involving people walking or biking have occurred. The Active Transportation HIN in Grand Junction will be used as one means to prioritize safety projects and buildout of the pedestrian and bike network.

## Methodology

The Active Transportation HIN in the Grand was created using crash data from 2016 to 2020. During this time there were 347 reported crashes within Grand Junction involving a pedestrian or cyclist (Figure 13). The HIN was developed using an iterative process that started with developing a series of maps based on the crash data:

- A crash mode map, which distinguished the crashes between those involving a pedestrian and those involving a cyclist. In total, there were 125 crashes involving a pedestrian and 222 crashes involving a cyclist during the study period (Figure 13). Overall, this map visualizes the spatial distribution of each type of crash to ensure that the HIN represented both pedestrian and cyclist-involved crashes.
- A heat map that showed the concentration of individual crash points across Grand Junction. This map highlights specific nodes of crashes, such as the intersections near North Avenue with 12th Street and near Main Street with 5th Street.
- A heat map by road segment, which paired individual crashes with the existing road network to visualize a raw, data-driven high injury network. The result of pairing the crashes to the small road segments (about one block length) was a preliminary HIN.

Each map illustrated crash trends through a slightly different analytical perspective, which helped inform the HIN. The Active Transportation HIN was drawn based on this initial set of maps to represent the corridors with the highest concentration of pedestrian and cyclist-involved crashes.

## Findings

Between 2016 and 2020 there were 347 crashes in Grand Junction involving a person walking or biking, an average of one every 5 – 6 days, including 222 cyclist-involved crashes and 125 pedestrian-involved crashes. Forty-two of these crashes (about 13%) resulted in severe bodily injury or death (Figure 13).

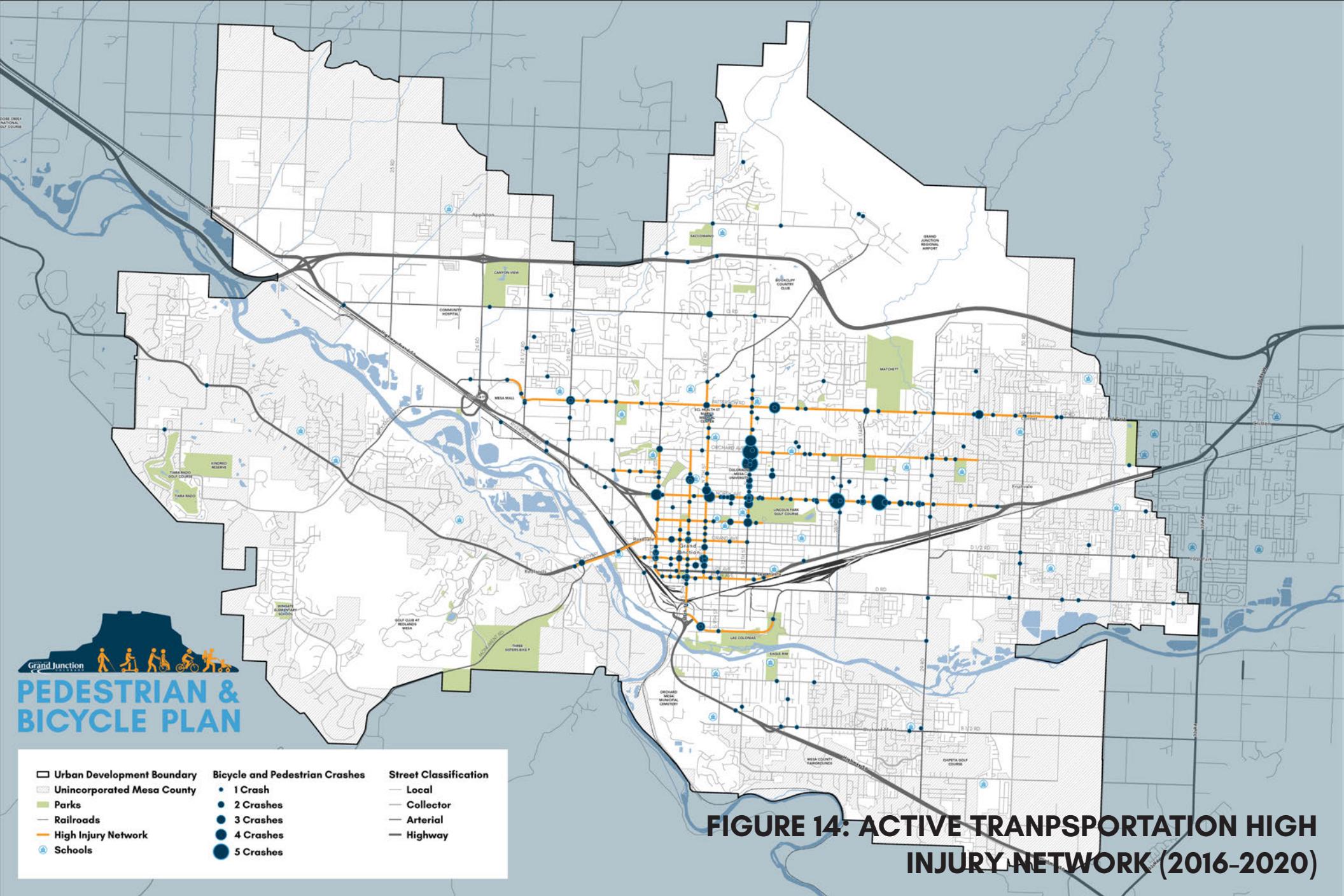


**FIGURE 13: PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SAFETY FINDINGS**

The Active Transportation HIN map is shown in Figure 14, and represents streets where a disproportionately high number of citywide crashes involving people walking or biking have occurred.

**About 84% of all pedestrian and cyclist-involved crashes occurred on just 5% of city streets, which are identified as part of the Active Transportation High Injury Network.**

In addition to the Active Transportation HIN, this map also illustrates the location where all 347 pedestrian and cyclist-involved crashes occurred in the city between 2016 and 2020.



# Pedestrian & Bicycle Demand

This section summarizes analysis of existing pedestrian and bicycle activity and demand in Grand Junction. Existing demand was estimated using two sources of data:

- Input from the community through the online interactive map (which included over 1,000 comments) and the community open house (which drew about 80 attendees).
- From Big Data sources through Strava, which is a mobile app used by people walking, running, and biking.

## Community Input

For a summary of community input on areas of significant pedestrian and bicycle demand, refer to Community Engagement Findings: Geographic Input.

## Strava Heatmap

Strava is a mobile app that enables users to track physical exercise including biking, running, hiking, and walking using GPS. The platform records these trips and allows users to share their activities. Users of the platform track recreational activities, but a growing share of users are tagging their activity as commutes. In many cities commutes are the primary activity recorded on Strava.

Through all of these public recordings, Strava collects data on origin-destination patterns and popular routes and corridors, aggregating and deidentifying unique users. They publish a publicly-available Global Heatmap similar to the images shown in **Figure 15** through **Figure 18**, and share some additional data with transportation planning firms by request through an application for Strava Metro access. The data in the maps in **Figure 15** through **Figure 18** cannot be downloaded, but readers interested in exploring the data in greater detail can do so at <https://Strava.com/heatmap>.

Transportation planners recognize the value of this anonymized data to better understand pedestrian and bicycle demand in a transportation network. It should be acknowledged that there is an inherent bias in the data as it represents primarily recreational trips and all trips represented were made by users of the app, which is a small percentage of all walk and bike trips. However, the data is still useful as it can offer a proxy for larger active transportation patterns. For example, people walking and biking for recreation often choose routes along streets that feel more comfortable and safe, in a way similar to people walking and biking for utilitarian reasons.

The data shows that bicycle demand by Strava users is concentrated along key regional and recreational connections including Monument Road, the Riverfront Trail, C1/2 Road, K Road, I Road, and H Road (Figure 15).

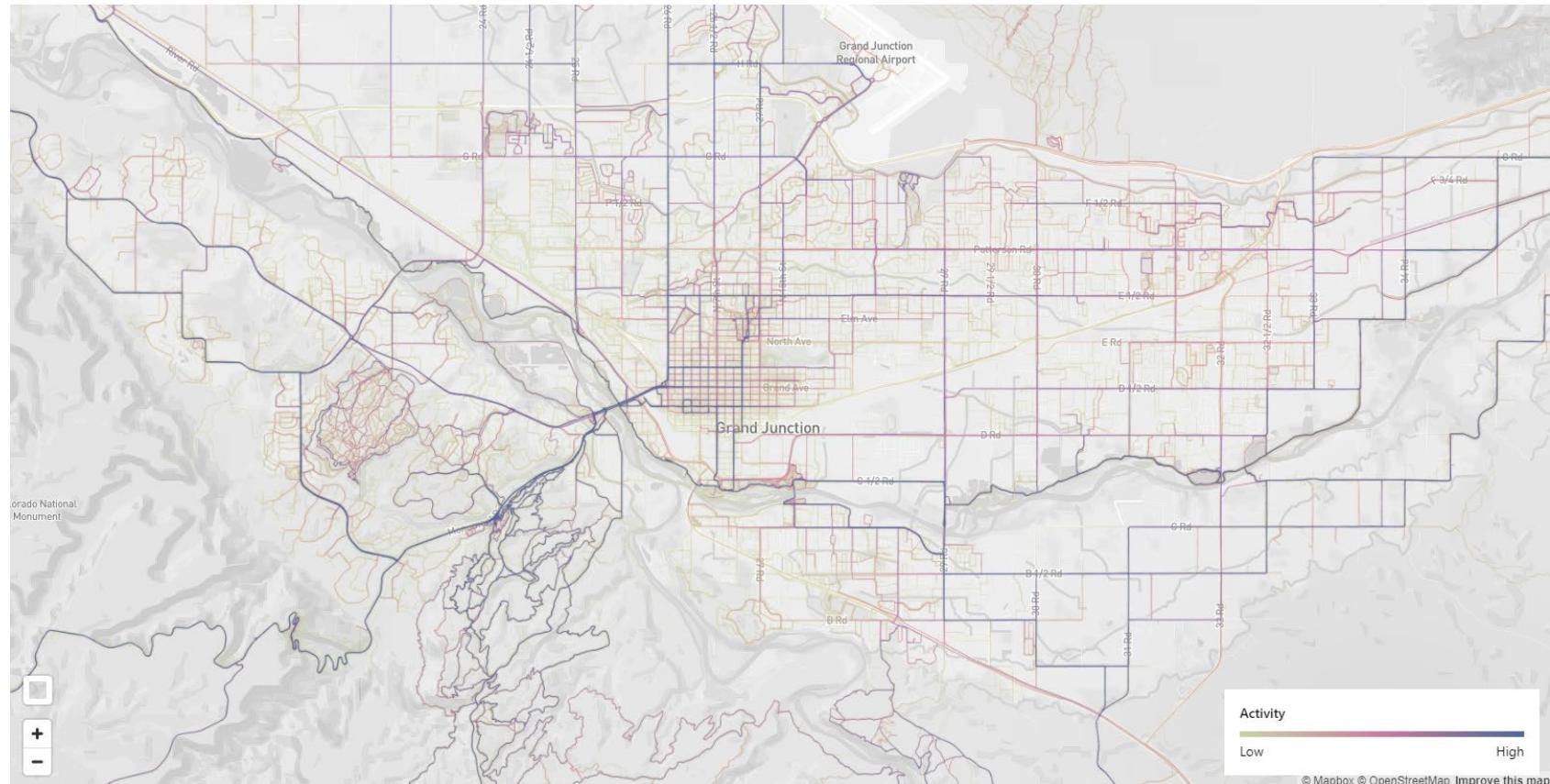
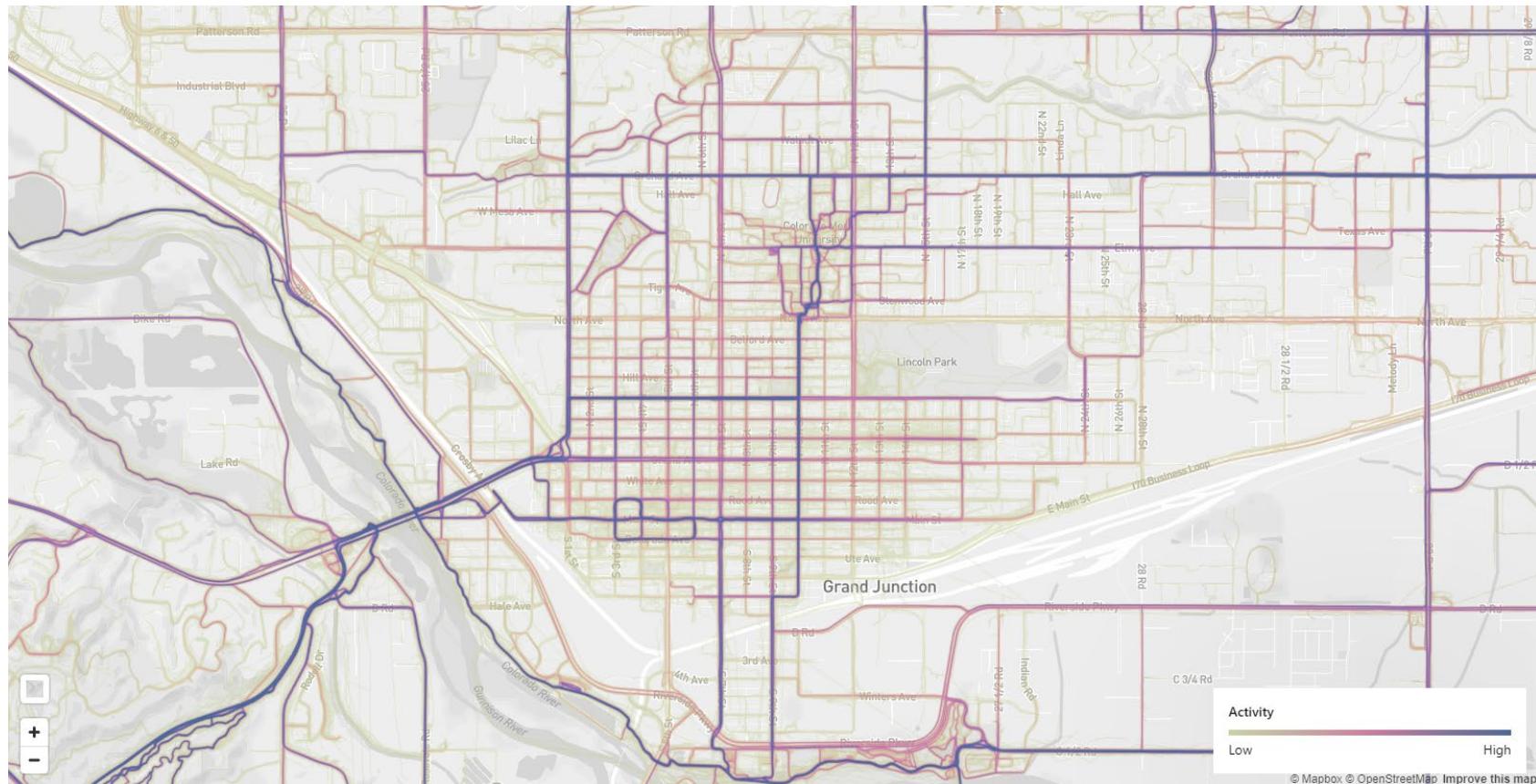


FIGURE 15: STRAVA HEATMAP OF BICYCLE DEMAND, CITYWIDE (DEC 2021-NOV 2022)

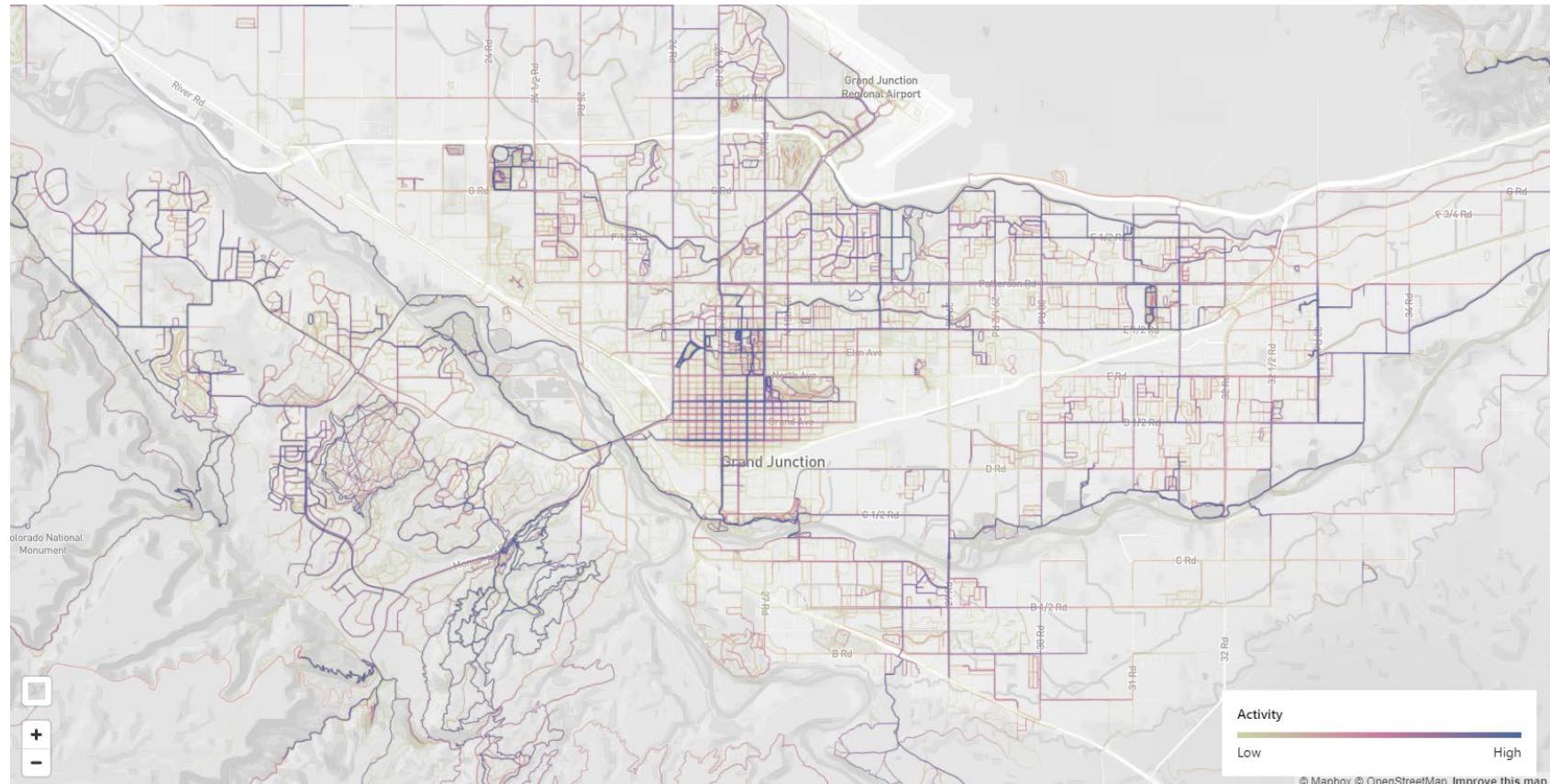
In the core of the city the data shows that bicycle demand by Strava users is noticeable at key river and railroad crossings like Broadway/CO-340, 25 Road, 29 Road, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. These crossings are key connections to access the Riverfront Trail and the downtown core. This data shows that people biking choose to avoid the 5<sup>th</sup> Street crossing, instead opting for Broadway, the multi-use trail bridge at West Main Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street to cross the railroad tracks, and Broadway and the multi-use trail bridge at Eagle Rim Park to cross the Colorado River.

Popular north-south corridors include 25 Road, 25 ½ Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Street (north of Patterson Road), and 29 Road (**Figure 16**). Frequent east-west corridors include Orchard Avenue, Elm Avenue, Gunnison Avenue, Grand Avenue, Main Street, Riverside Parkway, and C ½ Road. Bicycle activity by Strava users is conspicuously absent from the heatmap on Patterson Road and North Avenue. This may be due to the high bicycle Level of Traffic Stress on these roads, influenced by the number of lanes, higher speeds, and higher volumes on these roads, with relatively narrow sidewalks, directly attached in many places to the roadway.



**FIGURE 16: STRAVA HEATMAP OF BICYCLE DEMAND, CITY CORE (DEC 2021-NOV 2022)**

Citywide pedestrian demand by Strava users is concentrated along key regional and recreational connections including Monument Road, the Riverfront Trail, C1/2 Road, K Road, I Road, and H Road (**Figure 17**).



**FIGURE 17: STRAVA HEATMAP OF PEDESTRIAN DEMAND, CITYWIDE (DEC 2021-NOV 2022)**

In the core of the city, pedestrian demand by Strava users is concentrated at key river and railroad crossings like Broadway, 25 Road, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Figure 18). These crossings are key connections to access the Riverfront Trail and the downtown core. This data shows that people walking choose to avoid the 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 29 Road crossing as compared to the other crossings, particularly 7<sup>th</sup> Street, the most popular route across the railroad tracks for pedestrians.

Popular north-south corridors include 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Common east-west corridors for pedestrians include Orchard Avenue, Elm Avenue, Gunnison Avenue, Main Street, Riverside Parkway, and C 1/2 Road.

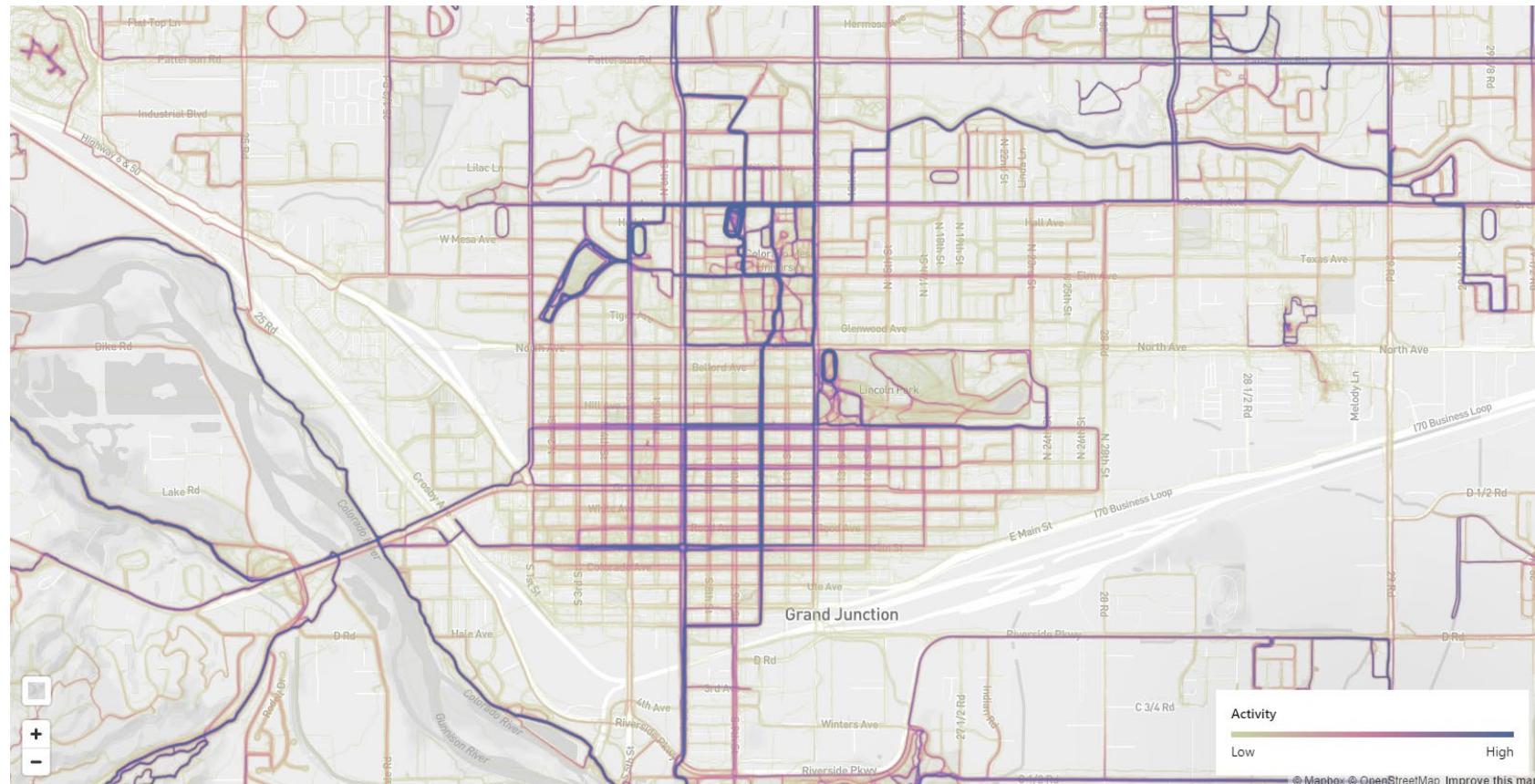


FIGURE 18: STRAVA HEATMAP OF PEDESTRIAN DEMAND, CITY CORE (OCT 2021-SEPT 2022)

# Community Engagement Findings

## Introduction

The following sections summarize input gathered through the project's first round of community engagement. The public submitted input during the first round over a two-month period in September and October 2022 through an online survey and interactive map, an in-person open house, a 17-member project Steering Committee of Grand Junction residents, through nine different focus groups, at several intercept events throughout the community, and from comments received on the project website. All input tied to specific locations is summarized in the Geographic Input section. **Figure 20** provides a summary of all community engagement and participation, which resulted in over 2,000 touch points with the community combined.



FIGURE 19: EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

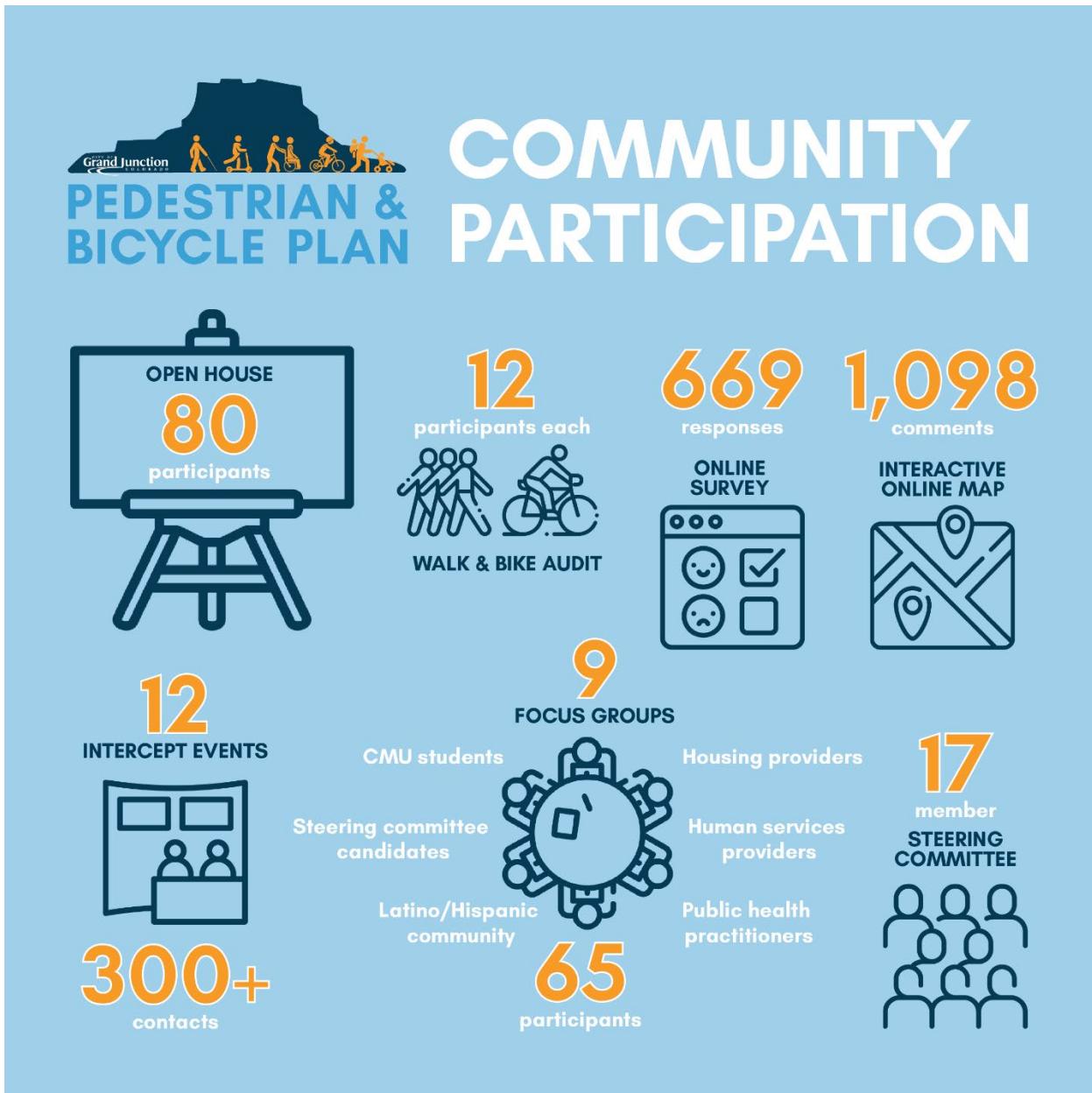


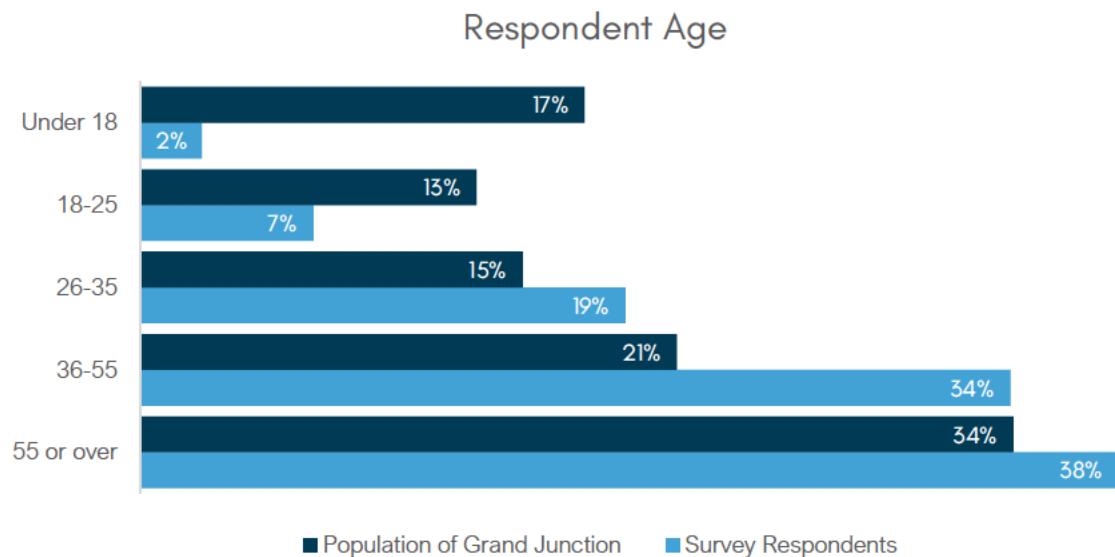
FIGURE 20: SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

## Survey Results

The city opened the online survey for two months, from the end of August to end of October, and advertised it to the entire community. It offered an option for respondents to take the survey in Spanish. A total of 669 members of the community participated in the survey, including four in Spanish. The survey results are summarized below.

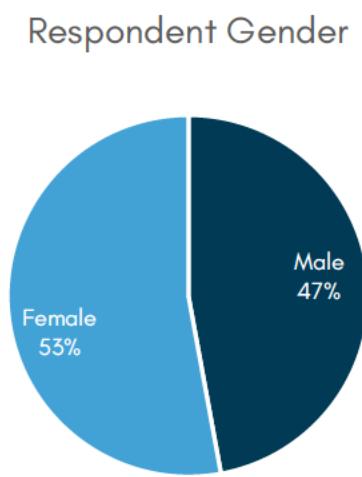
## Demographic Characteristics

Survey respondents skewed toward the older side of the spectrum, with 38% identifying as 55 years or older and 9% as 25 or younger (Figure 21). The majority of respondents (53%) fell somewhere between 26 and 54. The age breakdown of survey respondents generally reflected the population of Grand Junction, with a slight bias toward people aged 36-55 and slight underrepresentation of people under 26 (acknowledging that young children are not going to be represented by themselves in this survey).



**FIGURE 21: RESPONDENT AGE**

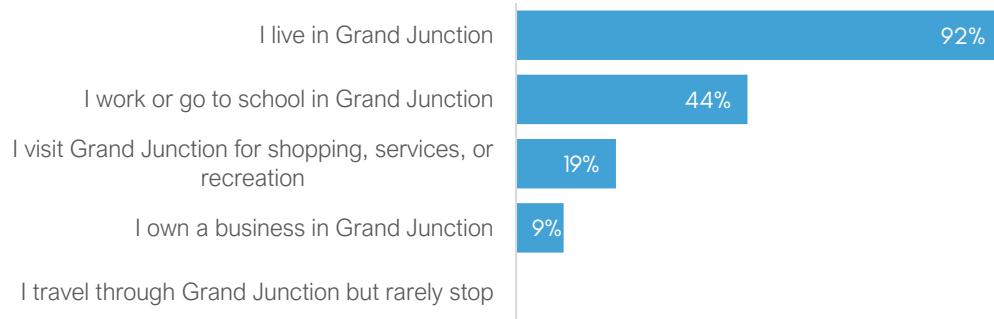
Figure 22 shows that respondents were almost evenly divided between male (47%) and female (53%).



**FIGURE 22: RESPONDENT GENDER**

Almost all respondents live in Grand Junction (92%), with 44% also going to work or school in the city, and 19% visiting the city for shopping, services, or recreation (Figure 23). Notably, local business owners are well-represented, with almost one-tenth of all respondents owning a business in Grand Junction (9%).

### Primary Respondent Association with Grand Junction

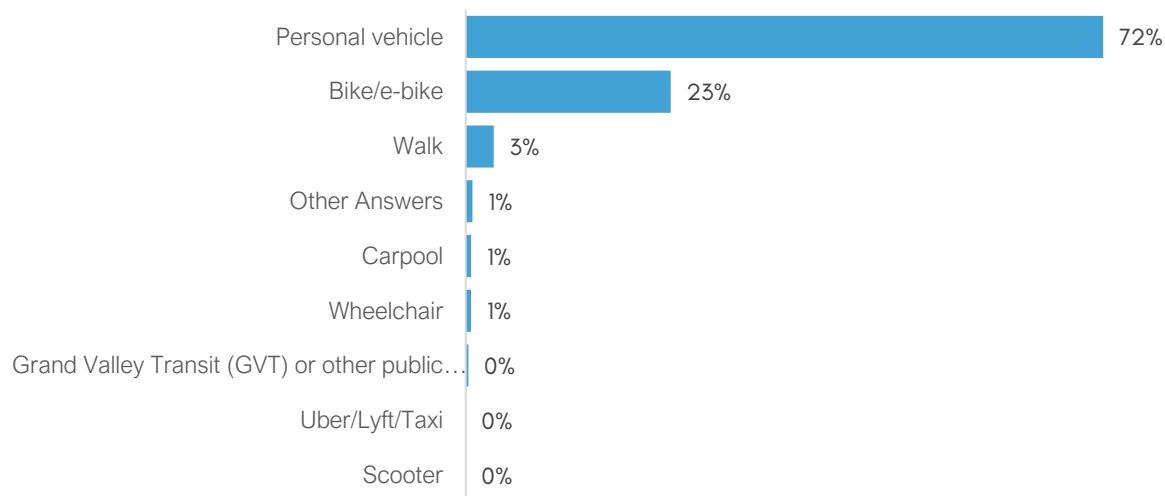


**FIGURE 23: PRIMARY RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION WITH GRAND JUNCTION**

### Overall Findings

When asked about their primary mode of transportation, almost three-quarters of respondents drive (72%), and almost one-quarter of respondents bike or e-bike (23%). It should be noted that this question allowed survey respondents to select just one mode of transportation, so Figure 24 does not reflect secondary and tertiary mode choices.

### What mode of transportation do you typically take when travelling in Grand Junction?

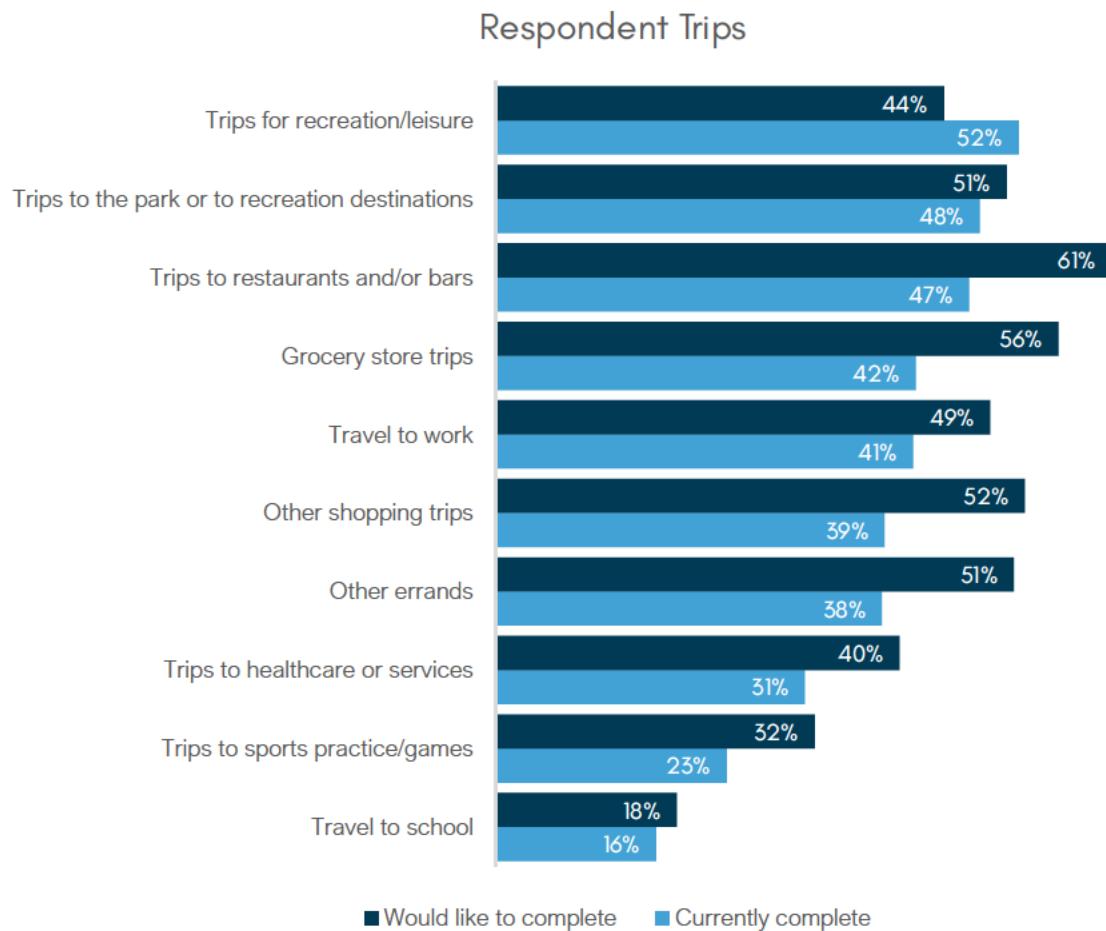


**FIGURE 24: TYPICAL MODE OF TRANSPORTATION**

One survey question asked about the types of trips that respondents currently complete by walking/rolling or biking and whether they would like to be able to complete these trips if they do not currently.

Currently, the top three trip types in Grand Junction completed by active transportation are trips for recreation and leisure, to the park or recreation destinations, and to restaurants and/or bars (Figure 25). People generally choose active transportation for recreational trips, and less commonly choose to walk or bike to work and school.

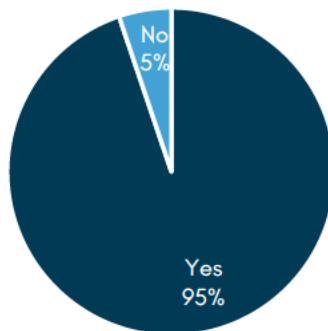
Respondents are most interested in choosing to walk/roll or bike to restaurants and/or bars, and for trips to the grocery store, shopping, and other errands. Desired walk and bike trip types exceed current trips in all cases other than trips for recreation/leisure, likely because most people already choose active transportation in those instances. This shows an unmet demand in the community to be able to walk/roll and bike to more places, particularly utilitarian trips like shopping, to work/school, out to eat, and other errands.



**FIGURE 25: CURRENT AND DESIRED WALK AND BIKE TRIP TYPES**

Reinforcing the findings of the previous question, 95% of respondents would like to be able to walk/roll and bike more often or for more types of trips than they do currently (Figure 26). The following questions explore some of the barriers to respondents choosing active transportation.

Would you like to be able to walk/roll and bike more often or for more types of trips than you do currently?

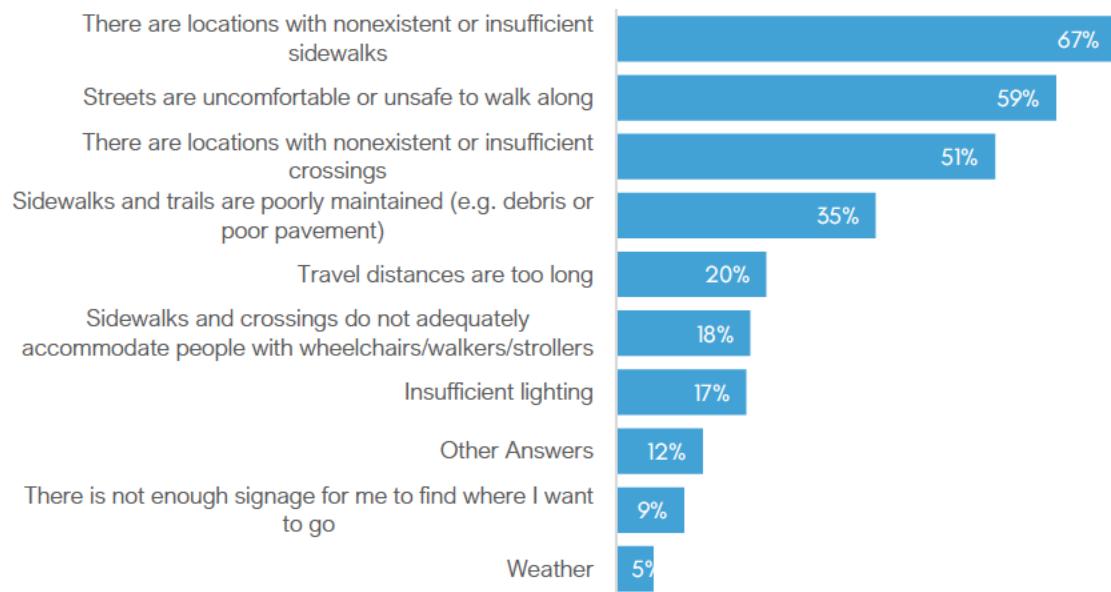


**FIGURE 26: DESIRE TO WALK AND BIKE**

The survey asked respondents to identify the biggest challenges to walking/rolling in one question, and to biking in another. Respondents were able to select an unlimited number of options.

The top barriers respondents identified to walking/rolling were nonexistent or insufficient sidewalks (67%), uncomfortable or unsafe streets (59%), and nonexistent or insufficient crossings (51%), as shown in Figure 27.

The biggest challenge(s) associated with walking/rolling in Grand Junction is/are... (select all that apply)



**FIGURE 27: CHALLENGES WALKING AND ROLLING**

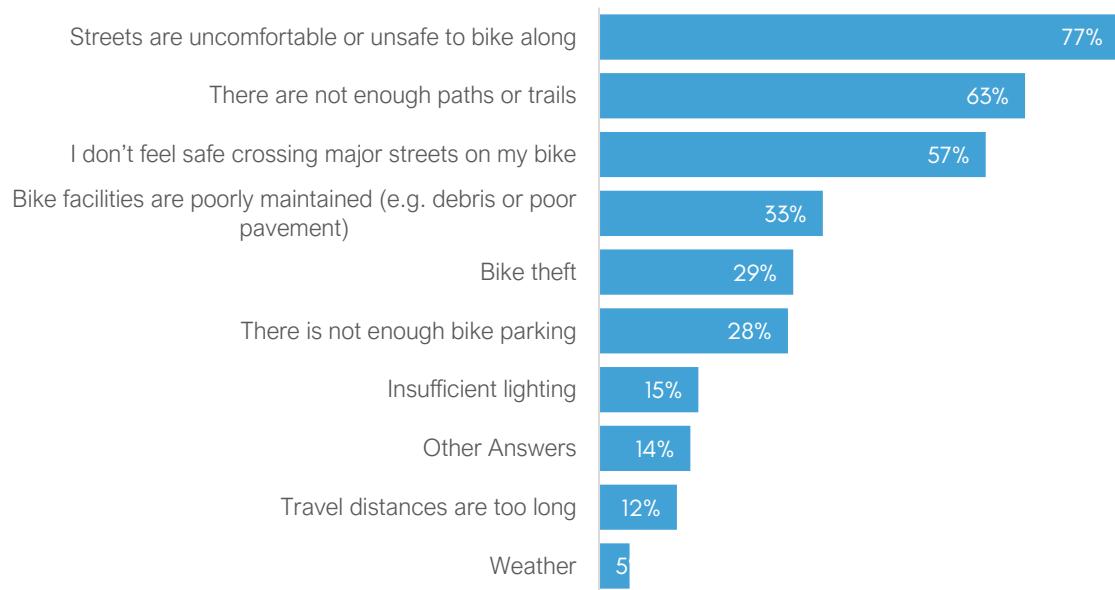


The top barriers respondents identified to biking were uncomfortable or unsafe streets (77%), lack of paths or trails (63%), and feeling unsafe crossing major streets (57%), as shown in **Figure 28**.

The similarity in factors between these two questions indicate the greatest barriers to address are:

- Missing active transportation infrastructure, including gaps in the pedestrian and bicycle network
- Perceived uncomfortable or unsafe streets
- Perceived unsafe crossings at major streets

### The biggest challenge(s) associated with biking in Grand Junction is/are... (select all that apply)



**FIGURE 28: CHALLENGES BIKING**

**Figure 29** shows a word cloud of the most common answers when asked to describe the vision for the future of walking and biking in Grand Junction using three words. Safety was the most common response, followed by access, biking, and connected. Other common themes, such as sidewalks, comfortable, convenient, and maintenance also emerged as important components of the community's vision for walking and biking in Grand Junction.

What are three words that describe your vision for the future of walking and biking in Grand Junction?



**FIGURE 29: VISION FOR WALKING AND BIKING IN GRAND JUNCTION (SURVEY)**

A similar set of themes emerged from a similar question asked as part of the open house. Responses are shown in **Figure 30**.

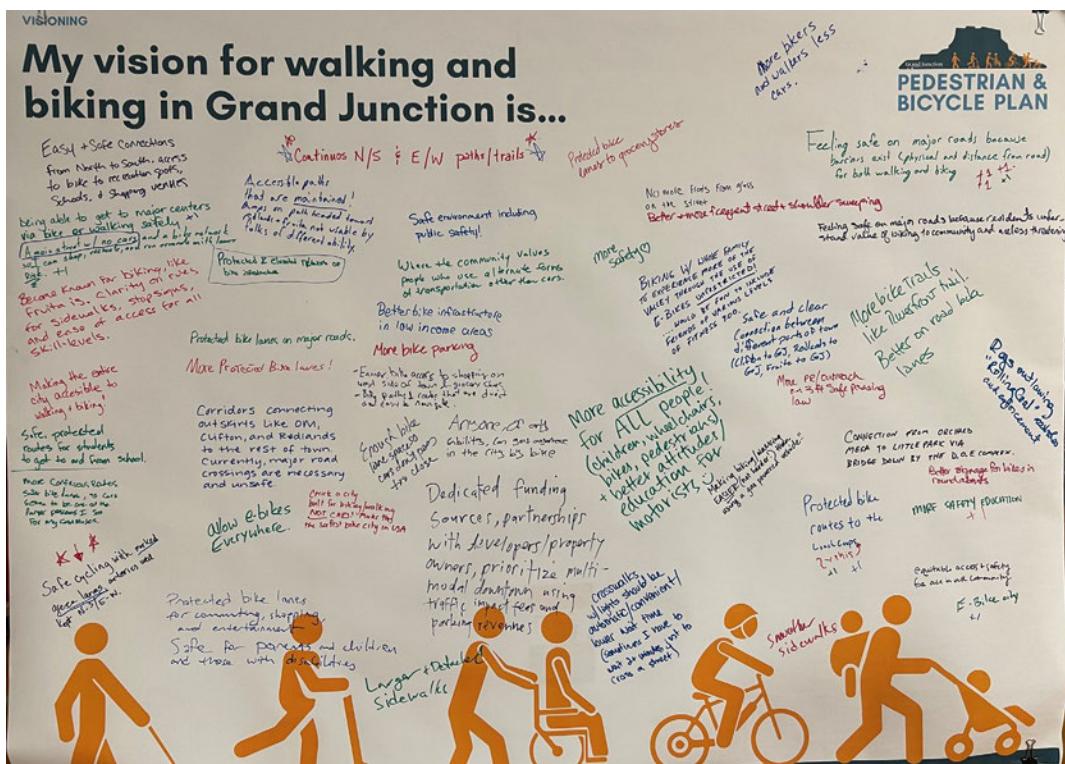
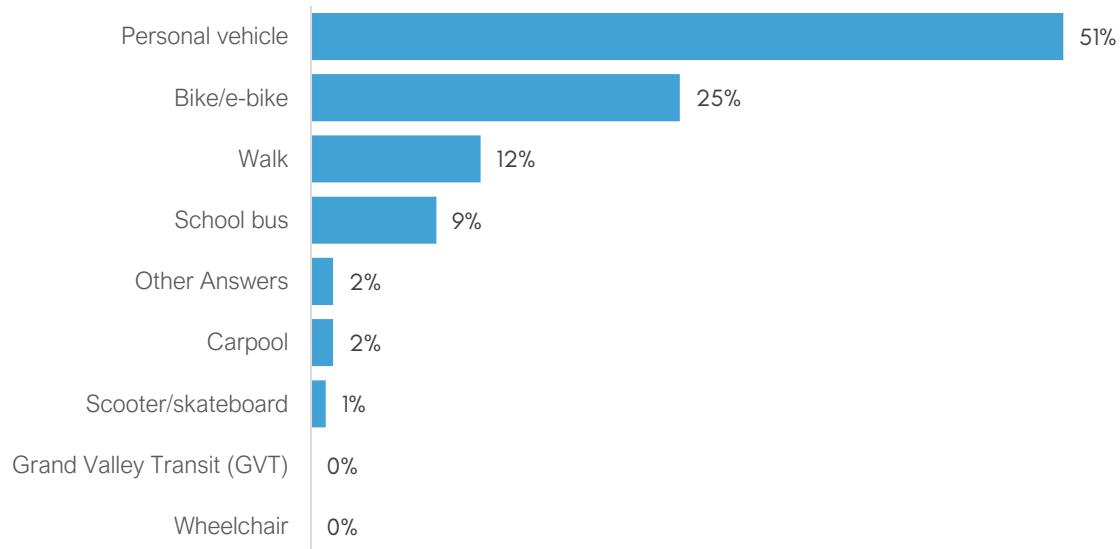


FIGURE 30: VISION FOR WALKING AND BIKING IN GRAND JUNCTION (OPEN HOUSE)

The survey asked additional questions of respondents who answered that they are currently a student or have a student in their household (30% of respondents). Of these individuals, 51% travel to school by personal vehicle, 25% by bike or e-bike, 12% by foot, and 9% by school bus (Figure 31).

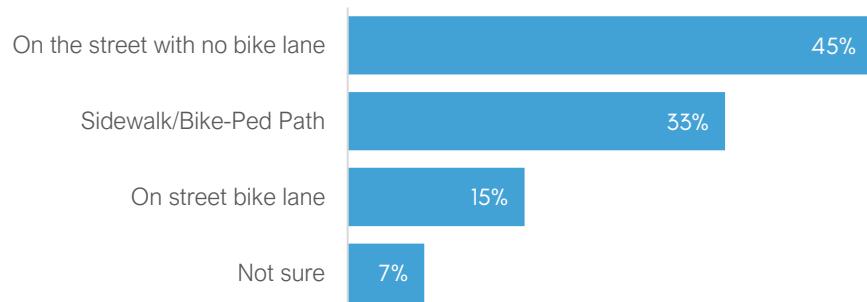
### By what mode do you or the student in your household typically travel to school?



**FIGURE 31: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CHOICES**

Of those who walk or bike, 45% travel on a street with no bike lane, 33% travel on a sidewalk or bicycle-pedestrian path, and 15% travel using an on-street bike lane (Figure 32). Answers to this question demonstrate there may be critical corridors on school routes missing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

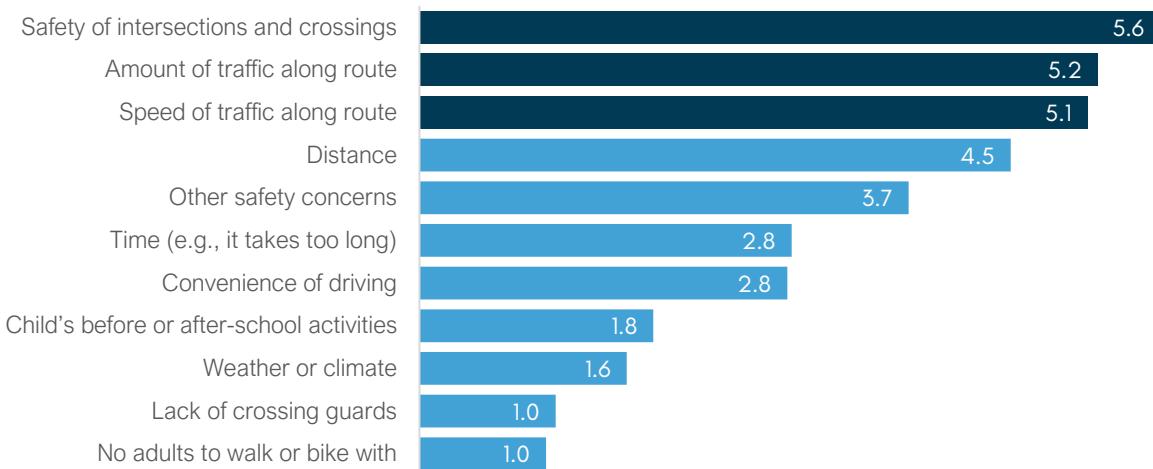
### To walk or bike, your route to school consists primarily of the following type?



**FIGURE 32: INFRASTRUCTURE ON ROUTE TO SCHOOL**

The following question asked respondents to rank the considerations that most affect their decision to walk or bike to school. By final weighted score, the top issues are safety of intersections and crossings, amount of traffic along route, and speed of traffic along route. Notably, as compared to the other options, these are all elements this plan can address.

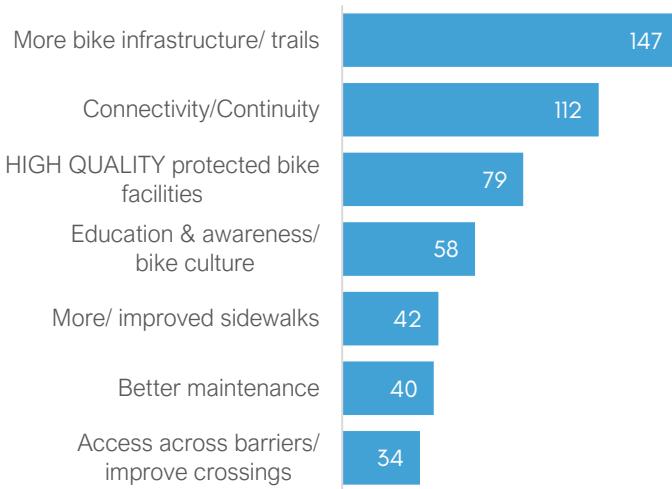
Which of the following issues affect your decision or the decision made by the student in your household to walk or bike to and from school? (Weighted Score of Ranking)



**FIGURE 33: TOP CONSIDERATIONS IN STUDENT MODE CHOICE**

**Key Themes of General Comments**

A total of 593 general comments were received from the public through the online survey, at the open house, and through the city's website. The comments were organized by theme, and the frequency of each theme is summarized in **Figure 34** (note some comments covered more than one theme). The full list of comments is provided in the Appendix. The most common comment, representing 147 of the general comments, wished for more bike and trail infrastructure, followed by a desire for more connectivity in the pedestrian and bike network (112 comments), and then higher quality protected bike facilities (i.e., bikeways separated from traffic by a barrier or curb). Other common themes included wanting more education and awareness of people walking and biking (particularly among drivers), more/improved sidewalks, better maintenance of sidewalks and bikeways, and improvement of crossings across major streets, rivers, highways, and the railroad tracks.



**FIGURE 34: MOST FREQUENT THEME OF GENERAL COMMENTS**

Several specific comments that were repeated by the public most frequently are summarized below:

- Would like to use the canals for trails
- Lots of people bike on sidewalk along busy streets
- There is an unfriendly bike culture/aggressive drivers, including window tinting making it difficult to see drivers
- Bike lanes are too narrow
- Bike lanes end abruptly
- Would like to extend Lunch Loops Trails
- More signs for wayfinding and regarding share-the-road laws
- More shade trees and better lighting at night for pedestrians
- Desire for a car-free Main Street

## Steering Committee

The city formed a project Steering Committee of residents to provide input and guidance on recommendations throughout the process. Members of the Steering Committee play a critical role supporting the completion of the plan, serving as a critical sounding board, discussing overall plan direction, reviewing project deliverables, vet ideas, and promoting greater community involvement. Most importantly, the Steering Committee will help ensure the final plan is inclusive, focuses on equitable distribution of resources, and reflects a diverse set of perspectives.

The city put out a call for applications to the broader community to solicit candidates interested in serving on the Steering Committee at the beginning of the project, and received a total of 72 applications. City staff whittled these applicants down to 17 members through a vetting process that evaluated them based on criteria to reflect the everyday user of the city's active transportation system, with members demonstrating a broad community interest in safe and accessible multimodal transportation. Other criteria used to select

members from the pool of applicants included ensuring that the committee was geographically diverse, and inclusive of different age groups and professions, who were part of a target demographic or who may through their employment represent vulnerable or underrepresented users, such as individuals with disabilities, youth, low-income populations, and service industry workers.

The City Council approved members chosen to participate on the Steering Committee, who were comprised of people that geographically represent all “Planning Areas” within the city and who utilize walking or biking as their preferred mode of transportation. The committee is nearly equally split between male and female, with nine men and seven women. The group has representation from every major age group, including students, young professionals, and seniors. Member also represents a variety of interests and life experiences that can provide relevant and diverse perspectives throughout the process. Additionally, the Steering Committee includes representatives from major institutions in Grand Junction who were identified as critical influences of land use and transportation patterns, including CMU and the Veteran’s Administration Hospital.

The Steering Committee will meet six times over the course of the project at key milestones in the project. The first meeting occurred on September 12<sup>th</sup> to orient the group to the project and collect input on issues, concerns, and a vision for improving walking and biking in Grand Junction. Key outcomes of that first meeting are summarized below.

### Key Themes

The first Steering Committee meeting included an overview of the project and solicited input on the major barriers to walking and biking in Grand Junction as well as identifying important connections for active transportation users. A summary of the key themes that emerged from that first meeting are summarized below:

- **Safety** – A desire to make the city safer for people walking/rolling and biking ranked as the most important issue among the Steering Committee members.
- **Connections** – Several key connections were identified by the group, with the following notable corridors: C ½ Road/D Road, Broadway, crossings of the railroad tracks, Orchard Avenue, and crossing North Avenue.
- **Important Destinations** – The Steering Committee identified the following key destinations for active transportation users in the Grand Junction: Main Street, Riverfront Trail, Las Colonias Park, CMU, Mesa Mall, and Human Service Providers (particularly on North Ave and around downtown).
- **Signage** – There was a consistent theme of needing better signage to direct people walking and biking.
- **More Facilities** – Overall, there was a theme of needing more sidewalks and bike lanes to fill missing gaps in the network and to allow people to get around by walking/rolling and biking.
- **Education** – The Steering Committee recognized that there should be more education for cyclists and drivers on sharing the road, how to ride safely, and how to drive safely when pedestrians and bicyclists are present.

## Focus Groups

The project team facilitated nine focus groups in September and October 2022 to solicit community input from targeted group to guide recommendations in the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*. The focus groups provided an opportunity for more in-depth conversations between community members and the project team and were important to gathering diverse perspectives on the issues, opportunities, and vision of the city's existing and future pedestrian and bike network. The focus groups were selected in order to attain a broader cross-section of the population with a focus on groups or individuals that may be hard to reach by other means and for whom walking/rolling and biking are of particular importance.

The focus groups interviewed as part of this plan included:

1. CMU students
2. K – 12 students
3. Steering Committee candidates (those who applied for the Steering Committee, but were not selected)
4. Representatives of Latinx organizations in Grand Junction
5. Housing providers
6. The Urban Trails Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
7. Human services and homeless providers
8. Public health/senior agencies
9. Representative from Colorado Discover Ability

## Key Themes

The outcomes of the focus groups are summarized into the following key themes that were repeated among the various groups. Meeting notes from each focus group are provided in the Appendix.

- **Safety** – Participants of nearly every focus group expressed that they and others in the community would like to walk and bike more but don't always feel safe because of traffic speed, volume, and lack of separated facilities on many streets in Grand Junction.
- **Plan for All Ages** – Multiple focus groups repeated a desire for it to be easier/safer for kids to walk and bike to school. This was stressed as a high priority.
- **Missing Connections** – Missing connections in the pedestrian and bicycle network was repeated as a key concern. Several important missing or poor connections were repeated among the focus groups, in particular: to downtown, CMU, the Riverfront Trail, and connections across the railroad tracks, highways (US 50 and I-70B), and Colorado River.
- **Barriers** – The theme of major barriers in the city that are difficult to cross by foot or bike also emerged as a common theme. US 50 was repeatedly identified as a major barrier in Orchard Mesa neighborhood. Patterson Road and North Ave were also repeatedly identified as both an important destination/corridor for people walking and biking and as a barrier for people walking and biking due to the speed and volume of traffic and lack of adequate facilities for active transportation users, including safe crossings.

## Intercept Events

City staff attended 12 community events across the city in September and October (see **Table 6**) to distribute information about the project, solicit input, and direct people to the website and online survey. During these events the city engaged with over 300 people from the community.

**TABLE 6: INTERCEPT EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
3-Sep-22	Carmillia Fest	Lincoln Park
7-Sep-22	CMU Mesa Fest	CMU Campus
8-Sep-22	Market on Main	Main and 6th
22-Sep-22	Coffee with the City Manager	
24-Sep-22	Walk to End Alzheimer's	Lincoln Park
25-Sep-22	Mayor's Engagement Event	Long's Park
6-Oct-22	Downtown Library 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	5th and Grand
11-Oct-22	CMU Hispanic Engineers Club - 7:00 pm	CMU Campus
19-Oct-22	Young Professional Network Lunch and Learn - 12:00 Noon	City Hall Auditorium
20-Oct-22	Downtown Library 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	5th and Grand
26-Oct-22	CMU Real Estate Class	Dominguez Hall Rm 315
27-Oct-22	Get to Know Your City - 5:30 pm	Lincoln Park Stadium Hospitality Suite



**FIGURE 35: INTERCEPT EVENT AT CMU MESA FEST**

### Key Themes

Participants at the intercept events were directed to provide input via the project website and online survey. City staff solicited direct feedback at the events. Key themes from those events are summarized below:

- Safety Concerns – Many participants noted a need for improved safety for people walking and biking, specifically noting drivers turning not yielding to pedestrians at busy intersections, and for kids to be able to walk and bike more around town.
- Missing Connections – The community repeatedly highlighted important connections for walking and biking that they would like to see improved, including:
  - F ½ Road
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Street through downtown
  - Crossing 12<sup>th</sup> Street near CMU
  - To/from Las Colonias Park
  - Patterson Road
  - North Avenue intersections

## Walk and Bike Audits

The project team hosted a walk audit and bike audit with city staff, stakeholders, and members of the Steering Committee. The purpose of the walk and bike audit was to get a better understanding of the experience of someone walking/rolling or biking on various streets in Grand Junction as well as provide an opportunity for participants to share with the project team pedestrian and bicycle design features they like and don't like. The audits were also used to calibrate and verify the LTS methodology that will be used to inform recommendations in the plan.



**FIGURE 36: BIKE AUDIT AND WALK AUDIT**

The walk audit followed 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Grand Avenue to Wellington Avenue, which provided a variety of design contexts through a key pedestrian corridor in Grand Junction. The bike audit followed a loop starting at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and White Avenue and traveling along Grand Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, through CMU Campus, Orchard Avenue, 28 1/4 Road, Hawthorne Ave, 28 Road, Ridge Drive, 27 1/2 Road/15<sup>th</sup> Street, Elm Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, North Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and Main Street. The route provided a variety of streets of different volumes and lanes and bike facilities ranging from shared streets, bike lanes, trails, and a raised cycle track covering streets with all four bicycle LTS levels.

### Key Outcomes

Some conclusions drawn from the walk audit included:

- Desire for more separation (buffer) from traffic
- Need for wider sidewalks
- Accessibility concerns (such as length of crossing time, ability to reach the push button, and audible crossing)
- Slowing turning vehicle traffic to make it more comfortable at intersections
- Shade trees

Some conclusions drawn from the bike audit included:

- Bike lanes were nice and participants would like them wider on busier streets or where there are parked vehicles
- Trails are the most comfortable as are low volume, low speed streets
- The cycle track on 12<sup>th</sup> Street is nice, but obstacles and driveways add stress
- Crossing of busier streets can be stressful, especially when the bike lane ends before the intersection
- At some busy street crossings cyclists have to ride on the sidewalk to the pedestrian push button in order to get a green signal

## Geographic Input

Geolocated input received during the public engagement process includes comments received on the interactive online map and in person at the open house, Steering Committee meetings, and intercept events. People submitted comments at these in person events by drawing and placing sticky notes and dots on printed maps.

This section summarizes both forms of geographic input.

### Interactive Online Map

The survey was paired with an interactive online map that allowed users to place markers on a map of Grand Junction. 734 unique stakeholders visited the survey and/or the interactive online map. The map received 1,098 individual comments.

Map markers also allowed users to enter a more detailed comment and were as follows:

- I walk/roll and/or bike here
- I'd like to walk/roll and/or bike here
- I don't feel safe walking/rolling here
- I don't feel safe biking here
- Other comment

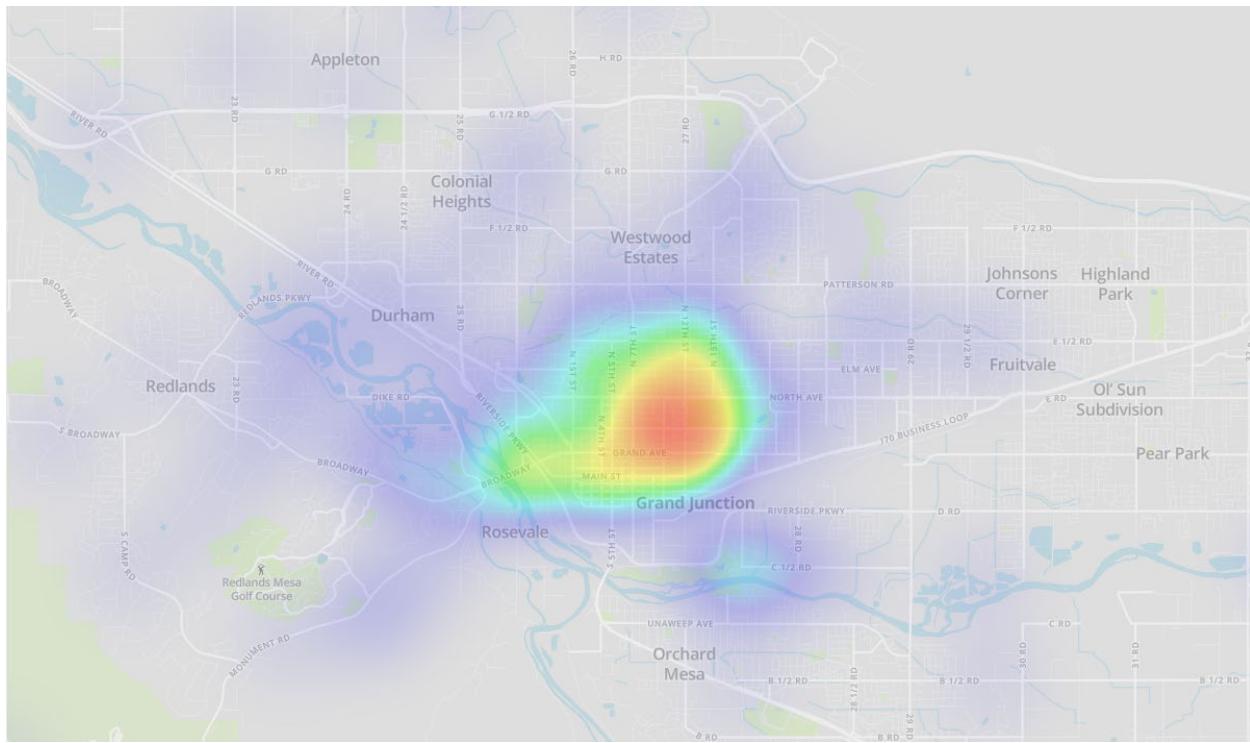
This section summarizes the overarching concerns by marker type.

### *I walk/roll and/or bike here*

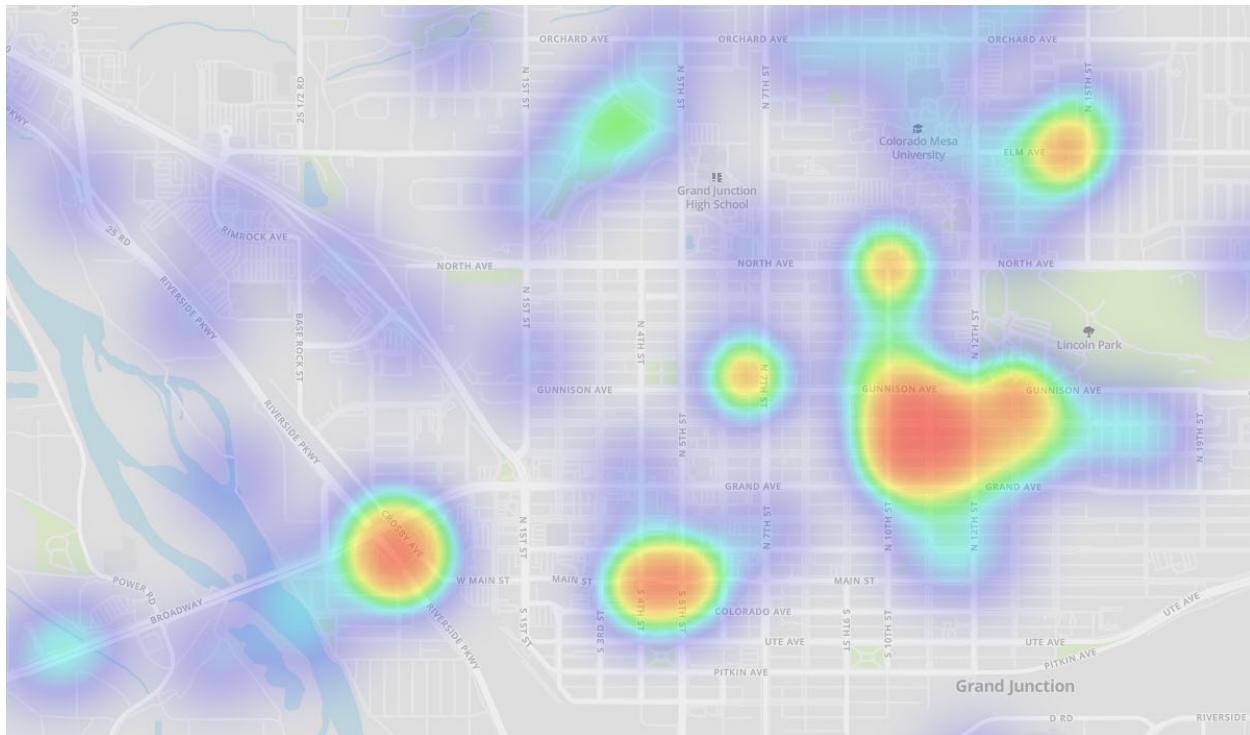
Respondents most commonly walk and/or bike in the downtown core of Grand Junction, as shown in **Figure 37**. Specifically, current active transportation hotspots are in the neighborhood southeast of Lincoln Park, along Main Street, and where Broadway crosses the railroad (**Figure 38**).

The top 10 locations cited by respondents include, in no particular order:

- **Main Street:** People love walking here and say it feels safe for people biking. Several comments in this marker type and others expressed an interest in closing the street to vehicle traffic.
- **Sherwood Park:** People opt to go around the park even though it may be less direct because it's so pleasant, but say it would benefit from traffic calming nearby.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Street:** Several respondents noted their appreciation of the buffered bike lanes on this corridor next to Sherwood Park.
- **Orchard Avenue:** Many people walk and bike along the corridor, but say it needs better signage and maintenance.
- **C ½ Road:** Numerous respondents bike along this corridor, but say it would benefit from better signage, bike lanes, and traffic calming.
- **Elm Avenue:** People walk and bike here due to the lower traffic volumes.
- **Neighborhood around Chipeta Elementary School:** Many people walk and bike here, especially as a school route.
- **North Avenue & 10<sup>th</sup> Street:** Many people walking and biking use this intersection to safely cross North Avenue.
- **River Crossing between Eagle Rim Park and Las Colonias Park:** Several people noted their appreciation of this crossing and use it as connection from Orchard Mesa to downtown.
- **Broadway/Pedestrian Bike Bridge Crossing of Railroad:** Numerous respondents rely on this area to cross the railroad from the Redlands to downtown.



**FIGURE 37: HEATMAP OF CURRENT WALKING AND BIKING LOCATIONS, CITYWIDE**



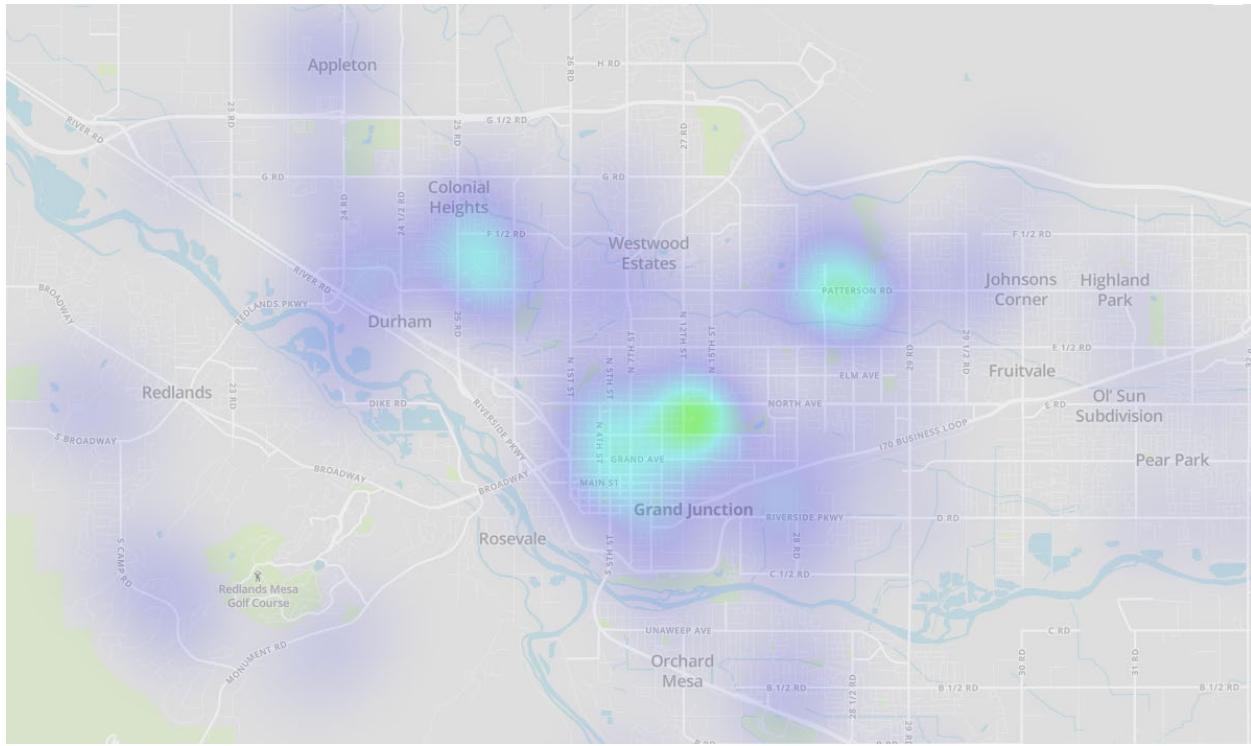
**FIGURE 38: HEATMAP OF CURRENT WALKING AND BIKING LOCATIONS, DOWNTOWN**

### *I'd like to walk/roll and/or bike here*

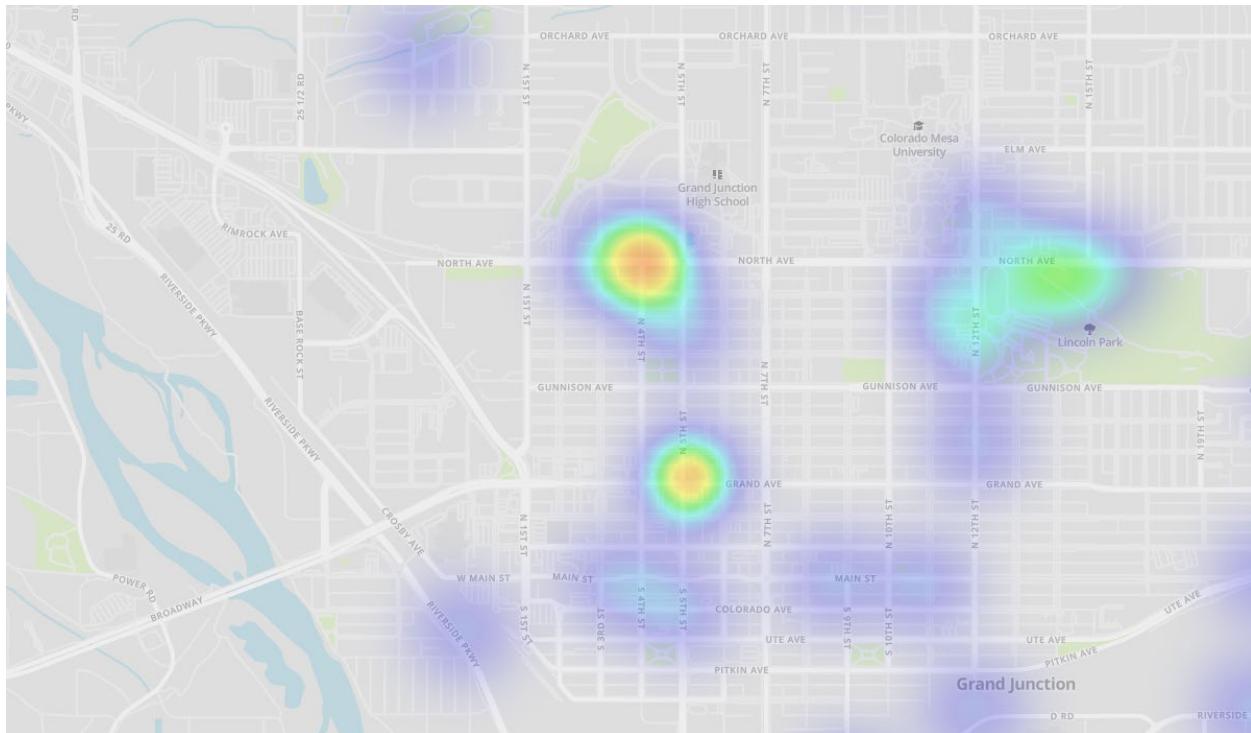
This marker allowed respondents to specify locations they wish to walk and bike. Respondents most commonly noted locations in the downtown core of Grand Junction and along Patterson Road and North Avenue, as shown in **Figure 39** and **Figure 40**.

The top 10 locations cited by respondents include, in no particular order:

- **Patterson Road:** At several locations along Patterson Road, people commented that they would like to use active transportation to access the mall, hospital, and other major destinations, but that better bike infrastructure, maintenance, and traffic calming would be needed for them to feel comfortable. One respondent also noted that it provides a key connection from Clifton to Grand Junction.
- **North Avenue:** Several commenters noted that for them to feel comfortable using North Avenue, the corridor needs safer crossings, a complete sidewalk and bike network, traffic calming, and a lower speed limit.
- **12<sup>th</sup> Street:** A few commenters would like to walk and bike along 12<sup>th</sup> Street, but that it needs more frequent and comfortable crossings. They also pointed out that active transportation facilities would improve food access by connecting users to shopping, and that they would like a new crossing to connect to Riverside Parkway across the railroad tracks.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Street:** Comments indicated support of wider bike lanes and better bikeway maintenance, as well as improved crossings at Colorado Avenue and Grand Avenue.
- **Mesa Mall:** Respondents stated that the area around the Mesa Mall feels inaccessible by bike. They would like to see traffic calming and an improved crossing(s) of Patterson Road so people don't have to drive across to visit the shopping center on the north side of the roadway.
- **Riverside Parkway/D Road:** Users would feel more comfortable using this corridor with more comfortable and complete sidewalks and bike lanes, better maintenance, better lighting, and traffic calming. They also support better connections across the railroad to connect to the Riverfront Trail.
- **29 ½ Road:** This roadway currently feels unsafe for people walking and biking. Respondents requested better, more accessible sidewalks.
- **Canals:** Numerous comments requested that the city complete the trail network along the canals and create a new bicycle/pedestrian connection where it intersects 28 ½ Road.
- **9<sup>th</sup> Street:** Commenters would like to use 9<sup>th</sup> Street more often and requested a better crossing and bike lane connection from the Riverfront Trail through Las Colonias Park to downtown.
- **Redlands Parkway/24 Road:** Multiple comments in this marker type and others pointed out the dangerous crossing of US-50 along this roadway due to high speeds, poor roadway maintenance, the blind hill/hill grade, and lack of bike lane. It is also a key connection to the Mesa Mall from the south and the only crossing of US-50 in the area.



**FIGURE 39: HEATMAP OF DESIRED WALKING AND BIKING LOCATIONS, CITYWIDE**

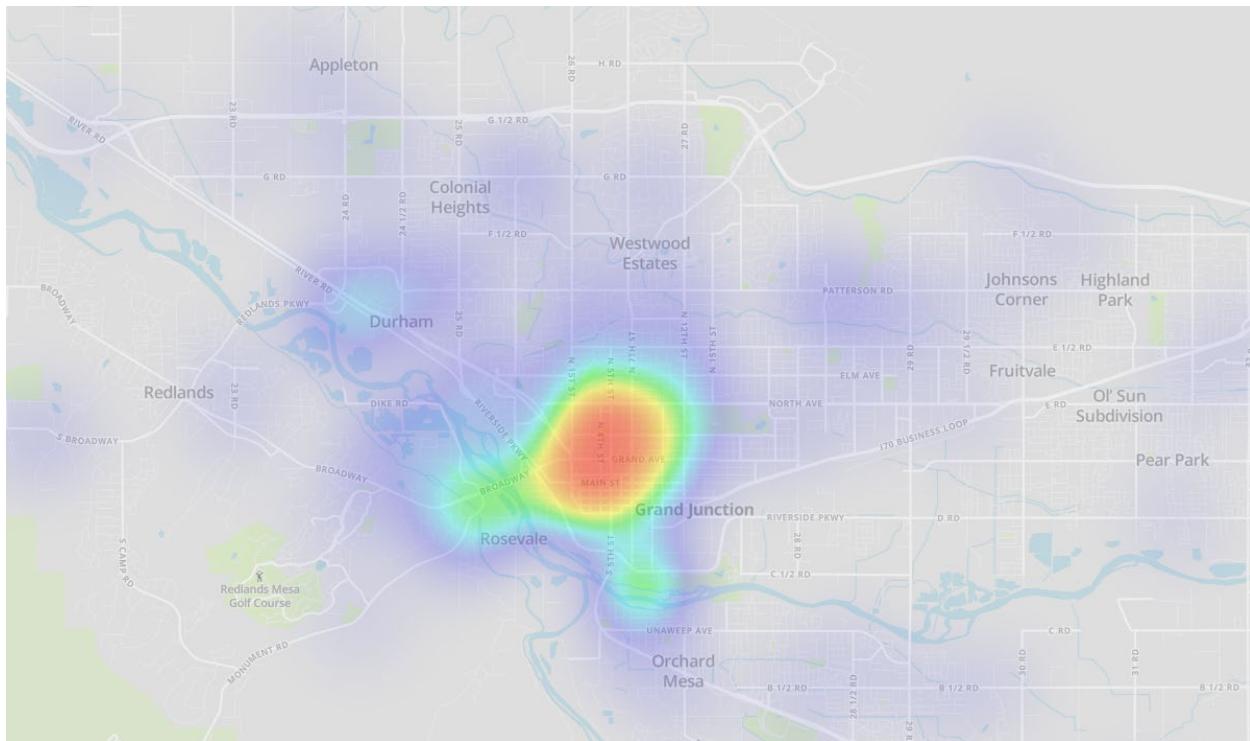


**FIGURE 40: HEATMAP OF DESIRED WALKING AND BIKING LOCATIONS, DOWNTOWN**

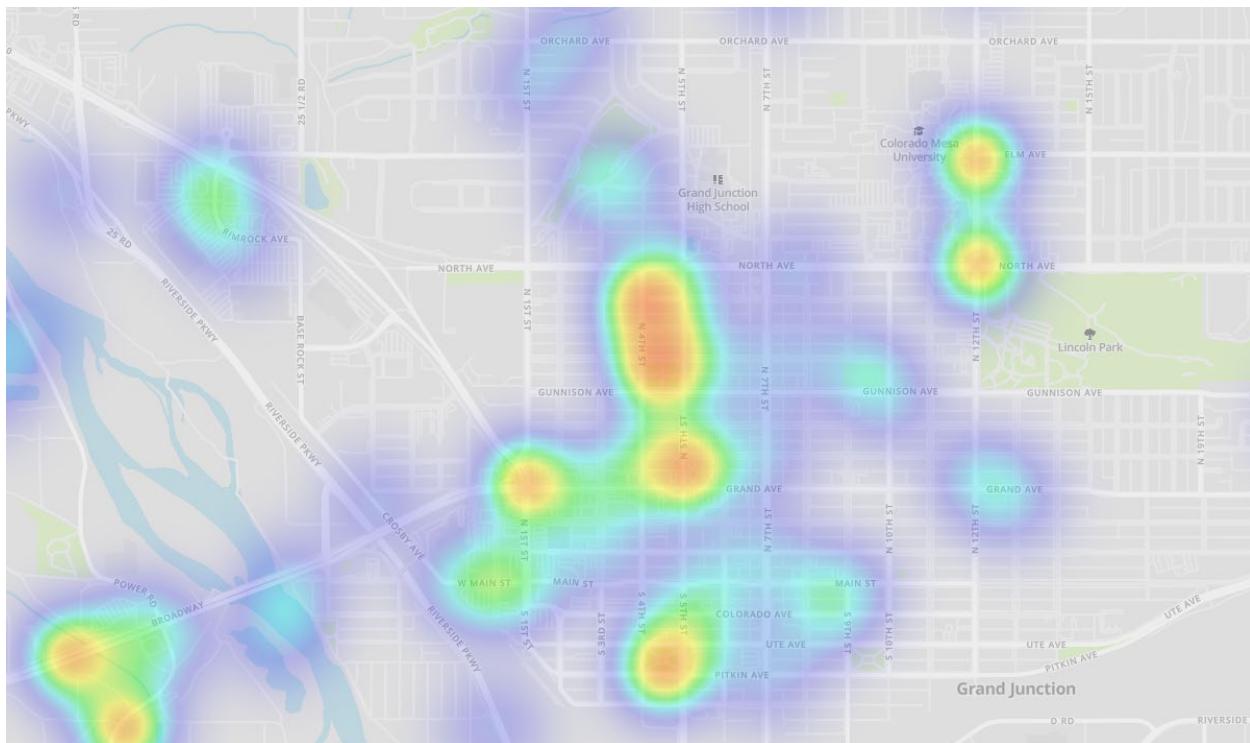
### *I don't feel safe walking/rolling here*

Respondents feel most unsafe walking and rolling in the downtown core of Grand Junction, as shown in **Figure 41** and **Figure 42**. Specifically, the top 10 most commonly cited unsafe locations by respondents include, in no particular order:

- **Broadway:** Commenters noted the sidewalk on Broadway is too narrow in many locations and that the corridor needs better signage alerting drivers to the presence of active transportation users. They also pointed out the need for a separate protected bike lane to create unique spaces for people walking/rolling and for people biking.
- **Monument Road:** Multiple respondents noted the challenges of walking and rolling on this roadway, due to missing sidewalks, speeding drivers, and lack of crosswalks to access trailheads and climbing areas along the corridor. At the north end, people noted concerns about the poor crossing of Broadway to access Safeway. Separately, people also commented on the chip seal roadway surface making it difficult to bike.
- **Main Street West of 1<sup>st</sup> Street:** Several comments pointed out challenges walking on Main Street west of 1<sup>st</sup> Street due to the poor roadway surface condition, inconsistently marked bike and roadway lanes, and uncomfortable crossings. One stated the interchange at Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street needed design improvements, particularly to lengthen crossing times. Another pointed out issues with pedestrian-vehicle conflicts at the crossing at Spruce Street and Main Street.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Street & Grand Avenue:** Commenters remarked that this is a dangerous intersection, especially due to the lack of pedestrian refuge islands.
- **12<sup>th</sup> Street:** Numerous respondents felt unsafe walking along this corridor due to narrow sidewalks and poor crossings (especially of North Avenue). They also noted aggressive, speeding drivers who did not adhere to RRFBs installed in the area. They thought better signage and additional traffic calming could make the corridor safer, especially around the nearby elementary school.
- **Patterson Road & 28 1/4 Road:** Multiple comments indicated concerns about drivers running this light and turning against walk signals without checking for or noticing pedestrians.
- **7<sup>th</sup> Street:** Concerns noted along 7<sup>th</sup> Street include those about speeding drivers, lack of crossings apart from that at Gunnison Avenue, and poor intersection visibility due to parked vehicles and foliage.
- **G Road:** Comments noted that G Road feels unsafe to walk or bike due to the lack of bike infrastructure and poor crossings.
- **24 1/2 Road:** Respondents feel unsafe walking on 24 1/2 Road due to missing sidewalks and the need for additional pedestrian crossings between business areas and new neighborhoods.
- **Las Colonias Park:** People expressed concerns about late-night activity in the park and the need for better lighting and police enforcement. The pedestrian and bicycle traffic flow on the Riverfront Trail is a concern, with people not staying to one side, no enforcement of the dog leash law, and users frequently blocking the entire trail, especially in the Las Colonias Park area.



**FIGURE 41: HEATMAP OF LOCATIONS RESPONDENTS FEEL UNSAFE WALKING/ROLLING, CITYWIDE**



**FIGURE 42: HEATMAP OF LOCATIONS RESPONDENTS FEEL UNSAFE WALKING/ROLLING, DOWNTOWN**

### *I don't feel safe biking here*

Respondents feel most unsafe biking in the Grand Junction downtown core and northwest area of the city, as shown in **Figure 43** and **Figure 44**. Specifically, the top 10 most commonly cited unsafe locations by respondents include, in no particular order:

- **Redlands Parkway & Broadway:** Commenters indicated that this intersection is uncomfortable if walking or biking due to speeding drivers, inadequate crossing times, and issues with glare. Comments nearby on Broadway noted missing sidewalks and bike infrastructure, and the lack of bike infrastructure on Redlands Parkway.
- **Redlands Parkway/24 Road:** Multiple comments in this marker type and others pointed out the dangerous crossing of US-50 along this roadway due to high speeds, poor roadway maintenance, the blind hill/hill grade, and lack of bike lane. It is also a key connection to the Mesa Mall from the south and the only crossing of US-50 in the area.
- **Riverside Parkway/25 Road:** Numerous comments in this area south of US-50 remarked on safety issues, including poor bikeway maintenance, dangerous right-turning traffic and red light running, the bike lane crossing high speed/high volume traffic, poor lighting and signage, inadequate pedestrian crossing times, and poor visibility. This is a key connection to the Riverfront Trail.
- **25 Road:** North of the US-50 crossing, respondents had concerns about the 25 Road corridor lacking sidewalks and bike infrastructure, on a roadway with high traffic volumes and speeds.
- **Main Street:** driver-bike conflicts at 7<sup>th</sup> & Main roundabout, bike lane inconsistent, drivers do not see or yield to bike traffic, desire to close street to vehicle traffic
- **Riverside Parkway & 9<sup>th</sup> Street:** Comments expressed concerns about this being an unsafe crossing.
- **12<sup>th</sup> Street:** People noted concerns about this corridor, which has no bike lanes, but high traffic volumes and speeds, limited visibility, and uncomfortable crossings, particularly at Patterson Road and North Avenue. Commenters have seen people running lights on the corridor.
- **29 Road:** Respondents indicated concerns about high traffic speeds and unsafe crossings on this roadway, particularly at the 29 Road and C ½ intersection that people use to access the Riverfront Trail. They note the bridge crossing over I-70 business loop feeling dangerous, and poor bikeway maintenance (where they exist). One commenter was hit by a driver while biking on this roadway.
- **Orchard Avenue:** Many comments expressed issues with this corridor, including inconsistent bike facilities (especially near schools), aggressive drivers, illegal parking in the bike lane, people riding on the sidewalk, and frequent curb cuts/driveways. People feel unsafe at many crossings, especially at 28 Road, 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **7<sup>th</sup> Street:** Respondents noted poor maintenance, missing bike lanes, aggressive drivers, and infrequent and poor crossings (especially at Main Street, North Avenue, Orchard Avenue, Horizon Drive, Patterson Road, and between CMU and GJHS).



**FIGURE 43: HEATMAP OF LOCATIONS RESPONDENTS FEEL UNSAFE BIKING, CITYWIDE**



**FIGURE 44: HEATMAP OF LOCATIONS RESPONDENTS FEEL UNSAFE BIKING, DOWNTOWN**

## Open House Geographic Comments

The community open house on September 14<sup>th</sup> also provided an opportunity through a floor map exercise for the community to identify locations throughout Grand Junction where they currently walk and bike, where they would like to walk and bike and where they don't feel comfortable walking and biking due to the infrastructure (see **Figure 45**).



**FIGURE 45: FLOOR MAP EXERCISE AT THE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

Comments received in person at the community open house flagged many of the same challenges as those received on the online interactive map (**Figure 46**). A large share of concerns concentrated on safety issues at major crossings of the railroad and highway, again highlighting the areas around Redlands Parkway/24 Road, Broadway, and Riverside Parkway. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Orchard Avenue, North Avenue, and 7<sup>th</sup>/Main Street in the core of the city were also highlighted as important corridors for walking and biking and/or places people currently don't feel comfortable walking and biking.

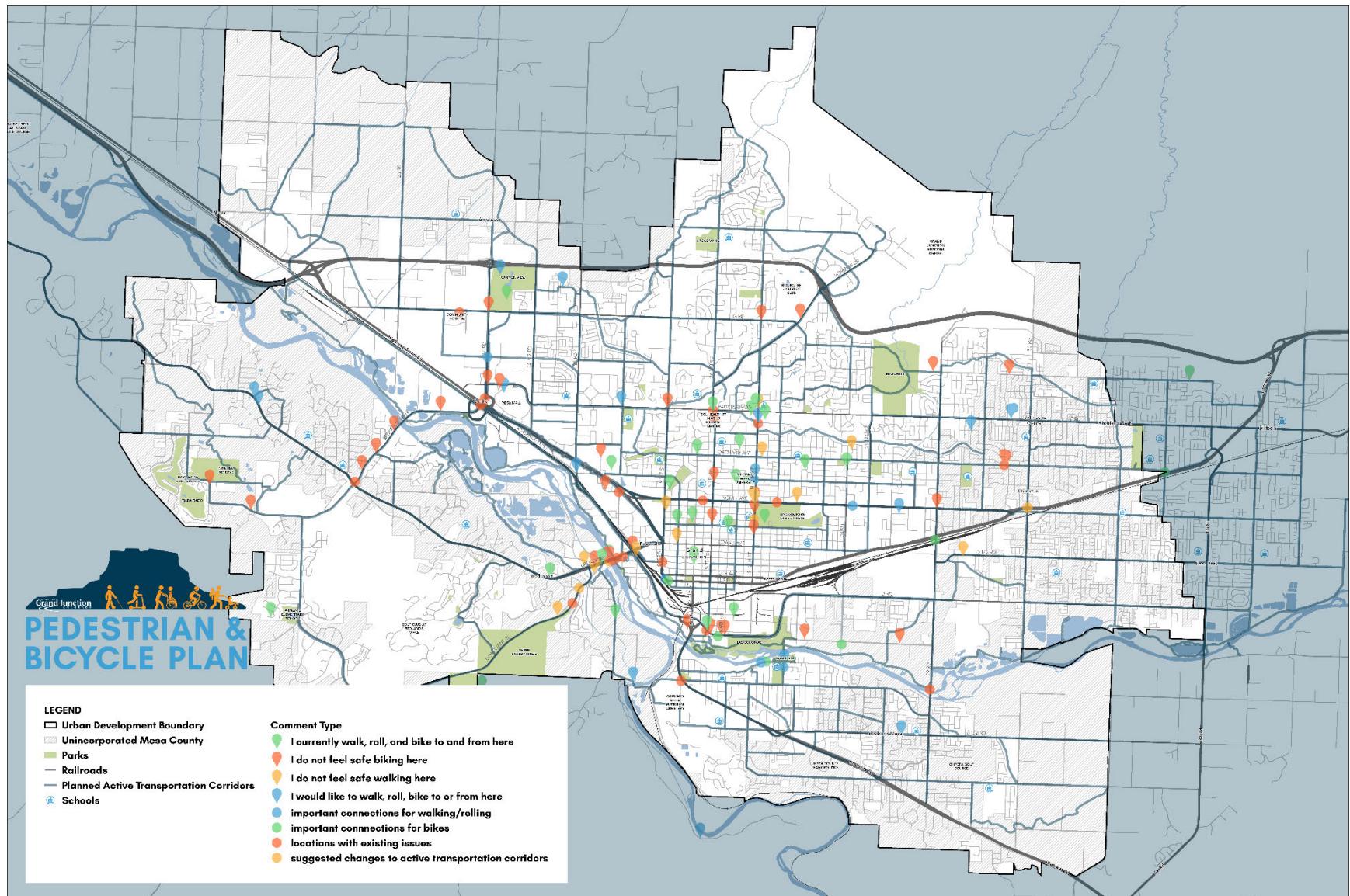


FIGURE 46: IN PERSON COMMENT MAP

# Summary

This report provided an assessment of the existing conditions and needs of the pedestrian and bicycle network in Grand Junction and key findings of the first round of community engagement for the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan* that occurred in September and October of 2022. Key findings from these two major analytical elements of the active transportation system in Grand Junction are summarized below and will be used to inform recommendations in the city's *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*.

## Existing Conditions Assessment

- **Relevant Plans** – The document provides a summary of key outcomes of existing relevant plans and documents, including the *One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan*, the *Grand Junction Circulation Plan*, the *Grand Valley Regional Transportation Plan*, Grand Junction's *Complete Streets Policy*, the Fire Code, and the Zoning and Development Code. The Active Transportation Corridors will be updated as part of the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan* and will become the vision for the future bike network and key pedestrian corridors in Grand Junction.
- **Existing Pedestrian Network** – Maps illustrate the existing pedestrian network in Grand Junction, including which streets have attached sidewalks, detached sidewalks, or no sidewalks. The map identifies key missing gaps in the pedestrian network in the city. Of particular importance are streets with missing or inadequate sidewalks along the Active Transportation Corridors, collector and arterial streets, and at major crossings of the Colorado River, railroad tracks, and highways.
- **Existing Bicycle Network** – Maps illustrate the existing bicycle network in Grand Junction, including where there are existing multi-use trails, streets with bike lanes, and signed bike routes. Of particular importance are streets with missing or inadequate bike facilities along the Active Transportation Corridors, at major crossings of the Colorado River, railroad tracks, and highways, and where there are missing links in the network.
- **Level of Traffic Stress Maps** – The report develops a methodology and maps showing the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) on a scale of 1 to 4 for both pedestrians and bicyclists on all streets in Grand Junction. Streets with LTS 1 and 2 are considered low stress, while streets with LTS 3 or 4 are considered higher stress for people walking and biking. The LTS maps will be a critical component in developing recommendations for the active transportation network and street design as part of the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*.
- **Active Transportation High Injury Network** – An Active Transportation High Injury Network (HIN) Map was developed representing the streets with the highest concentration of pedestrian and bicycle involved crashes in the city. The HIN map shows that over 80% of pedestrian and bicycle crashes occur on just 5% of city streets. Focusing resources and investment on upgrading active transportation facilities and making safety improvements on these streets will have the greatest impact on improving bicycle and pedestrian safety in Grand Junction. The HIN is an important evaluation tool for project prioritization.
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Demand** – In addition to community input which helped reveal important corridors for people walking and biking (discussed in the Community Engagement Findings section), Strava (a Big Data provider) highlighted important corridors in the city for people walking and biking. This showed key corridors through downtown as well as popular routes used to cross the Colorado

River and railroad tracks that should be considered as part of planning the future pedestrian and bicycle network.

## Community Engagement Findings

The city conducted comprehensive community engagement as part of the planning process to solicit input to inform recommendations in the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan*. Engagement included an online survey with an interactive webmap, an in-person community open house, nine focus group meetings, a dozen intercept events across the city, and formation of a 17-person resident Steering Committee that will guide the direction of the project. In all, over 2,000 touch points were made with the community through this process including over 660 survey responses, and over 1,000 comments on the interactive webmap.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from the community through this engagement process. A brief summary of key highlights is provided below:

- **Improve Traffic Safety** – Safety emerged from the visioning process at the open house and online survey as a top theme, as well as the focus groups and initial meeting with the Steering Committee. A lot of people would like to walk and bike more and would like kids to be able to walk and bike more in Grand Junction, but don't feel safe doing so in many areas of the city.
- **Improve Active Transportation Infrastructure** – The community consistently reiterated their desire for more sidewalks, wider sidewalks, more bike trails, more bike lanes, wider bike lanes, and more facilities separated from traffic on busy, higher-speed streets.
- **Missing Connections** – The public acknowledged many great existing walk and bike facilities in Grand Junction, including the Riverfront Trail, but because there are missing connections in the network, and due to difficulty crossing major streets, many people are not able to or do not feel comfortable walking and biking places.
- **Key Destinations** – Several important destinations were reiterated by the community, including downtown, the Riverfront Trail, CMU, Mesa Mall, K-12 schools, and medical clinics and businesses, particularly along North Avenue and Patterson Road.
- **Key Connections Across Barriers** – A common theme emerged in discussion and feedback received by the community is that there are a limited number of ways to cross the Colorado River, railroad tracks, and highways (including US 50 and I-70B) and many of the existing corridors across these barriers do not adequately support people walking/rolling and biking. These connections are critical for people to connect from downtown, CMU, and the Mesa Mall on the north side of the city to the Riverfront Trail, the Redlands, and Orchard Mesa on the south side of the city.
- **Riverfront Trail** – The Riverfront Trail is a key east-west connection for both recreational and utilitarian active transportation in Grand Junction and connecting to/from the Riverfront Trail should be an important aspect of the future pedestrian and bicycle network.
- **Unmet Demand** – The community would like to be able to walk and bike more frequently and to more places in Grand Junction, but are not comfortable doing so due to inadequate infrastructure and key missing connections in the pedestrian and bicycle network. 95% of survey respondents said they would like to be able to walk and bike more in Grand Junction.



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

### EXISTING CONDITIONS & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

# APPENDIX A: PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

## Appendix A: Public Comments Received

The table below lists all general written comments received from the public that were submitted as part of the online survey or through the GJ Speaks platform on the project website in September and October 2022 for the Grand Junction Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan. Handwritten comments provided by participants of the community open house held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 are also attached to the end of this document.

#	Comment
1	Along with more infrastructure, there needs to be more education and awareness surrounding walking/biking in Grand Junction. Many people ignore bikes or are not aware of their presence. There should be a campaign around improving bike culture within the city.
2	I'd love to see more bike paths and sidewalk routes around Grand Junction! Or better maintenance on the ones that we do have so I don't have to worry about popping a tire. Coming from Fort Collins where biking is easy to get anywhere and everywhere, it would great to see Grand Junction become more accessible in that way.
3	C 1/2 Road is part of the Colorado Riverfront Trail route and it NEEDS to be maintained and is GREATLY in NEED of a bike lane or detached bike path. Also, with the new construction at Eddy Apartments, there is a lot more traffic going down the road, and people leaving the Eddy parking lot DO NOT LOOK before they leave, cyclists have to really be paying attention.
4	More public education concerning safe riding such as the danger of riding against traffic and riding on sidewalks.
5	Do not feel safe biking along C 1/2 Road between 29 and 27 1/2 Roads. No shoulder and lots of people drive over speed limit on that road.
6	I hope this plan includes a lot of bollards and separated paths! Painted bike lanes provide no added safety for riders OR drivers!
7	More trail corridors/multi use paths not attached to roads. Turn Main Street into a walking mall.
8	North Ave should be 30mph with posted shared lanes each direction... definitely within 3 miles CMU. As well as 12th street
9	I'm able to complete a lot of bike trips currently, but I'd love to see the 'barrier to entry' to lowered for more people. Bike/ped are the cheapest form of mobility for the individual, we'd be well served by giving them greater priority in the transportation investment.
10	The bike and pedestrian plan, and the related steering committee, scans as a tool to give the illusion of progress while stalling development of any meaningful infrastructure or change — a busy box for local activists. Public Works already knows where the paths need to go and City Council could tomorrow fund those and ban right-turns on red if they wanted. Forming a committee and developing a plan serves only to obfuscate the issue.

#	Comment
11	I would like to see bike paths and pedestrian routes prioritized over cars. I know it is tough to do with existing infrastructure, but it can be done. It requires an understanding of what kinds of trails people will use, being safe, comfortable and more convenient than driving. If you build it people will use it. There is science to back that up. If you want this to become a bike and walk kind of city, you need to make it more enjoyable than driving.
12	It is terrifying to bike to work if work is on Patterson or North Ave
13	Would love for some of the businesses off of 50 to be more bike accessible and a way to get to OM that isn't 29rd.
14	Connecting downtown, north neighborhoods, Redlands, the hospital, CMU and business loop by a separate, connected bike path loop would significantly impact the # of ppl who commute! I know many ppl who would commute on bikes if our bike lanes were more distinctly separated by curbs/islands. As someone who works at the hospital, seeing the "bike vs. car" outcomes the biker or pedestrian usually comes out on the bottom. Thank you!
15	the river front and areas between the river and downtown are pretty good and get used a lot. there are a lot of big pick-up trucks in town that make it hard to share the road. if we had some separation or curb between the traffic lane and bike lane, it would be much more enticing to ride instead of drive.
16	Need to have some kind of pedestrian or bicycle lane across HWY 6&50 to cross at Redlands PWKY / 24 RD area ultimately to access mall/parks/health care facilities. Currently no safe way to cross at all.
17	North-south bike access is dangerous and a disincentive to taking alternate transportation modes. In the last three years, there have been two "white bikes" along Seventh Street alone.

#	Comment
18	<p>The City seems to excessively focus on big projects, such as redesigning 4th and 5th Streets (if and when that happens), while neglecting small, relatively low cost improvements that would make a huge difference by making an entire route immediately viable. For example, the traffic light at 5th Street and North Avenue does not detect bicycles, which reduces the usefulness of 5th Street as a bicycle corridor. This problem was pointed out to the City over a decade ago, yet the City is waiting to do a 'big project' to fix this problem. Another such location is G Road, where the shoulder disappears and reappears. I understand that the City has long range plans for this road that include bike lanes, but in the meantime this is a badly needed bicycle corridor that is too dangerous to ride. The Redlands Parkway overpass is another one that the City has talked about making bicycle friendly but keeps delaying.</p> <p>I'd like for the City to fix such small problems so that these corridors are useful now while going through the 20 year process of designing and funding 'big project'. If the City ends up tearing up that road with the 'new' improvements, so be it because that's years or decades of use of a corridor that we don't have now.</p> <p>Speaking more broadly, I'd like for the City of GJ to give non-motorized transportation a level of priority equal to that of motorized transportation. The City would never tolerate a traffic light that doesn't detect cars to go unaddressed for even weeks, yet we've been waiting over a decade for the light on 5th Street to be fixed.</p>
19	Be fearless and do the right thing for the future of mobility in our city. Consider starting around schools where school buses don't run and linking up major destinations with bike routes where cyclists do not need to ride in a lane or barely existing shoulder. Motorists here are commonly on their phones while driving, so we have to do more than placing bikes next to cars on busy streets. Painting a shoulder doesn't necessarily make it safe.
20	I'm glad there is renewed focus on this improvement for our community.
21	I like to ride my bike everywhere when it's safe. It'd be nice to have a bike lane on places frequented by road bikes, like K, 24, etc....
22	I believe it would be excellent if the tri city area (palisade, clifton, grand junction were connected via bicycle path. That the gaps in the current paths were utilized for further expansion, connecting the already existing paths that run all the way to Fruita. This would be ecologically beneficial, encouraging alternative means of travel, expand traveling opportunities and thus life opportunities to the disenfranchised. Interconnection would boost tourism and ensure the safety of visitors and locals alike.q
23	I would love to see a trail system valley wide, in multiple locations to enable people from all walks and locations to access and use it. If you look at some of the mountain towns, there are incredible trail systems that network throughout the community, providing opportunities for use and healthy lifestyle for everyone.
24	More community spaces in NE GJ

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25	Downtown is a great example of what more of the city should be like - slower vehicle speed limits and lots of options to cross at. It would be great if there were dedicated routes to get you to main areas of town (i.e. from downtown to the mall to the lunch loops, etc). Salt Lake City has specific roads with slow speed limits where bike traffic is able to use the entire lane that get you across town comfortably and safely, and they publish a map of those roads for bikers. I would love to see that implemented in Grand Junction, so that I would actually be comfortable commuting and running errands by bike.
26	Need awareness that drivers of autos/trucks need to slow down and especially that bikes can take the whole lane if needed. maybe the big flashing signs all over to remind drivers to slow the heck down and watch out for bikers.
27	At this point, I am primarily concerned about unleashed dogs chasing and attacking me, E-Bikes riding at unsafe speeds on paths and the lack of places to secure bicycles without them being stolen or vandalized. There seems to only be reactive enforcement about these issues rather than proactive enforcement of existent codes. There also are very long spans along the trail system without bathroom facilities or even trash cans which lead to a very unkempt "trashy" trail system. That and all of the dog excrement every 10 feet.
28	Grand Junction and the whole Grand Valley is an idealic setting for a beautiful trail system to safely move active and engaged citizens around the area. The more connected and well thought out it is, all the better, and will increase usage. Thank you for working this plan! Very exciting! One more thing: With the speeds of e-bikes, I think they need to be separated from pedestrian/and self powered bikes.
29	I would like a better North/South bike route through town. I would like improvements to the riverfront trail, especially the poor asphalt section. I believe the Connected Lakes section could be wonderful if the heaved asphalt was replaced. I would like a bike connector to Whitewater. We need more weed-mowing and spraying along the Riverfront trail to make it safer and more appealing.
30	Bike access at first and Broadway, along Grand.
31	G road is in serious need of bike lane improvements. West bound has a wide lane all the way to 24 road but riding east bound is a harrowing experience with no lane or even a shoulder.
32	it would be nice to have a safe way to cross Patterson and North. I've tried the 15th st route but it went to the college. This might not be the best place to have to ride through with events a people driving carts all over.
33	I'm not sure if they could at all be addressed, but one of the main reasons I stopped biking was harassment from drivers, rolling down their windows and yelling slurs and making other weird comments.

#	Comment
34	Why are some new housing developments required to have sidewalks and others don't. For example the new subdivision on F 1/2 road between 25 rd and 24 1/2. If all new builds were required to have sidewalks it would be so much better. It doesn't make sense to require one but not the other to have sidewalks on Main roads so these developments could "attach to each other" to promote walking and biking
35	especially need a safe way from the area north of 25 & Patterson via bike to downtown area. NO good way exists at this point. Would like to throw out the old adage about there being a couple of traffic free trans valley routes on the canal right of ways which are underutilized.
36	Improving Pedestrian Infrastructure isn't as simple as bicycle lanes (or even bike roads). Current zoning codes, even in GJ where they're relatively good, don't allow simple small family businesses to be built in residential areas. The corner store where kids spent spare change on Coca-Cola can't be built on my street. These zoning issues will always make traveling to say, get bread and milk, or a dentist appointment nearly impossible for most people.  Other than zoning issues, bicycle lanes and a sidewalk next to the road isn't as effective as it could be. Cars are loud and dangerous, and being forced to ride or walk right next to them with no physical separation and/or protection will always make people on a bike or on foot uncomfortable and unsafe.
37	Would love, love to be able to bike or walk more places in Grand Junction.
38	I'd like to see some future proof planning when building new trails. Unlike several sections of riverfront trail that are constantly underwater. When it's been washed out, the city wasted money rebuilding it in the same spot where it will be washed out again. Ice rink area comes to mind. I want my tax dollars spent wisely, not willy nilly just to get something done.
39	The ditch roads seem like good avenues for biking, running, walking. I see people using them all the time though they are trespassing. Where is the discussion with the water people. Can you put up a fence or something?
40	Biking in Grand Junction needs to have major paths and thoroughfares in order safe traveling
41	The riverfront trail provides an excellent east/west connector but there are too few north south connectors to that trail system.
42	The biggest hurdle I see to this plan is the lack of police traffic enforcement. I used to ride more, to the library, grocery store and for recreation but no longer feel safe doing so. It was an enjoyable activity that I miss.
43	GET it DONE!

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44	1) Most traffic lights around town require pedestrians to tap the walk sign. Please set them to light up automatically. Cars seem to take this as a reason not to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. 2) More crosswalks with signage are needed to allow for safe passage. 3) Greater publication is needed that it is Colorado law to stop for those in a crosswalk.
45	This is not Boulder.
46	We need established bike lanes, but we also need some good PR and community awareness. People are reckless drivers and bikers ride two-by and make people mad.
47	I would like to be able to bike to work, but there are some spots on my route where I do not feel comfortable riding on the street (e.g. 12th St), especially if taking my toddler to daycare in the trailer. There are also some places marked as bike friendly, but then they have so many cars parked on the side that you end up biking in the middle of the road (e.g. parts of Gunnison).
48	Underserved areas need to be a priority for new and improved infrastructure, e.g., Orchard Mesa.
49	I cycle mainly for recreation. I'm anxious to see the RFT finished from Colonias to 29 rd.
50	Education for bikers. They need to follow the rules of the road. Ride within bike lanes and ride single file.
51	The city needs to open up less traveled roadways to electric golf carts
52	Right now, riding/walking within individual areas of town is adequate, but this city needs better non-motorized transportation corridors between areas of town. Riding on streets like North Ave, Patterson, 7th, 12th, and other major corridors is unsafe but is necessary to get between major areas of the city.
53	Well marked continuous bikelanes from neighborhoods to downtown, recreational areas, libraries and school zones will encourage a happy healthy community.
54	More bike trails similar to connector trail from the monument.
55	Please include bike lanes in future road plans. Also, please complete river front trail from palisade to grand junction
56	Please address the 25 Road corridor. There are bike lanes in both directions connecting 25 Road to riverfront bike trails via the Riverside Parkway viaduct. However, the bike lanes terminate on the north end at Patterson Road. From that point 25 Road has no bike lanes, no shoulders, and no sidewalks and high-volume traffic. It is dangerous to bike to or from Western Colorado Community College, businesses in Foresight Park, and residences along 25 Road. Ideally, the bike path would continue to a terminus at Canyon View Park.

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57	<p>Please improve F 1/2 Road between 26rd and Trails End Ct. This is a major route for children traveling to and from West and Pomona. I've seen several close calls on the blind corner because there is no bike lane, no shoulder and the road is too narrow. People drive too fast in that section as well.</p> <p>Better crossings on Patterson for students.</p>
58	For years I have been trying to get the city to recognize the problem of decaying asphalt on bike/walking paths on the Redlands along South Camp and Redlands Parkway. I even sent photos. I was always told there is no monies to replace them. Beginning at Rimrock Rd. off of South Camp to Wingate School and from the P
59	Granddaughter unable to get around in her power wheelchair due to sidewalks non existent or do not connect. She had to roll in the STREET. She is NOT SAFE.
60	This survey inadequately addresses the questions, concerns, comments and needs that pedestrians and cyclists may have.
61	The pedestrian bridge adjacent to Broadway over the railroad tracks ends abruptly at the back of the jail on the North side. There is no clear path or route into downtown. Also there is very little signage directing you to either end of the bridge. It is kind of a bridge to nowhere currently. I think there is potential for this bridge but it is rarely used as far as I can tell.

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62	<p>1. Too much pavement and wide sweeping turns with large intersections -- encourages cars to go fast and non-cars to be un-safe.</p> <p>2. Intersections should favor pedestrians FAR more -- if the intersection size can't be reduced from reduced lanes, there should at least be pedestrian islands. Most intersections make pedestrians wait a LONG time to cross, which does not encourage more walking. Neckdowns, reduced wait time should be the norm, and pedestrian signals should occur at every iteration of the cycle, not just when the button is pressed.</p> <p>3. Signaled pedestrian crossings to break up large stretches of road (at least the button/flashing yellow lights if not a full signal), and converting unnecessary/low volume road stoplights to stop signs</p> <p>4. Innovative parking lot crossing for pedestrians -- businesses should have ways to get from where they are coming from to the business door without having to dodge and weave between distracted drivers (this could also be used to increase the safety and comfort of people walking from their cars). Could be raised sidewalks, cones, give pedestrians the most direct route and force cars to slow down.</p> <p>5. General sidewalk and bike lane connectivity -- identify gaps in the network, or areas where a pedestrian or cyclist would have to take a much longer way around compared to a car (usually they don't take the longer way around and just cross anyways or travel along a sketchy path).</p> <p>6. Reduce driveway cutouts in sidewalks -- the sidewalk should be safe, and it is not when there are many chances for cars to zip in and out right across. The norm shouldn't be the pedestrian waiting for cars, but the other way around.</p> <p>*Downtown/Main street is doing great with walkability! -- just maybe stop signs instead of signals, and the one way roads are not conducive to good walkability and connectivity*</p> <p>Walkable City Rules by Jeff Speck is an excellent book to start identifying and implementing some best practices around this plan, if you haven't read it already</p>
63	It is scary for both bikers and drivers. I am a biker and was appalled to see two bikers riding next to each other on 6 and 50. It forced me to stop as I could not safely pass with oncoming traffic. Our river bike path is in such disrepair in many places. The bike lanes on the street need to be wider.
64	Thanks for reaching out and starting to think about these issues.
65	Theft proof bike parking downtown Grand Junction
66	With locating the new rec center outside of the accessible city center, people from every part of town should be able to get there on bike paths.
67	I'd love to see more GJ bike specific maps around town or available to the public of popular routes to get around. Even a PDF version I can print (maybe already available?) would be handy.
68	Get someone who does GIS to map out density of possibly routes from neighborhoods, work places, restaurants, bars, groceries, stores, etc. And all the possible best routes to find roads that would connect a large number of these combinations. Take the most used roads, give them divided shoulders if high speed roads, painted lanes if low speed, add new routes with bike infrastructure. Huge undertaking but glad to see it's being looked at.

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69	As I stated before, regular sweeping and maintenance of the existing bike lanes is lacking. Forces riders in to the traffic lanes. There needs to be a safe way to get across 6 and 50 and the railroad tracks. A lot of the Tour of the Moon Loop needs to have separate bike lanes. None exist now. This path is signed and the local tourism board encourages riders, yet there is no shoulder on much of this road, especially where the road makes sharp turns at blind corners.
70	I love the Riverfront paths but wish we had more bike paths running north and south through town. It is very dicey trying to ride from my home in north GJ to reach anything in the heart of downtown.
71	North avenue, I don't think there is a safe way to add bike lanes without going to single lane for cars. There is too much traffic to make the lanes thinner. I think using side streets that are marked with bike lanes and allow for residential parking would be the winner, assuming the neighborhoods don't lose parking.
72	There are insufficient safe crossings on Broadway west of Monument Rd. Many neighborhoods are disconnected from the existing safe paths.
73	We need more bike lanes, and possibly established places for riders that are training for competition, especially north of town, 1st street north of patterson.
74	Downtown streets are narrow; maybe turn outs to let traffic behind you pass by safely instead of holding them back. Theft a concern. My bike is cheap only paid \$730.00 for it ha ha. Don't know how to combat theft other than use multiple locks and hope for the best. This is always in the back of your mind, tho, makes you uncomfortable all the time can't enjoy the experience GJct has to offer.
75	Grand Junction is way behind in developing complete streets in association with current development. It is very difficult to walk or ride a bike from the north side of town to downtown. There is a lack of sidewalks and bike lanes for these north/south corridors like 7th and 12th Streets and it too dangerous to bike on Patterson or to walk or bike on G Road.
76	I live in Redlands and frequently take my child to elementary school on an ebike. However, commuting into town from Redlands is not ideal on a bicycle. The sidewalk along Broadway is functional, but makes for a bumpy and unsteady ride. It would be ideal to ride along the roadway instead of on a sidewalk, but the roadway does not feel safe for a cyclist. Between aggressive drivers and limited space on the shoulder, especially crossing bridges, the road is dangerous. I'd like to see any new/redesigned roadways in the city include safe bicycle infrastructure and space. Thanks.
77	Get the bicycles off the dang roads and highways
78	We need to catch up with the promotion, acceptance and ability to use a bicycle to get around town.
79	Thank you for taking the time to receive input.

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80	There is a serious lack of connectedness of the business districts to more residential areas. The paths that do exist need to be better maintained and widened for two way bike traffic. I'd like to see main through ways like Broadway and Redlands Parkway have fully developed bike infrastructure that doesn't require a cyclist to use the sidewalk since this is unsafe for pedestrians.
81	I'm just really glad you're taking a look at this. Riding/running/walking on the roads in this town is scarier than anywhere else I've ever been (and I lived in Rio!). I was told by a sheriff's deputy that he intentionally drives toward bicyclists when they're on the road to scare them (he told me this in a social setting, not as a rep of MCSO). I've experienced drivers doing this far too many times, and it's absolutely absurd that law enforcement is doing it. To me, that means it's *imperative* that there are alternative routes for bikes and pedestrians. (Side note, I'd love it if you had better inclusivity in regard to gender on this survey. I'm non binary and have many clients who are as well.)
82	It would be nice if the general driving public would be more respectful of bikers. I have faced hostile drivers and I have seen many drivers not provide the minimum 3-foot space required by law.
83	Safe access to RFT from all parts of town. Every park should have good and safe access. Safe bike paths across RR tracks - especially the ones that are at angles to the street.
84	We have a ready made system of right-of-ways that could be turned into multi-use paths connecting virtually every area of Grand Junction with our canal system. Canal trails would be the fastest way to build a safe off-street network.
85	width of bike lanes is often inadequate. I'd like to see separate green/red lights for bicycles in bike lanes allowing them to advance and / or stop ahead of vehicles on the main roadways. Smallish circular rideable paved sections rising up to a overhead bridge for crossing spans that are wide and unsafe for cyclists. I'd like to see the city engage with the county to complete bike lanes on roads outside of city limits. (eg) Southcamp Rd.
86	A sidewalk needs to be installed from 30 Rd/F 1/2 toward Thunder Mountain Elementary School. Speed limits are unenforced on F 1/2 Rd especially through the school zone. Riding along Patterson Rd would be incredibly unsafe.
87	I would like to see connections from the river trail to the mall and other shopping areas. I would also like to more easily access downtown from the river trail via bike.

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88	If bicycle lanes on city streets are to be created/maintained, there needs to be a specific tax (bike registrations) and they need to abide by the same rules as regular traffic, otherwise they create a hazard to the normal flow of traffic.
89	I truly wish Grand Junction was more bike friendly. Imagine if the irrigation water channels were covered and converted to bike paths! I also think the culture of grand junction is against cyclist. As a small, young woman riding alone, I have had trucks roll coal on me and pass dangerously close. I would love to not ride in the lanes, but the shoulders have too much debris and there aren't enough bike lanes to stay on bike paths my entire route.
90	The homeless on the Riverfront trail keep me off of it 100%.
91	My opinion? Open the canal roads to pedestrian traffic. If you want to be the heroes now, we need to cultivate the canal roads to pedestrian traffic. It will be done. It is just a matter of time. They are literally right there. Growing up in the Valley, I am aware of personal property, irrigation and a whole bucket of legal issues needing to be addressed. However, the safety of our pedestrians is important and the limited amount of proper bike paths is disturbing. No worries though, if you chicken out now, others, who value safety and the beauty of our canal pathways will get it done. 
92	Obviously there are not enough bike lanes to be able to complete most trips. However, I think if you're going to ever focus on complete streets you also need to heavily focus on motorist behavior. I'm terrified to ride my bike down Patterson because of the potential for there to be a texting driver that swerves over into the bike lane, or someone who runs a red light, or someone who makes an illegal turn, etc. With no law enforcement traffic patrol, our streets are a lawless free-for-all. Anyone who says otherwise is in denial. It's a joke that we fill out the paperwork to receive a bike city designation.
93	I like to walk and frequently encounter bikes trying to use the same space. Need wide enough for both. I do miss the Midwest where there were numerous bike trails in shaded woods.
94	Please put a crossing light or tunnel on 29 and C 1/2 road. Would love if the river trails that are paved by connected lakes were redone, Rey are super cracked and lumpy. It would be great if the river trail connected to Palisade. Thanks.
95	Enforcement of illegally tinted windows on cars would help increase bicycle safety. Cannot tell if a driver sees you when windows are so dark. Additionally would increase police officers safety. Converting the irrigation roads to bike trails would also greatly improve biking in GJ.

#	Comment
96	GJ has fairly good North-South routes, if you don't mind a little vehicular cycling, but we need more viable cycling routes that go East-West, especially if you want to get out of the Northeast corner of GJ (e.g., Fruitvale). The bike lane along Patterson is just a cruel joke, that lane should either be removed, or made into a protected bike lane. It's current status along a 45 mph road, where many motorists are going 50+ is suicidal.
97	Opening the canal paths as trails would be a hugely beneficial to biking and walking in the valley!
98	At many intersections, a bicycle in a traffic lane will not 'trip' the sensor to activate the traffic light. I am therefore stuck either waiting through multiple light cycles, or running a red light, or having to go press the pedestrian crosswalk button. In many places, the crosswalk buttons are not in a place that can be reached by a cyclist, so I have to get off my bike, push it to the crosswalk button, turn it around, and then cross the street. I have had to do this many times while towing a child in a trailer, and maneuvering the bike and trailer in that fashion is very difficult. I would love to see more bike lanes and more traffic lights that are sensitive enough to be triggered by a bicycle in a bike line, or to have the crosswalk buttons more accessible.
99	I've done a lot of bike commuting and recreational jogging in this town in the past 5 years. I think that two things are needed: A) infrastructure improvements B) driver education/cultural changes. For A, we need more bike lanes and paths, better links between them, better shoulders, safer crossings. For B, we also need to somehow change the attitudes of drivers toward pedestrians and cyclists, especially outside the downtown area. I've never experienced the hostility toward pedestrians and cyclists anywhere that I have here, and it's really disappointing. I suspect that A will be easier to fix than B.
100	I love to bike and walk for low impact exercise. Living outside of the city limits makes my options for safe routes limited.
101	More needed for designated bike paths through city and connections to Palisade to Fruita. Safer bike paths little park road and monument
102	Bike lanes are too narrow and often filled with debris. Patterson is extremely unsafe.
103	I live in the Redlands and am able to easily access the Colorado Trail off Redlands Parkway which is great. However, it would be nice to have a pedestrian bridge over to City Mark (24 Road), the mall, etc. Another consideration is adding in a route to get to the Lunch Loops main parking lot. Right now there is a small section of S. Camp that has no sidewalk but then there is no sidewalk one you get to Monument Drive and turn Left back towards town.
104	I would like to be able to bike from my house to work (from downtown to the airport) but don't have a safe route and to Palisade without biking on the roads.

#	Comment
105	More bike paths would make me feel more safe. My path from home to school feels dangerous with the amount of cars. The community would benefit with a bike path that connects the riverfront trail to CMU campus and downtown.
106	Paint is not infrastructure. We need designated interconnected routes off of major roads. There's so much potential here! If the city is trying to attract high wage workers from the front range and grow economically this is a crucial investment!
107	Thank you for working on a master bicycle and pedestrian plan and continuing execution of long term vision to safely connect all parts of Grand Junction and the Grand Valley! I ride at least three times a week and my husband five times a week so we appreciate the bike infrastructure that is in place! In the short-term, immediate work is needed to repair the pavement on the bike trail along Camp Road and on the River Path just west of downtown. Those cracks will swallow your wheels.
108	Thank you for undertaking this effort.
109	Bikes are awesome! Thank you.
110	Currently, I road bike for recreation, 2.5-3.5 hours/3-4 times a week. often cycling the National Monument. The need for safe, clean paths, motorist education of how to pass a cyclist, slow down, 3 ft, no coal rolling and loud exhaust, and recognition of health benefits, cost savings and decreased traffic are priorities.
111	The east end of north avenue is not bike friendly.
112	The roads and lights are wonderful as they are!
113	Old asphalt trails with joints are bone jarring on a bicycle (like Blue Heron section). 5th street bridge crossing by bicycle to the US Department of Energy Office is very busy being next to the road. Would like to see the bridge over the Gunnison River come back.
114	We need an interconnected network of active transportation routes that people of any age or ability will feel safe using.
115	To make the valley attractive to tech with its younger work force, a state-of-the-art ped/bike grid would be invaluable. The Chamber of Commerce should recognize the potential of our insitu resources like the irrigation and drainage canals and support such development.
116	If you get kids to ride their bikes to school, they will continue as adults and be healthier!
117	Redlands loop pavement in very poor condition. Missing bike trail east of las Colima's to 29th. Challenging to cross 29th to river trail.

#	Comment
118	As a community it will be important to look forward to bike/e-bike communizing as a reality. This involves adding bike lanes or widening current bike lanes to streets. This also includes improving designated paved bike lanes to make accessing destinations easier. For example, the progress that was made on South Camp has been impressive. It has a designated walking trail for familiar to access he elementary school and also has a well designated bike lane. One idea would be to utilize the already existing canal maintenance roads.
119	Scooter share programs are not the answer. Limited bike share in downtown areas may work. Educational signage and safe/easy bike parking is necessary at grocery stores and other major shopping areas.
120	Would love a safer sidewalk connecting Wingate Elementary School to Broadway
121	The roundabout in Redlands is a terribly unsafe route for students biking to school. A route to work is impossible with Redlands parkway/24 rd and Patterson being the main artery. Lack of bike lanes and paths is a deal breaker. We need safer routes & crossings, especially for students that are out of bus service area.
122	The bike path the college has is great. It would be nice to expand it. I'd bike down to horizon and/or 12th to get to downtown from northern 27 rd if paths were available.
123	Make Orchard the east west route instead of Patterson, no cyclists wants the danger on patterson.
124	Eminent domain all irrigation canal roads and let us walk and bike away from vehicle traffic.
125	I ride my often through the valley, many comments/suggestions on the interactive map are spot on. Making roads more safe and accessible throughout the valley has been a need for a long time.
126	When is the city going to adopt a true system of trails like they have the roads to get me from my home to places like Fruita and Palisade.
127	North Avenue is difficult to cross or access on bike. It's unsafe and drivers are often seen using aggressive techniques threatening the safety of a cyclist. Broadway / Grand provides greater space to share the lanes where, even though it doesn't promote sharing the road, is easier to achieve. We don't want to be forced to ride to the riverfront in order to access our town.
128	Getting to the Riverfront trail requires me to use D Road. I don't feel safe riding along the road. There are no grocery stores on D road. Establish small neighborhoods grocery stores
129	great plan but safety should be #1...safe from homeless hanging out on trails, dogs needtohave poop picked up, and leashed dogs who do not push you off trail.

#	Comment
130	As someone who has lived in other cities, both bigger and smaller, it's unsafe biking and walking alongside roads. Adding a painted line is a cheap and quick way at solving nothing. We need more sidewalks across the valley and lightning. D Road is horrible for pedestrians. Completely horrible. Separated bike lanes with a barrier are needed anywhere there's currently a bike lane or needs to be. Walkers and bikers needing to commute need to feel safe. The traffic will only get worse if biking and traffic commutes for errands, work, leisure, school, etc will only get worse and dangerous for those who are trying to get around walking and biking. This could also be a huge selling point for GJ. We need more ways to move - cars shouldn't be the only option to get around town.
131	Our family have bikes and would love to go places in town. Currently we have to drive to a location and then bicycle and then drive back. It would be amazing to have our whole trip on bike. It's hard to believe with a college of birth that no one considered a bike lane. Really disappointed with that.
132	Any road construction project from here on out must include bike lanes in their model. Grand Junction is an outdoor rec Mecca and it is embarrassing how cyclists must get around town. There also must be a larger conversation and education with the community public on how to interact with cyclists on the road.
133	The Audubon Section and Blue Heron sections of the Riverfront Trail are in bad need of repair. I ride through the adjacent neighborhood to avoid the unsafe portions of the Audubon Trail - there are many eruptions in the trail and large gaps. I would also like to see a safe passage from Dos Rios and Los Colonias to downtown.
134	We live in the readlands, and south Broadway is a disaster for cyclists, too narrow and cars are too fast
135	The current bike trail system is awesome. It is well defined, safe, and maintained properly. Keep up the good work.
136	If you look to major cities, most of the walk/bike paths are incorporated into greenways and are off the streets. This allows for the safety, not only for the pedestrian but also for the drivers. Definitely we need ped paths to the new community center and to all our parks located in the city limits as a priority. Do not forget the Clifton and Orchard Mesa areas.
137	Model after Denver and take bike/walk paths away from traffic
138	Overall, GJ has made a great effort to have bike lanes and work towards safe traveling outside of motor vehicles. Please improve bike lanes, especially on G road which only has a west bound bike lane. Please also improve side walk access on 25 1/2 road connecting with G road. The 1/4 mile from Moonridge Drive to G road along 25 1/2 road is unsafe.
139	Walking is very unsafe. Sidewalks are uneven and bicyclists are always on the sidewalks. They yell at people and even push people off the sidewalks. Since bicyclists do not have to obey ANY laws, they can just do what they want. I will not go downtown for any reason, try to stay on the outer edges of GJ

#	Comment
140	separated bike lanes along major corridors are critical for safety - such as 7th street, Grand Avenue, North avenue, Ute/Pitkin, etc. putting people on the road surface in a striped, non-buffered lane is not safe nor comfortable.
141	It would be nice to have a bike path that felt safe to travel from Northern Grand Junction to the Riverfront trail/Las Colonias area.
142	Right now there are a lot of areas where the sidewalks are too small and too close to the road. It is scary to walk or ride on the sidewalk when there is no room to pass another pedestrian or bike and you have cars going 40 mph inches away from you.  There are some bike lanes but many are right next to street parking. I have heard stories of bicyclists riding down the bike lane and running into car doors that opened up without warning. I feel I have to be overly cautious whenever I am in a bike lane.  There are also bike lines that are barely a lane. There isn't much room given to the bicyclist or to the cars trying to get by which can be frustrating for both parties.  Thank you for being willing to work towards a better bike and pedestrian plan!
143	We need more safe and accessible biking routes. The current bike paths need more maintenance. Lots of gravel and weeds
144	Make shoulders on roads wide enough to safely bike. Sweep shoulders on regular basis. Educate drivers about bicyclist.
145	Farfetched, but one-way monument travel with bike lanes would be amazing. or just a safer Crater of the Moons Loop. A safe way to get from the Redlands area to the fruita farm roads. Or a safe way to Palisade. Water fountains at Lunch Loops or James Robb State Park or Junior Service League Park. The Riverfront path is great, but biking fast on it is not safe for other users. Running on it is great, but there are little water stations and GJ is HOT HOT HOT. Las Colonias at Canyon view Park are amazing. Maybe a safe way to connect the two.
146	Bike paths are needed for everyone's safety.
147	I would like to bike more in this area but the dedicated paths (e.g. river front trail) don't really help if they dump me into city streets that are wholly unprepared for bikes and with drivers who clearly do not understand their obligations to share the road.
148	Thank you for doing this work! Improving Junction's biking/ walking routes can make this an even greater city and destination! I am especially interested in the connection between Fruita and downtown and the Monument.
149	We live on G road near 26 road. No safe walking sidewalk for walking for leisure or to get places. Kids can't safely ride bikes to school or for leisure. Would love sidewalk. Same for many main roads of the north/west area of GJ.

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150	The overpasses north of canyon view park and 24 1/2rd and 25 road are in desperate need of a bike/ walking lane. Schools, parks and churches all around but everyone is put in danger trying to cross the narrow overpass'.
151	I have biked to work a few times, but I do not feel all that safe doing so, based on the lack of bike paths/lanes. I'm excited for the City to be developing a bicycle and pedestrian plan!
152	Ideas I have; Main Street become a pedestrian street. More places to lock up my bike, like Walmart. More side walks and easier access for d51 schools to have student ride bikes.
153	Grand junction needs more separation between cyclists and vehicles. We shouldn't have to breathe exhaust while commuting or exercising. The current painted bike gutters are laughable because of how dangerous they are. We can basically copy the Nederlands and their bicycle infrastructure. Please watch the you tube channel not just bikes, city nerd and city beautiful.
154	I would love to see more safety for our kids and those who use public transportation. I actually rode the GVT with my client to help her navigate it last week and there were so many places that we didn't feel safe. This is not ok.
155	Certain pathways can be sort of directional with arrows and things as to almost make them biking and walking highways. They have many of these in Fort Collins
156	Ride more..
157	Biggest thing is that these drivers need to learn about common courtesy, they are the people that make me hate riding on road!
158	Would love to see more lighting and sidewalks as well as more bike lanes.
159	Biking needs to be safer. Adding physical barriers for bike paths would go a long way.
160	Awesome job with the river front trail! The recent removal of the bumps and cracks are much appreciated. Would love for it to connect at C1/2 Rd. While the river front trail is nice, it would be good for the city to plan paths into new and or expanding neighborhoods and have alternative routes to the river front trail.
161	It would be great to somehow increase community education around biking etiquette and safety. I have seen so many families/kids/homeless people/college students do really unsafe things on bikes (like riding the wrong way, towards traffic, in a bike lane). And I think it gives the non-cycling community a bad taste in their mouths about cyclists, which in turn makes it less safe for anyone on a bike. Thanks for engaging in this topic! We are excited to see where it goes.

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162	I am a CMU student who feels unsafe bicycling to campus so I walk which takes much longer. Even walking feels dangerous.
163	I'm not a biker -- it's not safe in this town. If you want to attract more bikers to this area, develop more bike lanes. Better and safer for the bikers and for the cars.
164	Some riders don't follow the sides of the road and get out on the streets where cars are
165	We need more dedicated bike lanes and we also need better citizen education. I've bike commuted for decades and one of the problems in Grand Junction is poor cyclist behavior. I frequently see E bikes traveling 20mph on sidewalks and bikes riding against traffic in the lane. I am a strong advocate for bikes but I also want to see cyclists behaving more like vehicles (following predictable traffic laws). I think better infrastructure would help with this. Riding your throttle assist Ebike on the sidewalk is less appealing if you have a well established bike lane.
166	Please consider the reality that not everyone has the skill or confidence to feel safe in a painted bike lane. Designing lanes that physically protect riders of all ages and abilities is the only way to make active transportation actually accessible to all ages and abilities.
167	Need more bike lines. Need more education to citizens about safety for bikers.
168	I bike to work M-F across Orchard. There is a painted bike lane part of the way, and only circular patches on the other part. In Honolulu, bike lanes have been improved by adding curbs instead of paint. I would encourage that here. More people biking means less fuel consumption, safer streets, quieter streets, and greater health in the community. Systemic and structural support will increase the number of riders.
169	Biking is a Hallmark feature of the grand valley. Improving our interconnectedness will improve traffic and create more character and personality for the valley.
170	I gave away my car so I do not contribute to traffic jams, or pollution. I ride defensively, and try to be an ambassador for cycling life, and commuting.
171	Not enough signage between lunch loops and Colorado river trail. I'm not even sure if it connects. So much so that I don't use the trails there to get to lunch loops.
172	It would be great if we had a plan to develop dedicated bike lines that are not with auto traffic. Exterior sidewalks should be part of every new development (eg Emerald Ridge should have been required to put sidewalks along 26 1/2 rd.)

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173	the lack of sidewalks in city limits are horrendous. We walked to Tope from 1st St, down walnut, where the road is narrow and lacks property shoulders and no sidewalks. the rural roads should be wider for bike safety
174	I would love to see designated bike paths that are protected by a barrier from cars. Increase signage and awareness not to park in bike lanes. It would also be lovely to see Main Street become car free to increase the walkability and provide way more bike parking. I'd also like to voice that all neighborhoods deserve this access, not just wealthy areas of town. Biking should be a source of pride for our awesome city and I'd love to see us really own that. Thank you!
175	I find the biggest issue is motorists not heading to pedestrians. If this could be better enforced and more education given, it might not be quite so terrifying to walk around in this town.
176	A problem with the exercise/recreational trails is that they are used for transportation purposes by people in a hurry that do not have a device (bell) to warn that they are approaching at high speed. Mixing the two types of traffic is dangerous for the walking and riding public.
177	I have commuted by bike for 35 years in the city of Grand Junction. The city has made some slow but steady improvements for both pedestrians and bicyclists. Please keep with your trend and progress. I noted some concerns with roundabouts - I actually like them and I think they work well with biking. Key is riding defensive and always looking.
178	It's better than it was 20 years ago.
179	City needs much greater traffic control
180	We need auto speed enforcement on 5th and 7th. We need crosswalk enforcement all over. We need safe bike lanes so people don't ride on sidewalks and create problems for walkers; 12th through CMU is a good example of an area needing attention.
181	Another suggestion would be bike libraries that would provide marginalized communities with access to bikes.
182	we need the canal roads to be for public use.
183	wall off downtown and outlaw motorized travel. Everybody would feel safe and accidents eliminated.
184	your sidewalks need to be ADA compliant, they are not with the ramps that face the streets and not sidewalk to sidewalk. I can show you several examples.
185	Please consider protected bike lanes and bike paths throughout the city! This makes biking fun and accessible, especially for the youth in our community. We are a community that loves being outside and biking! There is so much potential to make a bike-friendly community here much in the way of Boulder or Fort Collins.
186	Please allow Orchard Ave to become a safe corridor for cycling

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187	Vehicle Traffic routes through town should alternate some slower and Faster on designated routes
188	Grand Junction is not a big city and yet it is very difficult to get across North Avenue, get a cross or a long Patterson and get across 550 in town. There's a lot to be done to improve connectivity in a safe and accessible way. Please prioritize this to make Grand Junction much safer biking/walking/rolling community. As the city grows it would be great to minimize car use or at least provide an alternative to car use. This will be critical as we grow to reduce emissions and pollution especially in those cold inversion months. Additionally I want to make sure the city is prioritizing access to the new rec center for all types of transportation. Ideally we have a safe access for kids from all neighborhoods to reach the rec center. This encourages the use of the rec center and allows youth and families that may not have access to vehicles to have access to the rec center. This is critical to equitable access for all.
189	I'm hoping there are plans for protected bike lanes in the future.
190	Access along the river is fantastic, however, it is difficult to safely get from Horizon to the riverfront trail. I'd love to see detached bike paths that run north south from somewhere on Horizon to downtown. Probably like 7th street, but where riding along the busy road is not necessary. Even a 10ft bike path detached from the road by a couple feet would be amazing.
191	Grand Junction is a great city to live in and a great biking destination and would be made better with designated bike lanes and bike paths.
192	I basically shared my comments up above, but basically we need a network of dedicated trails and protected bike lanes throughout the city to safely connect the entire area. I have been riding my bike in GJ in the past and found that a bike lane ended on a major street and then there was significant overhanging brush pushing me even closer to traffic and there was no way to turn around and it was very unsafe and frightening. Cyclists can attempt to string together semi-safe roads for cycling using Google Maps and other software, but it's hard to do successfully without trial and error, which prevents the casual rider from even attempting it. Paved bike trails and protected bike lines allow families with children who are novices on a bicycle all the way to professional riders and everyone in between to enjoy the beautiful weather and sights that we have on the western slope. Without those things in place, I have significantly decreased my cycling since moving to the area from Aurora, CO because I just don't feel safe riding my bike to the paved trails from my house.
193	Turn Main Street into a pedestrian road
194	Mosquito control on the riverfront trail would be great!
195	Sadly, we live too far from most commercial enterprises for walking and biking to be very practical (North of I-70, and on another topic, can we get some shopping and services up there and not just houses!) But even when it could be, the streets don't have sidewalks or dedicated bike lanes. Lighting isn't consistently good, but there's still traffic, and frequently fast traffic.
196	Would love to see Main Street as a pedestrian only street!

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197	I would like to be able to bicycle from my home to open space, nature trails, bike paths, shopping, etc. As an older citizen, acceptance of e-bikes on trails and fate times sidewalks is a must if we're to stay active and be safe.
198	Canal roads should NOT be opened up for pedestrian traffic. Canals are unsafe for children and pets they are not meant to be heavily accessed by the public. These roads and paths are meant for maintenance to the canal system
199	Bridges on Grand Ave have very narrow sidewalks. Broadway sidewalks from Safeway to the northwest are too narrow
200	Try to get Mesa County to add shoulders to their roads.
201	Large increase in biking and walking paths that connect parks with restaurants and shops. Larger shoulders and slower speed limits. It's a beautiful valley and getting around by bike and walking would be ideal.
202	Look at the cities that have excellent bike infrastructure and learn from them. Get help from Bicycle Colorado.
203	I don't think e-bikes/scooters should be on the bike paths. They are way to fast and generally very inconsiderate of bikers and walkers.
204	Please consider both city and county boundaries when adding bike paths. Our neighborhood in the Redlands is a patchwork of city/county property & it would be great to have consistent bike lanes regardless of whether it's on city or county roads
205	It would be nice to keep downtown Main Street for pedestrians only.
206	Broadway elementary could use additional access across Broadway, more flashing lights/crosswalks
207	We live in the north part of gj and it is very difficult to safely ride downtown or to the lunch loops trail system safely with kids. Drivers are unaware or unsafe, speeds are too high and there aren't any North South paths. GJ could be an incredible city for bikes if there were paths (not just bike lanes) because those are safe for kids.
208	Above
209	In general the path surfaces vary tremendously. They go from smooth concrete to bad ly cracked asphalt, to bumpy streets. If you ride from Corn lake to the Redlands Parkway boat ramp, you will experience all of these conditions. The the 29-27 section of C 1/2 Has really deteriorated over the last 5 years, The bad asphalt west of the ice rink to up to the the Redlands parkway needs to be replaced with concrete.
210	Thank you for working on this! More people outside their vehicles makes for a better community!

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211	Add bike/walk trails along South Broadway in Redlands. Take some right of way if necessary. The current situation is a fatality waiting to happen.
212	Make Main Street a walking mall with a small bus service up and down the area for those that need it. We also need more free and designated parking areas please. Well lit and safe at night.
213	I hear people everyday say they would love to bike more often/ to more places but that they don't feel safe or comfortable biking in town.
214	I am hesitant to walk down North Ave as there is several "permanent" homeless persons. The trash and personal belongings scattered about is so disturbing.
215	I love the maps that are currently up on the bike routes. People park in the bike lanes on these routes. The sidewalks on North & Patterson are close and loud. I think coexistence is better than eliminating car use or parking, as being able to walk/ride a bike isn't something everyone can do. Having close parking and a way to drive close to shops is important for accessibility across a myriad disabilities.
216	Clean up homeless and drug use
217	I was at the "bicycles now" rally in Denver in 1968/69. The expanse of bike trails through out the front range can be attributed to the raised awareness of bicycle access these events created. We need more of this awareness on the west slope.
218	Would love to see C1/2 Road repaved between Las Colonias and 29 Road. As the connector between the downtown trail section and the section starting on 29 Road, this is ridden daily by many .... and it is horribly maintained ... bad surface for bikes!
219	Please keep in mind that not everyone lives in the Redlands or downtown. We would like to see paths, safe streets and clean sidewalks all over the city. PLEASE add bike lanes to the busier streets. It is hard to get most places if you can't safely ride on North, Orchard, Elm, Grand or Patterson. Also, the areas where the homeless congregate need more patrolling. Maybe by the bicycle cops? The east end of North Ave. near War-Mart is out of control as is the area around Lincoln Park and the VA Hospital.
220	Improve existing bike infrastructure. It is crumbling in many places.  Connect more parts of GJ to existing infrastructure so biking/walking is an option.  Better signage for cars to be on the lookout for other modes of transportation.

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221	We need more stand-alone bike paths that are not along the shoulder of a road where you do not have to encounter car traffic. We also need more east-west and north-south corridors for bikes. It's hard to travel great distances around town as there are no extended bike paths other than the Riverfront trail. Also, pedestrian/bike bridges (no cars) need to be built over I-70 for those residents living north of I-70. The bridges at 26.5 and 27 roads are too narrow for bikes and walkers.
222	As noted, I would like to see development of key by-ways across GJ. Example: 7th street would be one lane for cars, one lane for bikes; The riverfront trail through town needs re-done; it is a main trail for any cyclist coming to town. We travel to other towns that celebrate/promote cycling within their cities; leads to tourist traffic
223	This is important! Thank you!
224	I would love to see more biker and walker friendly routes to get places like downtown!
225	Studies have show in street bike lane kill cyclists. They are extremely in safe with all the cell phone drivers. I have been push into the curb and side by vehicle. We have zero enforcement with traffic laws! Biking on the road is rolling the dice with your life, I know 8 people that have been hit by cars in the valley over the years.  I would like to see pathways (systems/ corridors) like Denver Boulder, Fort Collins, salt lake area or other big city's with trails that connect the city. Off of the road system, using alleys, canals, or wider sidewalks.  Riverfront trail in Grand Junction is C-. Between the homeless, thorns, debris , uneven surface, cracks, holes bumps it isn't safe. It's obvious the city employees/ management do not commute via bikes on the road or trail systems in town. We could do a ton better so fellow citizens don't get run over while commuting.
226	Existing paths could use maintenance or improvements and are overtaken by invasive trees.
227	I would suggest having bigger or more designated walking and biking paths. It's dangerous for both because of lack of this.
228	Increase signage and markings and education to make it clear what the traffic responsibilities are walkers, bikers, rollers and cars/trucks. Implement ways to enforce.
229	I love to see the improvements over time - bike lanes, signage, new routes, etc. There are certain pinch points that make it a little too risky for my kids, but hopefully that will change in time as well (and as they get older).
230	More city bike paths please.

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231	<p>Open the canals. They are long tendrils of well-maintained paths that are relatively cooler than surrounding areas and don't contain hostile traffic.</p> <p>NIMBY folks living along canals have no expectation of ownership to what is ultimately a public utility- the irrigation canals running through the valley that everyone has an expectation to enjoy access to. Opening them up for traffic doesn't need means testing or prospective studies, it can be done in relatively short order compared to other means of trying to restructure things. Changing gate access so private locks and chains are no longer permitted is all it takes.</p> <p>Especially given how inexplicably slow the city has been even implementing equitable ebike access to trails (eg lunch loop), opening canal access would greatly enhance the navigability of the valley and riding options for all the people who have been buying out the ebikes in town.</p>
232	I am really excited to hear these talk are happening, we have a huge biking community and it's important we make it safe for all commuters.
233	Sidewalks are not maintained - covered in weeds and sand from winter weather. Can't cross major roads like Patterson safely as cars are speeding, changing lanes at intersections and, turning against walk signs, running lights. Bikes ride on the sidewalk because the street is too dangerous. There will need to be traffic control before pedestrian and biking can be enjoyed or safe. We drive three blocks to get to a place to jog for five miles.
234	I hope you aren't planning to push for Main street to be closed to through traffic! I need to be able to park near where I am going to do business.
235	Please, please, please install sidewalks and bike lanes along F1/2 between 30 Rd and Thunder Mountain Elementary. The kids need a safe route to school and the neighborhood route is WAY out of the way because of dead ends and cul-de-sacs.
236	Improve safety for riding on the road by adding bike lanes and/or increasing shoulder widths. Make bikes routes more direct to popular locations. More signage asking motorists to share the road.
237	I find downtown and riding to downtown from the Redlands pretty good. Downtown is more pedestrian and bike friendly than most places. However, for those who cannot drive (or prefer not to own a car) getting to shopping areas by bicycle is another matter. These streets are only made for cars and negotiating the mall/shopping areas takes a great deal of urban riding skill and savvy, something the average casual cyclist will not be able to navigate. I hope Grand Junction is completely bicycle friendly in the next 5 yrs. or so. There is much potential here.

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238	Biking and walking are great for people without disabilities, age-related or otherwise, but not for the rest of us. I have lived in Grand Junction all of my life. Please don't mess with main street. Main Street and down town are very walkable. Getting there from anywhere else generally requires a vehicle. Grand Junction was named a top place to retire. Please make sure it remains that way. Bicyclists need to be safe and need to be educated to follow the rules of the road. I have nothing against bicycles sharing the road. I have first degree relatives who are over-the-top cyclists. I have memories of dropping my then 90 year old Mother off at the door of Benges for her last shopping trip there. She wouldn't have been able to go if she would have had to walk more than a few yards. She had been shopping there for 67 years.
239	Make education a priority, conveying the need for safety and peaceful coexistence to all motorists, law enforcement personnel, pedestrians, cyclists and others. This can and should start before formal adoption of the plan.
240	I know a lot of bikers want Main Street closed to car access. That would limit its access to disabled people, those with mobility issues, vision issues ect. There's no enough parking to support that. Personally I very much enjoy driving down Main Street even when not shopping and can't walk it due to disability.
241	It's very hard to ride your bike down main street, aspen fought this in the beginning, but loved it afterwards.
242	The River Front Trail is a great artery through the valley. We need safer branches from the river front trail to encourage bike usage for shopping and commuting. There is not a safe way to access Western Colorado Community College from the River Front Trail, the bike lane stops at Patterson on 25 road, where it becomes a narrow two lane road and cars can not pass a bike safely without crossing over the center line of the road. There is a chronic problem with drivers (car) running red lights on a left turn signal. This is especially a concern at 25 rd and the 6/50 intersection. The roundabout on Redlands Parkway and Broadway pedestrian lights are inadequate, very difficult to see due to sun during peak times of traffic. We also need public education to inform drivers that cyclists had a right to be on the road.
243	We need to have more dedicated (i.e. physically separated) bike and walking paths to facilitate non-motorized transportation in the Grand Valley. Clashes with vehicular traffic and unnecessary dangers can be eliminated by not insisting on having bicyclists and pedestrians 'share the roads' with larger motorized vehicles.
244	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Irrigation trails would be nice, but how can the City plan for and add these sorts of easements into master planning for future growth regardless of the irrigation component?</li> <li>2. What adaptive / flexible infrastructure improvements could be added to encourage users in some sections?</li> <li>3. what gaps exist in the urban trail network which could encourage better use?</li> </ol>

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245	Please ensure complete and accessible routes. Don't be afraid of using green pavement markings in bike/vehicle conflict zones. Please ensure safe access to locations such as grocery stores and community centers.
246	Why do you do these surveys? The leftist city council will approve what they want anyway.
247	I commute on Patterson daily for work. I would love to be able bike but there is no safe way to bike.
248	The number of bicyclists in the metro area is too large as it is. Bicycles endanger motorists, who might have to veer into oncoming traffic to avoid bicyclists (even if the motorist is going under or at the speed limit). There should be a designated cycling area *away* from streets to stop endangering motorists.
249	Need more bike paths, we have some that are nice and others that will randomly just disappear leaving the rider vulnerable.
250	It is very bad when a bike path on a street suddenly ends. Now you are forced to ride in automobile traffic.
251	Community buy-in and consideration of all stake-holders is key to success.
252	Rising from the Redlands neighborhood to areas like the mall are difficult and unsafe trying to get across the river and across 6&#45;50. Riding even a short distance on 6&#45;50 is dangerous.
253	A few specific issues to highlight: There are roads where the bike lane abruptly ends (for example, 15th) which makes for confusion and uneasy biking. While the underpass at 29rd is a big improvement, it would certainly be great to have a trail from Las Colonias to 29rd so that there were no bike/car interactions on that section.
254	Drivers will occasionally yell at pedestrians for them being too slow while they are crossing in designated crosswalks.
255	Need signage and improved infrastructure to cross over the railroad tracks by the jail. The bridge is fine but it is not well marked, difficult to cross the road by the jail to get over to the bike lane, etc. Multi-lane roads are challenging to ride along... fewer lanes, slower traffic make walking and riding more enjoyable. Vegetation and weed control along the Riverfront Trail is really important. Riverside Park and areas around news sections of the trail are great. Los Colonias to Dos Rios is challenging.
256	It seems to me that GJ has plenty of recreation trails, both walking and biking. What GJ needs is more facilities for commuting and shopping by bike. That means direct, safe, practical routes designed to take bikers to commercial and retail areas of the city.

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257	I think that bike lockers would be a fix to the bike theft issue. We live in a place where a lot of people have expensive bikes, and bike lockers are reliable and easy. If there were some downtown, at CMU, near the mall, and a few other places, that would be great.
258	I would love to see continuous bike routes. For example, Orchard Ave has some parts. with bike lanes (7th to 12th) but others without (7th to 1st). This is hard for cyclists and cars alike. This would be a great area for a bike lane given the schools in the area (West and GJHS). Too frequently bike lanes disappear.
259	Barriers that are more intense than bike lanes, such as bike lanes w buffers, buffers and flagging/conning, barriers, and bike paths, are needed to feel safe in the city. A real investment would allow Grand Junction, which is walkable and bikable all year round, to embrace this mode of transportation and provide safety and wellness to its citizens
260	Decreasing the speed of traffic (by making cars feel less comfortable driving faster through good road design) and making roads that don't have cars are big things. Also more crosswalks on major streets (eg. North, 12th, 7th, Grand) that blink at cars and give you right of way would be great.
261	Thank you for this!!
262	Elevated bike paths
263	While more routes can help, I feel that safer roads come from safer drivers. Distracted driving seems too common along with people who are not making full stops. Or phones, or flying to a stop when you are in the middle of an intersection.
264	Expand accessibility on the Grand bridge!!!!!!! Or build a dedicated pedestrian/bicycle bridge please!!
265	I would really like to see a safe routes across intersections and updated bridge pedestrian/bike paths.
266	Thank you for undertaking this effort.
267	Having bike/pedestrian bridge(s) or tunnels over/under 12th street at CMU campus pedestrian crossings would improve safety along 12th street
268	Look for best practices with bicycle education for both drivers and bicyclists.
269	Spend some time on your bicycle or running and see what you think. There's a lot of people here that would rather run you off the road than be delayed by a few seconds.

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270	Make laws surround car and bicycles impacts change. Currently if no one is injured no citation is written. I have been hit four times riding my bicycles in GJ and not a single citation was written to the drivers.
271	<p>I'd like to see effort concentrated on the places that need bike infrastructure the most and prevent dead ends. For instance, no one uses the bike lanes on 27.5 rd because it dead ends at Patterson. The nice little bookcliff pedestrian bridge also dead ends at Patterson. There's places on north Ave without pavement in the sidewalk area, yet focus seems to be paid more to the outskirts of the range rather than the heart where it needs it the most.</p> <p>Also, bike routes deserve shorter trips, rather than diverting to 5th or 15th using a trip the same length or shorter than n/s 7th or 12th is best. Bike paths along or bypassing vehicle corridors is a big interest. East-west corridor, orchard and elm are great, but north and Patterson are a living hell.</p>
272	Redlands parkway to 24 road needs a safe bicycle option. This would help facilitate north and south travel, instead of only east and west on the riverside trail. Would also help encourage people to bike to canyonview park and city market.
273	I applaud what you are attempting.
274	It would be helpful if bike paths could hook up to the trail systems. For example I live off 29rd and like to bike on the river trail. But I do not feel safe biking from my house to the river trail so I drive there. That is due to traffic on 29rd and several major intersections such as North and 29. It would be great to be able to safely bike to the trail.
275	Continue to build safe bike lanes and trails and set an awareness that more older people are using e-bikes and for the public on roadways to be considerate.
276	Recommend an sidewalk on 23 Rd in Redlands Difficult to walk my dog in neighborhood and scary to ride bike to get to bike path and open spaces
277	Nice to have bike access to Mesa Mall from river trail. 3 foot shoulder along as much of the "Tour de Moon" rout as possible.
278	Bike paths do not connect especially on the north side of town. Crossing the bridges over I70 to go north is frightening (heighten the edge rails). When will there be a bike path passing community hospital from 24 to 23 road? Improve G road end to end. Great idea adding path at G and 24, keep it going.
279	A couple unsafe spots: crossing Colo River on narrow shoulder separated by cement from cars. Not wide enough for two way bike and pedestrian traffic. Entering Crosby Ave after crossing the rr tracks at the jail is unsafe with limited site distance.

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280	I ride a lot around downtown & it feels ok -12th Street toward Patterson does not feel safe - hard to get to City Market
281	Grand Junction has a great infrastructure for expanding biking and walking accessibility: the canal system. If only the GV Irrigation Co. could see the possibilities, too! An even greater challenge than changing the beliefs of GVIC however is changing the perception that most Grand Junction drivers have toward cyclists--it spans from invisible to downright hostile. A citywide bicycle plan is a great first step to becoming a bicycle friendly community!
282	We need a safe Pty to funnel bikes and walking from 25 Rd., 26 Rd. North to South to catch the wonderful overpass and River road bike path. Needs maintenance for comfort and safety. Audoban path is very hard to ride on a bike. But stop is wonderful. South Camp road asphalt is in need of repair but it's a great path.
283	Accessibility hasn't gotten better since we moved here in 1998, but can still improve.
284	Clean up the bike lanes. They have glass and debris that puncture tires.
285	City needs to heavily invest in bike paths. A loop bike path needs to be priority connecting the north city area (airport) to the River Trail with a loop bike path starting on the River Trail going from east to west looping up north around city limits back to the west joining again at the River Trail.
286	Live in Fruita but would like to be able to bike around grand junction safely especially to hospitals and parks.
287	Riverfront trail is fabulous; however, segment for about one mile starting at Redlands boat launch to Banana's fun park needs new surface. The poor pavement discourages riding a bicycle encouraging alternate less safe route selection. The 29 road crossing to get to and from Corn Lake is dangerous.
288	We need more north south bike routes. We need safe and reliable access from the Redlands across 24 road. We need safe and reliable east west access along main thoroughfares (G, Patterson, North, Grand)
289	I really love what the accessibility ramps have done to improve biking on the sidewalks where the streets are too dangerous for bikes. But the existing bike lanes need to be swept way more often to be of value to people on bikes. Otherwise all we have is narrower lanes if people on bikes have to ride in the vehicle lane.

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290	There is not good side walk access to the mall. I have to travel on the street to access the mall. There are not wheel chair ramps on the northside of the mall from the sidewalk to the parking lot. Like at 24 1/2 and Patterson the side walk ends when you cross the street. I can not get off the sidewalk to get to the mall. I have to ride in my electric wheelchair in the busy streets. I live near the mall and travel the area on a regular basis. Thank you for conducting this survey and look forward to many new changes to our paths.
291	Walking/bike trails increase property values and make communities desirable places to live. Healthy lifestyles are supported and encouraged with sufficient trails. I would ride more to work and the grocery store if safe trails were available.
292	There is virtually no safe route from the Redlands to the mall or Canyon View Park when traveling on the Redlands Parkway. The overpass over the rail road and Business 70 is very unsafe. The bike path along the Blue Heron trail has numerous expansion cuts in the asphalt which are very jarring and unpleasant to ride over. Why can't that route be all concrete?
293	Work with Colorado Monument to build more trails into the Monument Extend Lunch Time Loop Trails
294	I love to bike the River Park Trail, but certain spots are rough both the trail and other people using it. Also, sometimes, there are riders there that are traveling way too fast for safety. And no....these are not ebikes.....young men and women out biking at top speeds.
295	Active seniors would like to be able to continue to be active, with out the convenience or access to a car.
296	We have seen in other places, on biking and walking trails a line separating the walking side from the bikers, well marked. Bells, etc. are fine but the hiker doesn't know where the biker is and has to figure how to avoid a collision. By simply separating the two, it solves the issue for all. Many bikers demand recognition and consideration from drivers, but don't give that same consideration to pedestrians. Defining who should be where takes care of that.
297	Bicycle riders should never be on sidewalks unless they are walking the bike . When bike riders share roadways and streets with auto drivers they MUST obey all the traffic laws the same as auto drivers. Pedestrians are completely responsible for their own safety when crossing streets. Accidents caused by bike riders and pedestrians should have no special privileges. Remember - GJ has a high percentage of retired population and elderly drivers who can not see as clearly as younger drivers. There response time is a little slower - all the ENTITLEMENT that pedestrians and bikers assume means nothing.

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298	Open canal roads for wheelchair access. Other communities allow access. Does the local irrigation district truly have legal grounds from stopping the city or county from using the roads as trails?
299	I wish there was a way we could open up the paths along the canals and pave them to be bike paths.
300	I used to ride and walk all over the city and use the river trail system. No more! I've been solicited for sex and money by homeless men around the parks, at Walmart on North Avenue, and on the trails. I've had to ride my bike through groups of vagrants around the parks and river trails, and even had my bottom pinched by a guy who leaned out of a passing car as I rode my bike along 5th Street. Now I stick to my car for errands and transport. I just ride my bike around my neighborhood, where I hope I could get help if I needed it. How are your plans going to make it safer for vulnerable residents, including single women, to ride and walk more? If you can't make these activities safer, then you shouldn't be encouraging people to ride and walk. Also, I have e-bike riders nearly knock me down on trails, which I thought were restricted to non-motorized vehicles. What the H? They are a danger to pedestrians and regular bike riders on the trails. Keep e-bikes on the streets where they belong.
301	Tour of the Moon is famous and ideally would be able to be completed all the way with dedicated paths, or bike lanes, or wide shoulders. Likely not possible over the monument but the rest of it should be. Developing alternate routes (paths) to connect as much of the city as possible would be great.
302	I would like to see bike trails along canals. 25 Rd and 29 1/2 Rd are examples of streets where sidewalks are spotty and I see pedestrians all the time walking along gravel and mud. I like new bike/pedestrian tunnel at G Rd and 24 Rd. Would like to see better connectivity from city to river trail. I appreciate being able to give my opinion
303	Love to see the bike path continue to Palisade past D1/2 Road. Maybe widening of the current path from 29 Road to D1/2 to accommodate more ebikes that speed.
304	I'm confused why class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on some trails. Have a speed limit for all trails and don't allow throttle use, if that is the concern.. Class 3 e-bikes are just as safe around pedestrians as class 1 or 2 or any bike--road bike or mountain bike.. I always use caution when pedestrians or dogs are on the trail and ride slowly past them. I warn pedestrians if I am passing and proceed slowly. I have seen many athletic bikers on road bikes who fly by pedestrians and around corners and are far more dangerous than a Class 3 e-bike. We purchased our bikes in order to not use our automobiles so often to save on gas and pollution.. It makes no sense at all that class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on some trails when there is little difference. How can we change this law? A number of people in GJ have class 3 e-bikes. We are able to exercise more if we are able to use our e-bikes safely. If we only can ride on the street with cars, trucks, etc, then our safety is endangered and we are less apt to bike.

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305	River front is great for E/W travel on the S end of town. There are few safe options for traveling N/S.
306	Thanks for seeking community input and for helping to make our dreams a reality.
307	A few of the older bike trails are in bad shape. The one paralleling the Redlands Parkway on both sides of the Colo. River bridge to the Jr. Service League park has rough strips every 10-20 ft. The trail is wide enough just needs new asphalt and would be relatively cheaper to repair than many of the older bike trails. This trail receives a lot of use.
308	Need safe ways for bikes to cross busy intersections (US 6&50) , Redlands Parkway overpass
309	We need more designated bike lanes that are protected by a barrier from auto and truck traffic. Too many serious cyclists are hurt or killed by distracted drivers in too large of vehicles.
310	Vehicles frequently are Not driving at Posted Speed Limits. Law Enforcement need to display an obvious presence - monitor speed limits utilizing the posted speed/ "your speed" electronic monitors frequently placed on the shoulder of roads with officers openly issuing speeding tickets. Consider Photo Radar Enforcement to temper speeding and thus unsafe driving which is especially Unsafe for peds/pedalers and drivers of small to mid sized vehicles! To clarify, I am not a demanding , whiney senior. I have utilized bicycles for years and still mtb. I was a dedicated commuter in Philadelphia and understand bicycle safety as a rider. I am alert to vehicles and work to anticipate of their "intent". Thank you for convening an effort to improve the commuter/user process in GJ.
311	South Camp. My daughter either has to ride on the road at points on the west side of the road, or she has to cross southcamp and ride in the east side of the road. I would like to see a crosswalk/ pedestrian sign at the intersection of Avenal lane and southcamp
312	Dedicated bike/walking paths that aren't along a road. Small children shouldn't ride their bike next to fast moving cars, which forces them to the sidewalk which defeats the purpose of a bike lane if families are biking together.
313	26 RD from Patterson to I road should have wide lanes for either biking, walking or running. The CMU bike team often comes down 26 RD to access a route toward Fruita. Also the high school track team runs down 26 RD. There is very little walking along 26 RD due to the nature of the houses and the speed of the traffic.
314	There is a sign on 28 1/4 Rd. that there is a bike trail on Elm Ave to 28 Rd., but there are no sidewalks there and only gravel next to the 2-lane street.
315	Bike lanes should not abruptly end when approaching intersections. For some egregious examples, see D and D.5 Roads, east of 29 rd. Bikes have nowhere to go, and drivers don't know what to expect.

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316	Bike lanes will randomly end and it makes me feel very unsafe as it is hard to merge into traffic on a bike and as traffic increases it's not something which can wait. I also would like to discourage pedestrian bridges or anything that requires pedestrians and bikers to climb rather than cars, the things which climb easily and have motors.
317	I love cycling as my primary mode of transportation to work, despite the long distance (around six miles) to get there. I can use the riverfront trail for 90% of my commute, and I wish we had more dedicated bike and pedestrian infrastructure like it. Good bike infra is physically separated from cars and connects to a lot of destinations. The riverfront trail only really succeeds at the former. I don't like to share the road with cars and drivers don't like it either. I also wish there were more places to go within a smaller radius of where I live. The nearest grocery store to me is two miles. There's too much exclusively single family home zoning around me for anything to be close or convenient. There are also some residential streets that are needlessly wide and with high speed limits, despite getting little through traffic. The street right outside my driveway has no sidewalk (28 Road).  The riverfront trail can also feel scary for sections at night, where there isn't enough lighting, which is detrimental and causes me to commute by bike less during the winter months.  I loved the farmer's markets on main street this summer, and wish they could have continued into the fall when the weather was a little cooler. Closing off main street to motor traffic made it very cozy and enjoyable. Main street is enjoyable even when cars are allowed thanks to the curvy narrow roads that calm traffic. I wish the downtown area around it conformed to the same standard of pedestrian friendliness. I also wish North Avenue was more comfortable to traverse on foot, the sidewalks there definitely feel like an afterthought, and I don't make any trips by bike to a location if it's on North.
318	The Bike Lanes on 7th and 12th make no sense to me. Those are busy streets. Also, the signs for the different color-named routes are very hard to follow. Posted too high. Indistinct directional arrows. Lettering too small.
319	I currently live on the front range, own land in GJ and plan to relocate there soon. I would like to see a more extensive rec path system similar to what we have in the Fort Collins/Loveland area. Both cities have a series of paths encircling cities with numerous side paths to neighborhoods and many of the city parks. Both of the systems are connected as well. <a href="https://www.lovgov.org/home/showpublisheddocument/56960/63784335329530000">https://www.lovgov.org/home/showpublisheddocument/56960/63784335329530000</a> <a href="https://www.fcgov.com/bicycling/files/21-23544-2021-fort-collins-bike-map-large-english-v7.pdf?1640787288">https://www.fcgov.com/bicycling/files/21-23544-2021-fort-collins-bike-map-large-english-v7.pdf?1640787288</a>
320	Some of the bike paths need some repair as they are cracking and need to be widened so that in more congested areas people can walk and bike. Keep extending the bike path to the monument, this is a destination for people who cycling (think travel destination). Bigger shoulders and bike lanes on 340.
321	bridges, tunnels, paths, and overpasses as connectors.
322	Better connected bike trails

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323	GJ has some great bike paths in place. It is a good start. However, there are a lot of areas of town that feel completely inaccessible by bicycle. Even with a bike lane busy roads can feel very dangerous in this area due to the way drivers treat (or ignore) cyclists. Riding on any major road in this town that doesn't have a bike lane feels like a death wish. I would like to see bike lanes be standard on all major roads AND see more development of separate bike paths.
324	Older retired folks enjoy biking and walking/running. I mostly see older folks on the existing bike trail, not younger people. Get out there and see who is using the existing trails. Signs asking for cyclists to call out their upcoming presence and signage for right of way priorities should be posted.
325	People are getting hit and killed by drivers who don't think they belong on the road. The mindset needs to change. New roads should include a big shoulder and not ending the pavement after the painted line. This gives bikers more room. Also, those streets should be cleaned, as all the debris doesn't make it safe to ride.
326	Keep the bike lanes free of gravel and debris. Maintain the river front trails - free of goat heads. When mowed the debris is not swept off the trail. When there is an accident the debris is often swept into the "shoulder" area which causes the bikes to go around and into traffic.
327	I am on Gunnison Avenue daily and the bike lanes there are not placed well. When parked cars open their doors to get out, it completely covers the bike lane and then I have to move over into car traffic to avoid them. A parked car may not see me coming due to other parked vehicles that are large, like UPS Delivery trucks.
328	Bridges to go across I-70 are too narrow for walking/biking alongside traffic. Wish they could be expanded to include safe lanes for walking/biking or add pedestrian bridges at crossings between 24 and 27 road.
329	Please add more places to practice for different types of riders. The city of Grand Junction has a generational opportunity to bring in world class tourism revenue if they can capitalize on the dirtbike and biking community.
330	More trails Make it safer to ride on city streets.
331	The only way to get from my house to CMU is to cross North or 70, neither of which are safe. There are no dedicated bike lanes or bike paths throughout the city. There is not a large number of people that regularly commute on their bikes, and the lack of bike culture in everyday commutes is a deterrent for me. Not only do we need more infrastructure, but there also needs to be more incentives to ride bikes instead of drive. Some possible solutions could include tax breaks for riding bikes, employee benefits at work, charging more for parking, raising the price of gas even more, or even just having social rides that bring people together.

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332	Connecting Palisade to the riverfront trail would be great, should have happened before running it out to Loma in my opinion. Pedestrian/bicycle access from Redlands parkway over the 24 road bridge to the mall and the trail that runs to Canyon view park would be a great, well used asset (there is currently no safe way to do this).
333	I would love to bike more but there are stretches where I have to be on major roads and that is scary, unsafe, and not at all something I feel comfortable doing.
334	We need more sidewalks for children/people to safely ride and walk to and from school and parks! I live off of G road and 24.5 rd which has heavy traffic and many neighborhoods and schools in the area. Too often I see kids, and I have to walk/ride next to the road with no sidewalk or safe bike paths to use. It limits my motivation to bike to and from work and send my children to school and the park on their bikes or have them walk. This area is just going to get busier as there is homes being built all around this area. Please keep our children safe and add sidewalk and bike paths for them to use!
335	The other safety concerns is that there are not sidewalks along the entire route and the bikelanes don't feel comfortable at 7 in the morning with distracted traffic whizzing by. I wish there was a sidewalk along the South side of Patterson between 25 and 25.5 Road, along Pinyon Ave, and along 26 and 26.5 north of Patterson (for miles).
336	Making "hub" entrances to bike paths. Making paths everywhere is not possible but making major east west, north south paths that people can easily enter creates less hassle.
337	We need more PR to make the community more accepting of bicycling and walking in the city. Sometimes it is the attitude of people that make it difficult. Too many people in cars going too fast with no respect for walkers or bicycles.
338	I found no other place to leave just a comment. It would be nice to see Main street converted to a walking and biking district, from 7th street to 3rd street. Brick the road, tables and chairs, outdoor vendors and such.
339	There has to be a real presence of Security personnel; Police, Volunteers, Private, for there to be a sense of safety biking and walking in Grand Junction.
340	Link the bike path from 29 road to the river trail, so we don't have to cross 29 road and we don't have to ride on C road. Hook the east side of the path in to Riverbend Park in Palisade.
341	GJ is currently a very dangerous city in which to bike. The primary reasons are: lack of concern by motorists for bicyclists, traffic volume and high speed by motorists.
342	Don't take up space for cars to make bike lanes- they did this in LA and it was a nightmare.
343	No safe way to get from Redlands across 6&50 to the mall or up to G Road, North GJ, Community Hospital, etc. Same goes for East-West travel along Patterson, G road or North Ave.

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344	distracted drivers are a big safety issue for bike riders
345	Need to widen the ped/bike section of the Broadway Bridge over the Colorado River. Need to improve bike path from Dike Road to the Broadway Bridge.
346	I would like to see direct connections via bike to the proposed Community Recreation Center (CRC) at Matchett park.
347	I ride my bike to work sometimes but the access along River Road is scary. There is not an adequate bicycle lane. River Road has a lot of commercial traffic (heavy trucks, trailers, etc.) The 0.6 miles from the overpass to the edge of City limits needs a separate path so that biking to work is safe. This will increase the usage of people being able to use a different mode of transportation to get to work.
348	The shoulder bike lane on River Road is extremely dangerous and insufficient because vehicles commonly exceed the 55 mph speed limit and the bike lane is very narrow and on the shoulder. There are 40 City employees at Persigo WWTP that do not feel safe riding a bike to work because the last 0.5 miles from railhead circle to the plant are along river road. This assumes you can ride the river front bike path all the way to railhead circle. If we add a bike path along river road from railhead circle to the Persigo plant, it would allow for a safe bike commute and connect the river front bike path to Persigo WWTP. I fear someone getting killed using the current bike lane on river road. I've had vehicles pass me within a foot while they are driving 55+ mph, its terrifying.
349	Should have biking to community hospital G road is unsafe.
350	I would walk/bike more if we had better connectivity and more separation from busy roadways.
351	Many hospital employees would ride bikes to work. Would be nice to see St. Marys and Community connected to major bike paths. Both hospitals have major roads and busy traffic surrounding them and very little bike path access.
352	29 1/2 road north of Patterson is unsafe. Not only is there no bike lane, but there is room on the paved road for a bike and automobile without crossing the center to avoid hitting a bicyclist/pedestrian
353	I find it odd that sidewalks are left out as one of the reasons why we don't walk or ride. Grand Junction and Mesa County need sidewalks and bike Lanes before bike signs thank you. Please remove the bike signs north of town along 26 Road until we have sidewalks and bike Lanes.

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354	Hi! This is an excellent mission. Few thoughts: 1) Our main corridor to school and for biking is along Monument Road, which is filled with cars and bikes. For sake of safety, and to connect with the existing path on S. Camp, would LOVE to see a bike path put in on that highway. The existing near Lunch Loops is usually walkers, not bikers. I feel it's only a matter of time till one of the fast moving cars clips a biker in the narrow path/shoulder that exists. 2) I think ensuring safety from other humans on the bike paths - particularly around underpasses, near the Safeway on Broadway - is important for encouraging more to bike. 3) Ensuring bike paths are connected throughout town is key too. 4) if biking #'s increase, need to make sure enough bike parking downtown.
355	Biking Routes North South through GJ are pretty good. Less east west options besides the riverfront trail.
356	I know sidewalk maintenance is attempted, but they could use more. There are sidewalks, but not bike paths. Biking along 12th is not safe. Downtown neighborhood streets need lighting badly, but please use lights that shine down only, not ones that cause light pollution. I hope there will be a safe way to walk and bike to Matchett when the community center is developed.
357	It's no wonder that biking seems unsafe when the City tries to force bicyclists to mix with motor vehicles. Bike lanes on higher speed streets (anything above 25) are a horrible idea. It's no small wonder that the more this is done, the more accidents occur. Keep bike's separate on their own paths.
358	24 road corridor from Redlands to Patterson could use to be bike friendly
359	We need a solid recreation corridor that has safe and convenient accesses business districts, schools and high density residential areas, not just the riverfront area.
360	Education for drivers is important. Also enforcement of traffic laws. There is a majority who do t understand how to respond to bikers/pedestrians
361	For bikes, the issues extend beyond the City of GJ into the county. I live out near 26 and I roads and ride these roads myself and I see lots of others, including the CMU Bike Team riding on these roads. But the roads have NO shoulder and really need to have a proper bike lane to the side. There needs to be coordination with the county for bike lanes in the county areas connecting to the City paths.
362	There is always room for improvement, but GJ is still the best place I've lived for walking & biking. In general, I can get most anywhere on foot (I don't bike much). Great strides have been made for pedestrians at the Horizon Drive/I-70 interchange, making the walk to the airport a snap compared to what it used to be. Would like to see wider pedestrian sidewalks across the bridges over the river. Quite scary at present.
363	I like how Fruita and Denver and salt lake city have it where there is side walks that are placed all throughout the city that don't follow the road system.

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364	The current paths are very nice, yes. But on streets.....some don't have bike paths on both sides OR don't even exist.
365	A lot of the current problems with implementing non-vehicle transit in Grand Junction stem from an understandably passenger-vehicle-centric historic focus on transit planning. There is much work in the past decade that shows the impact this has has on pedestrian/rider/driver safety. Grand Junction would serve future generations well by attempting to incorporate current transportation engineering standards now into planning and roadway improvement budgets and schedules.
366	Barriers between bikes or pedals and cars are key, especially when encouraging a wide variety of users, like kids and seniors. Paths, bikeways etc are great.
367	Would love to see the riverside trail completed to go through las colonias to 29 rd. would also love to see a safer passage through the middle of town with safer bike infrastructure being built on streets like Orchard Ave
368	Currently the bike path system is fractured and not well marked. Despite a large volume of cyclists in the area and world class road/mountain biking the street route are poorly marked and unsafe. Protected bicycle lanes and integrated bike paths for commuting would be a wonderful addition to the city.
369	again, the Mesa Mall is a dangerous place for bikes and needs to be rethought as there is no safe bike path or pedestrian path
370	Love that we are doing this!!!
371	Lot's and lot's of potential. If the city is sincere, bike and pedestrian planning will be taken just as seriously as planning for the automobile. But sadly, with most development, it seems to be an afterthought at best. I challenge developers and engineers to consider the needs of bikes and peds as the FIRST step in the design process, not the last.
372	I went to school in Oregon. They have a regulation that a bike lane is required to be considered with every road project. It would be so nice to have foresight with ALL road projects to consider alternative transportation and how they can adjust the project to accommodate those utilizing these methods of transport. I watched sadly as the wide sidewalk on broadway was out in and I realized that the nice bridge was not easily accessible if you were using the bike lane. Instead you have to have a lot of foresight to get off the road early and use a driveway to access the sidewalk prior to the bridge. Soft shoulders are key to allow bicycle commuters to use the bike lane when safe but easily transition the the path when the bike lane punches off to nothing or there are obstacles in the road.
373	I think we should pave the canal roads as connecting bike paths. The bike path is great, but is out of the way for most commuters.

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374	In previous cities, I have enjoyed bike commuting for most of my transportation needs. In Grand Junction, 2 major reasons that prevent me from biking commuting very often are: 1. aggressive behaviors towards bikers from other community members (would love to see a major culture shift in this area) 2. lack of bike trails, the need to cross busy streets, and a lack of safe bike route options.
375	More bike lanes please, and on streets where the speed limit is greater than 35 mph I would love to see dedicated bike lanes
376	<p>There are some great resources with the Strong Towns nonprofit that relate to making more profitable and pedestrian friendly cities. Many infrastructure and zoning changes to make our city more economical seem counter-intuitive but the data back them up. Making streets feel less safe for drivers (making them narrower, etc.), actually makes them safer for pedestrians because drivers naturally slow down. This kind of thinking could have been applied to the First and Grand intersection, which was "improved" by designing faster car throughput, which makes it significantly less safe for pedestrians and cyclists. For all of the work that was put into designing this intersection, I feel it is just as inconvenient as a bike as before.</p> <p>More pedestrians and cyclists is financially beneficial for our city. Less need for vehicles frees up resources for low income to spend on other basic needs. Less infrastructure wear and tear. More dense shopping and more taxes collected from buildings that were once on parking lots. Less money spent on healthcare as folks are healthier from not having to sit in a car, and the list goes on. I am very excited that GJ has this initiative and am ready to volunteer my time to improve our great city!</p>
377	Variable feeders into major East-west and north-south core paths. RFT is excellent example of core AST-West rout. Look to north-south streams & washes as well as East-West canal routs for most pleasant and safe routes with fewest intersections.
378	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bike routes and bike/walk trails often abruptly end when approaching busy intersections, which is where they're needed most.</li> <li>- Lack of sidewalks along many roads in growing areas around Grand Junction (like 26 Road and 27 Road). Housing and population growth outpace the development of such sidewalks and bike routes.</li> <li>- Need more and better bike parking areas around town. It can be hard to bike to destinations due to lack of secure and adequate bike parking.</li> <li>- Too many bike thieves in this town.</li> </ul>
379	I appreciate that this is getting attention, because I would love to see the investment in safe and affordable means of transportation. Bike lanes and walking passways are inclusive, essential, and usually quite beautiful. Encouraging this time outside when commuting to work, school, errands, whatever, is a fantastic reflection of the values we have as Grand Junction residents.
380	I'm especially interested in being able to bike to Canyon View Park along G Road. Not possible for me now.
381	From a drivers perspective bicyclists are unsafe. Widen the roads to make it safer for them.

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382	We can be doing so much more to invite an alternative to our commute whether it is for work or errands. We have an automotive infrastructure in place, but now we need to be more aware that there are a lot of Grand Junction residents that would like a better walking/rolling/bicycling infrastructure that is often seen for the citizens of some better run 1st world countries. This can be for health reasons, gas reasons or to not be so dependent on a car/car costs.
383	Que los carriles para bicicleta sean conectados
384	Es necesario tener mas senderos para bicicletas, Especialmente espacio para bicicletas donde hay protección de la calle y los autos, como mas espacio entre los carros y los senderos para bicicletas, o espacio con césped o otras platas para proteger las bicicletas de los carros. Y tambien es necesario tener mas iluminación para viajar seguramente por la noche.
385	If we were to facilitate somehow the rental of bicycles, E bikes, scooters such as Lime or Bird, perhaps more people would go and hang out downtown Grand Junction and or would not use a car or a bigger vehicle to go from point A to point B in the valley.
386	disconnected trails
387	12th street feels very dangerous x2
388	developed tree canopy would help during summer for shade
389	Lack of safe connected /continuous bicycle infrastructure. Narrow multi surface bike lanes that have chuck holes, uneven surfacing, debris, manhole covers and drains that must be negotiated, and that randomly begin and end. Difficult crossings of multilane streets with lights that are too short, and inadequate and dangerous places to wait to cross.
390	There is a need for more SAFE places to lock your bike. Las Colonias is one place in particular, MANY people use a bike for their river shuttle and there is no place to lock bikes. Several stores do not have proper bike parking. The downtown area could use more bike parking, especially for special events, which would encourage more people to bike downtown for events like the market, Rides & Vibes, Beer Fest, etc.
391	Some corridors have no connectivity by bike without going way out of the way
392	Lack of bike lanes or shared lanes on primary roads like North Avenue. Inefficient bicycle routes that treat bicycle use as a second rate mode of transportation for daily living.... Efficient access to work, school, businesses.
393	The drivers around here are afflicted with some sort of mania. Warrants further study.
394	gravel in bike lanes, especially 7th st. , too many big trucks you have to share traffic with.
395	Some areas need safe crossings or even small shoulders
396	The sidewalks, where present, are often too narrow.

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397	Your bike lanes usually do not extend through intersections! New intersection on 1st and grand did not follow your complete streets policy of implementing bicycle infrastructure within intersections - no bike lanes!! Sorry but sidewalks don't count for those who commute every day to work by bike.
398	Thier is not a safe way to commute from palisade to grand junction via bicycle.
399	It is unsafe to leave your bike anywhere because it will likely be stolen, or parts off your bike will be stolen even when chained up or using a cable lock.
400	A beautifully connected trail system would be so fun! Riding and walking alongside vehicle traffic one feels vulnerable, exposed, and uncomfortable.
401	Concrete and asphalt cracking cause uncomfortable riding.
402	No bike lanes and even if there were the traffic speed is too fast. Much of it exceeds the speed limit.
403	Too many entitled people on bikes.
404	E bikes present a danger to pedestrians and regular bikes because they go much faster
405	In many cases I need to go further when walking, or walk across busy streets or parking lots with no pedestrian amenities, than I would by car -- due to lack of crosswalks and super round about intersections or bridges **specifically the ridiculously long round-a-bout way to get from Redlands to Downtown GJ via Broadway, and to get across Monument road from where people live/eat to where people recreate (lunch loops & the bike path)
406	Sidewalks that abut the street are very dangerous. The safer ones are separated from the street by a grassy area.
407	Hills, but I am trying to figure a way around that.
408	Homeless people under bridges are using the sidewalk as a bathroom!
409	Nearest grocery store is five miles away so biking to and from the store with a load of groceries is not practical.
410	Cyclists need to stay on the bike path and show courtesy to vehicles. They are rude both on the road and on the trail. They clog the roads and try to run people over on bike trails. They honestly not welcome.
411	Not enough separated multi-use trails and/or connections from those trails to where I want to go.
412	not enough bike trails/paths
413	The behavior and attitudes of vehicle drivers to pedestrians (at least outside of the downtown area, where drivers tend to expect pedestrians and are better). I go jogging a lot in the neighborhoods near Canyon View and often cars won't even stop for me in the roundabouts.

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414	PATHS NEEDED ALONG CANALS AND DRAINAGE DITCHES CREATING CITY-WIDE GRID REMOVING PED/BIKE TRAFFIC FROM BUSY STREETS. NEEDS DONE!
415	We need connecting routes so we can commute by bike, or do longer trips. Now you have to wander around and it's not safe due to traffic.
416	the biggest challenge is for the cars because the bicycles should be on the sidewalk, now north avenue is more dangerous than ever who ever engineered the mess they are doing right now should be fired!
417	City center/University area in general is perfect for bike and scooter travel being that is not hilly. And yet the bike lane and shared bikes lane infrastructure is non existent along some the most key roads like North Ave, 12th and 7th. Areas full of people living and shopping...thousand of residence and students along with shops and restaurants, with room to grow even further, with high density apartments or town homes...and yet the all we see from the city is expanding the width of sidewalks, which was not needed on Norht Ave, the problem is traffic...and the city double downs with bus pull out lanes which further increases traffic speeds as car proceed unrestricted as buses pick up passengers and the bus schedules will fail in the future as traffic density will not allow the bus to merge back into the moving traffic. The city has spent millions destroying the bus experience with removal of benches and shelters..... and further destroyed accessibility on Norht ave for left turning people in the name of safety...with out simply lowering the speed to 30. You cant fix the incompetence and the mindset. At one point I called the city to inquire on why the bike lanes were not installed during phase 1 of livable neighborhoods...which voted on and plans drawn up to include bike lanes. That never happened...and the city told me to just ride your bike on the sidewalk.... which is the most backward ass thinking possible. You cant even argue with that level of incompetence in my opinion. Then I heard talk of multimodal trails next to Norht AVe...that is why the sidewalk is so wide now...but studies show over and over again...you never put multimodal trails next to major roadways especially when they are lined with businesses and driveways. The level of incompetence with city planning is maddening.
418	Drivers in this area are completely unaware of cyclist rights and laws protecting them (bikes can take whole lane, must give bikes 3ft, etc)
419	There is very little regulation on poor driving and speeding in Grand Junction, so drivers drive fast and carelessly.
420	No separation from the crazy drivers and diesel DB's who make me fear for my life and breath exhaust.
421	Since there is a lack of bike lanes - bikers ride on the sidewalk and make it feel unsafe for pedestrians. Could change this by having a safe bike lane.
422	The existing bike lane network is very disconnected and doesn't actually connect me with where I want to go. I would like to see short, safe, and connected routes be prioritized in the design of our bike network.

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423	Crosswalks are not properly marked on both sides and vehicles rarely stop
424	Streets without any bike lane, or streets that have a bike lane for only part of the way (e.g. Gunnison or 15th). Busy streets with nothing at all - most of the East/West corridors.
425	Bike lanes are inadequate or non existent for a large portion of the roads I frequently use.
426	Some roads have no sidewalks at all.
427	Trails are nice when you get to them, but riding a bike on Patterson is not a good option for getting to a paved trail. The sidewalks are narrow and bumpy, and even if you go south on 1st street where there is eventually a bike lane, it's still only a painted line and not a protected bike lane and I don't feel very safe. All of this significantly impacts how much I ride my bike. In Aurora, CO I had excellent access to paved trails near my house and I could go anywhere in the Denver Metro area safely by bike and it was fantastic.
428	We need more shoulders and the bike routes we have need better continuity.
429	There's no safe crossing by bike from Redlands over the Redlands parkway (to City Market, Patterson, Canyon View Park, Starbucks, etc). The hill takes time to climb, and the vehicles move very quickly. There's no bike lane, and it takes a lot of effort to go around that area using the bike trail. Also, 25 Road feels unsafe to bike on to work.
430	Homeless in areas very unsafe And unsanitary
431	Homeless population has taken over. I walked to work once and there were men in sleeping bags on the sidewalks along North Ave. They hang out in most of the parks now. I feel for them but it makes it feel dirty and unsafe.
432	GJ lacks safe by-ways across town; This is improving but still in adequate; key would be safe north to south route
433	Limited safe corridors to travel in the valley (River front trail)
434	people who drive fail to maintain the posted speed limit.
435	People driving cars can be aggressive to bikers
436	Lack of traffic control - speeding, lane changes at intersections, yellow and red light running, loud cars with no mufflers
437	Areas to nearby shopping centers not safely rideable for bicyclists - lack of shoulder, bikelanes, etc.
438	The best routes are often not well published or known for people.
439	We moved downtown for the walk ability to the pharmacy, library, post office, and grocery. In the past five years, the grocery and pharmacy have closed and now we drive to get our food/meds. We live in a food desert now.

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440	Safely traveling from one area to the next. Transition zones.
441	There is just so much traffic that it makes it unpleasant to bike. But if GJ was in Europe, most people would bike in such size of a city, fairly flat and with great weather!
442	Homeless sleeping at every park with a public bathroom. Tents and hammocks set up at bus stations. Businesses with overhangs have homeless just sleeping under them.
443	Drivers attitudes towards cyclists in GJ is toxic. I have been hit 4 times on my bicycle by a car. Not a single situation was written. Once I was accused of staging the accident by the police.
444	pedestrian lights change too quickly.
445	Homeless groups on river trails and at park toilets
446	Clothes required when I get there
447	No safe bike path to get from north area to River Trail
448	Personal; not enough time.
449	Competition between walkers and bikers for space.
450	Roads are not wide enough to safely allow safe passing of bicycles.
451	Along Independent Avenue, the gravel & mud run off after a rain onto the sidewalk makes it hard to navigate — seems like the property owner should contain the gravel & mud. Also, some of the property owners let mulberries cover the sidewalk, making it difficult to navigate a wheelchair. Lastly, at least one property owner on Poplar allows their hedge to grow onto the sidewalk, again making it difficult or impossible for a wheelchair to navigate.
452	The paths frequently do not lead to anywhere meaningful, i.e. to a store/park/hospital, or there are no safe ways of getting to said locations as there are no paths.
453	Walking in many areas is difficult. Trails are not connected. also speed of traffic on 26 RD where I live makes it difficult.
454	Inconsiderate users on bikes/ebikes not announcing or riding too fast. Too many homeless people.
455	Bike lanes are not wide enough to feel safe in traffic
456	There should be more trails and spots to practice dirtbiking.
457	No trees to shade in the summer
458	Not enough bike paths/lanes
459	Safety concerns walking alone with many area of homeless camps.
460	No sidewalks, if you build it they will come
461	The preserve walking park on the Redlands is not safe for a woman walking by herself. No bike lanes on S. Broadway - dangerous for bicyclists.
462	Dangerous drivers and no enforcement of traffic laws

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463	Could we move more towards Night Sky Friendly lighting?
464	Buying uncooked food is only possible at large stores centered in concentrated, vehicle focused shopping centers, not close to where most people need to use uncooked food.
465	The Mesa Mall has no bike path and my daughter took her life into her hands trying to get to the mall, this needs to be corrected so that kids and adults can safely travel to and from the mall
466	Busy doing other things.
467	Homeless??? Asking for money, or acting in a threatening manner. Dogs running without being on leashes. Drivers who look left and go and run into those who are coming from the right. Drivers who think a STOP sign means slow down, then continue.
468	I don't feel safe walking places like the Riverfront trail specifically under the many dark bridges. There is overgrown onto many sidewalks. I understand main arteries being fast like Patterson, North and 12th, so I avoid them. I don't understand when people speed on Main or 5th. It feels unsafe to cross, and even makes the most leisurely time downtown feel like a task.
469	more bike paths x2
470	disconnected routes x2
471	speeding cars
472	not safe for children
473	right hand turn lanes feel unsafe for bicyclist
474	Drivers' lack of patience and understanding with bikers
475	Some streets with wide shoulders or bike lanes, often have cars parked in the way, weeds, or other debris.
476	Unprotected bike lanes make major routes too dangerous to bike!
477	Lack of efficient bike lanes along major city center corridors... North Ave, CMU, city center. Bikes on sidewalk as a primary path for bikes is ignorance...
478	Again, the Mesa County Motorist Madness. These drivers need to be examined by a professional.
479	Poor connectivity. Examples: bike lanes that just end at mid block (e.g. 12th Street); traffic lights that don't change, making the whole route inconvenient (e.g. 5th Street); inconsistent shoulder width from one block to the next (e.g. Orchard Avenue).
480	There are spaces between bike paths that are not accessible/safe for bicycles, thus it is impossible to use these paths to get from one location to another.
481	Cars/trucks biggest fear

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482	Dogs off leash along trails; broken glass lack of clarity about motorized E-bikes and pedal assisted bikes speeding down the trail and striking pedestrians or traditional cyclists; no apparent speed limit for E-Bikes
483	Biggest issue is having to ride alongside all vehicle traffic almost anywhere you want to go in the Grand Valley.
484	Right-wing anti- environmental zealots trying to terrorize cyclists, an uneducated percentage of car drivers who don't understand the law, let alone recent changes to said laws, road hazards such as goatheads.
485	Streets are designed for cars, not bikes. Biking is often unsafe, especially as there is very little biking culture.
486	Railroad crossings--have to walk the bike
487	Too many entitled and inconsiderate people on bikes
488	Lack of connectivity
489	Cars often do not stop at stop signs: 1) roll through the stop sign and 2) stop after the stop sign into the crossing
490	Bike lanes abruptly end with no shoulder available. Vehicles taunting bicyclists. .
491	bike lanes terminate before reaching destination
492	The design speed is just too high on most roads in Grand Junction to safely/comfortably accommodate bikes, and often alternative bike paths go under bridges and to other less "sticky" (interaction with surroundings) and therefore usually less safe or comfortable areas.
493	People are using their cell phones every second their behind the wheel!
494	I bike many places in grand junction regularly and there is a lot of road in Junction that is truly unsafe for bikes. Often there is no route that makes it safe unless I want to add 3-5 minutes to my ride, which is already longer than driving, making biking even less desirable. Safety and direct efficient routes are two most important things for getting people to bike commute. With safety being a big big number one. A lot of the shoulders are filled with debris, meaning I risk a flat tire, or ride right on the line. Often, junction has these huge terrible shoulder less roads that there is literally no other option but to take, and cars go 45-50 mph on. I try hard to find safe efficient routes and there are a few no doubt but they are few and far between. Lived and biked in a few other places and glad this survey is happening because bike ability of junction has a lot of room for improvement.
495	I frequently ride the bike lanes on Monument Road and along the Riverside Parkway. They need to be swept of debris much more often. I frequently have to travel in the traffic lane because of all the rocks, gravel, and broken glass that is in the bike lanes. A bridge for bike riders and pedestrians over 6 and 50 would be good. Perhaps one near 24 road and another one near the Amtrak Station.

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496	It is difficult to transition to the north valley from the bike path at the Blue Heron boat put in bike path across the bridge to 24 road. There is very little room across the bridge over Hwy 6/50 to the intersection of 24 road and Patterson.
497	hostile drivers
498	driver/biker interactions can be very hostile
499	Lack of bike lanes
500	The behavior and attitudes of vehicle drivers toward cyclists, which range from obliviousness to outright hostility and aggression. I moved here from the Front Range and have been shocked and disappointed at how hard it is to bike commute in this town. Pre-COVID, I biked to work every day from 25 and G Road to my office downtown. So many bad incidents. Drivers here at best simply don't expect to see cyclists, at worst, they are downright mean spirited. They don't stop when it's my right of way, they cut me off at crossings, they roll coal in my face. It's really disheartening. Also, many (maybe most) businesses here don't even have bike racks out front, so I end up finding a tree to lock my bike to. It's so different from the Front Range, where it's standard for businesses to have racks.
501	Feel unsafe biking where there are no bike paths present
502	Drivers are inconsiderate of bicyclists
503	COLORADO LOTTERY GRANTS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR CANAL BIKE PATH INSURANCE AND TO ADDRESS OTHER OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED.
504	No connecting through routes. It does no good if you have to get off your bike, detour, etc. Bike commuting needs to be designed just like car commuting - direct and fast.
505	Link up bike paths create east west through bike routes.
506	There are NO bike lanes along busy areas like North avenue. This is incredibly dangerous to ride in the road as well as on the sidewalk.
507	Infrastructure is currently insufficient to connect different parts of the city.
508	designated bike streets do not have sufficient room for bike lane, especially G road only has a bike lane for west bound traffic and none at all for east bound
509	The whole town caters to bicycles and now you have totally screwed up North Avenue.
510	nice list of nothing you've provided. The biggest challenges is that major retail and neighborhoods are not connected with a cohesive network of bike lanes or shared lanes....and streets with bike friendly speed limits... 30mph in high traffic areas.
511	Bad or little bike lanes... examples: Broadway, South Broadway, Interstate 70 Frontage Rd, River Road, Rim Rock Road, Little Park Road, 24 rd from Redlands pkwy to Canyon View Park, route from GJ to Palisade.

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512	many bike lanes are full of goat heads or broken glass etc. and flat tires are a big problem
513	See above
514	There is not enough separation from traffic
515	Bike lanes should have physical separation to prevent vehicles crossing. Bike crossing lanes are needed at street lights. Citizens need more respect for bikers/pedestrians
516	Bike lanes end abruptly on main thru ways (for example 12th Ave when it crosses Gunnison). So it is not safe to bike to the grocery store - or to other errands because bike lanes end and are non-existent for much of our town. We would LOVE to bike to these places if there were a safe route.
517	No bike lane or even a shoulder on some streets.
518	Some portions of the City do not have any safe bike lane corridor. For example trying to get from city center out West towards the Mall takes some very creative riding through back streets and use of a map app.
519	Car/truck drivers being disrespectful of cyclists
520	Ideally I would like to ride my bike to work more but my husband can't drive right now so I need to take a car to run errands or pick him up.
521	Horrid and uneducated drivers who are not always held accountable when bikes or peds are involved
522	The homeless issue along the bike path makes me feel unsafe so I avoid it more than enjoy it.
523	***creating safe bike lanes on North/South in town routes. ie: 7th street to downtown. creating safe routes on East /west roads such as Orchard (Orchard runs a long distance east to west and several areas there was a designated bike lane then it is not on the other side of street. why does it just disappear.?
524	Both sides of Orchard should have proper bike lanes for both East and West bound cyclists
525	Create bike lanes on streets that are not busy. For example there's no reason for a bike lane on main with all the cars. Put the bin lane 1 street over until you hit downtown.
526	Shoulders need to be swept more often and we need more of them.
527	Where there are bike lanes, they are often covered with rocks and debris. In contrast, the roads are kept clean.
528	Big trucks could benefit from biker education. Many people have been harassed or run off the road by vehicles that don't respect bikers. More and wider bike lanes are needed for safety.

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529	Hostile drivers and drivers that are unaware. Additionally speeds that are too high. For example g road could be a decent route but speeds are too high.
530	1) Bike lanes are frequently blocked by parked vehicles including City of GJ Parks&Rec maintenance vehicles/trailers forcing bikers into the street into the path of unexpecting motorists. 2) Bike lanes and road shoulders are rough, poorly maintained.
531	Bike lanes begin/end with no warning, or run parallel to paths that can't be accessed safely. See Redlands Parkway.
532	Vagrants obstructing paths or making travel uncomfortable
533	Cars are aggressive to people on bikes, I take back roads because main roads are not safe, I have been hit on my bike and the person did not stop, she totaled my bike
534	Lack of traffic control - speeding, lane changes at intersections, yellow and red light running, loud cars with no mufflers
535	There are a lot of seniors in Grand Junction. Leave Main Street as is, as many of us won't be able to get to downtown shopping if you block it off.
536	I'm not aware of any protected bike lanes. Narrow lanes with only paint indicating they are for bicycles are not sufficient.
537	Safely traveling from one area to the next. Transition zones.
538	fairly
539	There are sections of streets with insufficient or no shoulders for biking.
540	Few bike lanes. No protected bike lanes. Few traffic controlled bike crossings. Few safe, direct routes to shopping centers and grocery stores. Existing bike lanes end at intersections or are inexplicably discontinued. Bike lanes are too narrow.
541	Would appreciate measures to dissuade cars from driving fast (ex: trees growing close to road) and also would love more bike/multiuse paths that are completely detached from car roads. Main being completely car-free would be great.
542	Ebikes are super dangerous on sidewalks and paths. Some people are safe with them but others drive them like the motorcycles they are with no regard for anyone moving slower than them. Motorized travel should be prohibited wherever children and the elderly are. Also the Homeless have taken over the river front trails. They just use the paths as place to go to the bathroom.
543	Police do not treat cyclists the same as drivers. We are second class to them in GJ
544	I don't bicycle at this time.

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545	Not enough bike lanes on roads!! Especially G road not safe. Need safe places to cross busy roads from the river front trail. Highway 6 & 50
546	Not enough bike/walking trails in North GJ
547	I think that the City did a great job at increasing bike lanes and making sidewalks easy to ride on. However, the bike lanes are not cleaned enough.
548	29 bridge bike lanes are too narrow for safety
549	Other than the River Front Trail(which has several poorly maintained sections), there are multiple places where the bike lanes abruptly end with no shoulder to ride on. The system is patchy one could say.  Also, it seems no one in town knows what the rules are on our streets and sidewalks for traffic in general. I work around the area of 1st and North and own 3 bikes. On 1st Street between North and Broadway people use the sidewalks as bike paths. Many are traveling over 15 mph(some of the e bikes are running much faster) creating danger to both pedestrians and bikers. Some people are riding their bikes the wrong way in the bike lanes too. Not all cars and trucks yield to pedestrians in marked crosswalks. There is confusion about the rules of bikes in crosswalks too. Before more people get killed maybe a comprehensive publication and listing of the laws/rules would help some, along with signage in trouble spots.
550	People in trucks. Distracted drivers usually holding a smart phone in one hand.
551	There are gaps in bike lanes to shopping areas from the Redlands.
552	More bike lanes are needed, bigger shoulders for cycling and keep extending the bike paths. More people are using them and will come to GJ for recreation.
553	Inconsiderate users on bikes/ebikes not announcing or riding too fast. Too many homeless people.
554	This is the best place in the country for all types of riders. We should embrace this and become a destination for people across the world to come to and ride; like Moab.
555	I get harassed by cars when I'm on my bike, and I fear I will get hit by someone on purpose because people in cars hate cyclists.
556	Not enough bike lanes so bicyclist end up impeding traffic on main roads.
557	26 Road north of town is dangerous because of all the new bike signs and bikers out here you should remove those signs and quit encouraging people to ride their bikes where there is no shoulder and there's heavy traffic. You're going to get somebody injured or worse. I find it odd that when new subdivisions go up north to town it's not required for them to put a sidewalk in along the major roads???
558	Dangerous drivers and no enforcement of traffic laws

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559	The bike paths along roads are dirty, with dirt, small rocks, general debris and even stickers (goat head) that flatten tires. The adjacent road is much cleaner as cars tend to push the debris to the sides, and thus into the bike lanes. I would use the bike lanes more if they were kept clean with proper street sweeping.
560	i don't bike
561	Hostile Drivers! Rolling Coal, Speeding, not giving enough room to pass, distracted driving, etc.
562	Having to share busy roads without dedicated bike lanes
563	My bicycles need service.
564	Drivers who don't see us (bike riders).
565	If there is a bike lane, it is typically either too narrow to feel safe (Ridges Blvd for example) or at such a slant it feels unsteady (like from the riverside parkway bridge to downtown as one example) I'm a short person, around 5'2" and I have to duck constantly to avoid hitting branches and leaves when riding my bike. (Example: eastbound, on the right side "bike path" down Broadway)
566	Insufficient bike lanes that stop abruptly and force bikes onto sidewalks to be safe. The signage for cross-walks also do not indicate that bikers should also given right of way when in a cross-walk. I have been beeped at because I was crossing the street in a cross-walk and the driver thought they had the right of way. In addition at the same time, the left turn lane driver was across the lines in the cross-walk which forced me into the street to cross.
Comments Received on the project website via GJ Speaks	
567	A fundamental change needs to take place..... placing more focus on Bike/Pedestrian access as it relates to business city center..... For example, North Ave is lined with business, neighborhoods, lincoln park and a university. Yet the city still treats the traffic flow on North Ave as a priority. The priority needs to be pedestrian and bike access to the thousands of people that live city center...alongside North Ave and the businesses and university. It should be more efficient for pedestrians and bikes to access this corridor. Bike Lanes on North Ave, 30 MPH speed limit and the addition of multiple cross walks should be added. You want to create access and efficiency between the people and businesses they visit. Instead what we have seen is the push to increase the flow of traffic....and restrict access and efficiency by elimination left turns onto north and installing bus turn outs that insure that the pace of traffic is sped up..... see the focus of public trans port was relegated to second place in an effort to keep the cars moving..... Thats not what you want to do in high density city centers full of businesses like found along north ave. Will traffic be slower and congested...yes, with the area thrive and grow....yes.
568	There are some great resources with the Strong Towns nonprofit that relate to making more profitable and pedestrian friendly cities. Many changes to make our city more economical seem counter-intuitive to standard infrastructure improvement practices, but the data back them up. For example, making streets feel less safe for drivers (making them narrower, adding trees to the sides, etc.), actually makes them safer for pedestrians because drivers naturally slow down. This kind of thinking could have been applied to the First and Grand intersection, which was "improved" by designing faster car throughput, which makes it significantly less safe for pedestrians and cyclists. More pedestrians and cyclists is financially beneficial for our city. Less need for vehicles frees up resources for low income to spend on other basic needs. Less infrastructure wear and tear. More dense shopping and more taxes collected from

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	buildings that were once on parking lots. Less money spent on healthcare as folks are healthier from not having to sit in a car, and the list goes on. Denser downtowns produce more tax \$ per acre and require less infrastructure maintenance. We (GJ) could go so far as to hire Urban3 to do a fiscal analysis, but only need to look at their hundreds of existing analysis' to see these trends. I am very excited that GJ has this initiative and am ready to volunteer my time to improve our great city to this initiative! Sources (I would be ecstatic if someone reads these): <a href="https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2021/8/6/the-key-to-slowing-traffic-is-street-design-not-speed-limits">https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2021/8/6/the-key-to-slowing-traffic-is-street-design-not-speed-limits</a> <a href="https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2018/1/16/why-walkable-streets-are-more-economically-productive-3bzg5">https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2018/1/16/why-walkable-streets-are-more-economically-productive-3bzg5</a> Urban3: <a href="https://www.urbanthree.com/">https://www.urbanthree.com/</a>
569	The Lincoln Park event was very poorly promoted. Disappointing to read a cover story in the Sentinel after the fact instead of before the event.
570	The Northeast corner of Orchard/28 1/4 RD is unsafe for wheelchair users. The slope of the wheelchair ramps are extreme when rounding the corner on the sidewalk, causing my chair to tip sideways. The bike lane coming down 28 1/4 Rd. suddenly jumps over a lane when crossing Orchard, and is also unsafe.
571	I would love to see a pedestrian and cycling overpass/underpass across 12th to CMU. It's such a congested area with a history of accidents, it could be a practical and potentially beautiful solution to this problem!
572	On Redlands, South Broadway has no shoulder. Bicyclists are allowed to use a full lane. The law requires a 3' buffer. How does someone driving a full sized pickup or SUV leave a 3' space if cyclists are using a full lane? Do the math.
573	As a firefighter for the city it would be great to see improvements made to result in lowering our call volume of avoidable accidents. My wife works at SMH and is also currently attending CMU, both of which are popular places for these accidents to occur. Getting a call at either location always makes me nervous that she is potentially who was hit. I believe that raised crosswalks similar to 1st St would prevent these accidents from being as frequent. 7th St from Patterson to Bookcliff, and 12th St from Orchard to North Ave I believe are the worst and would benefit from these.

## Public Comments on GJSpeaks.org – February 2023 – Draft Plan

All bike and walking planning should include the new electric skateboards, bikes, hoverboards and the rest in the planning. In many places I visit, and in GJ as well, people are zooming by on sidewalks and walking paths on these newer electric powered devices, which may soon dominate the future of transportation. Some agency (the city, developers, builders ?) should improve the needed transportation issues much earlier than is currently the practice. Right now builders are constructing over 100 new homes, duplexes, apartments, a new Mormon Temple, and new business in the vicinity of Horizon Drive, 27 Road, and G Road. There are also plans for landscaping Horizon Park off of 27 Road north of G Road. Currently to walk or ride a bicycle anywhere in this area requires use of very busy and narrow roads with cars going 35 mph or faster. Kids and adults in these new subdivisions could not safely walk along or cross Horizon Drive, 27 Road (12th Street north of the roundabout), or G Road. There are no crosswalks or sidewalks along 27 Road or G Road. Solutions are needed now and should be built now!

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Feb 26, 2023 · 1:36pm

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Grand Junction Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. 1. Tenth Street should be a Bicycle Boulevard from Belford to Main Street. This route is heavily used by cyclists and pedestrians, and vehicle use is less than 1000 per day. If it was a Bicycle Boulevard the route could be made safer with enhancements such as refuge medians on Grand and Gunnison, which would also discourage driving on Tenth Street. This half-mile route provides access to two schools and CMU. Alternative routes are available on 9th and 11th Streets. 2. page 47. The 24 Road/Redlands Parkway overpass should be a high priority for a trail, cycle track, or protected bike lane, instead of low priority as currently shown in the draft Plan. The current route is not safe for cyclists and pedestrians accessing Mesa Mall, Community Hospital, Canyon View Park and other important destinations in this area. 3. page 31. For buffered bike lanes, cross hatching should be required even if the buffer is less than 3 feet wide. The City has done this in the past and it clearly highlights the buffer, so it should be included in the Plan. 4. The Plan should recommend use of automated counters for bike and pedestrian use so that changes in active transportation use can be measured as the Plan is implemented.

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Feb 26, 2023 · 11:59am  
720 Ivanhoe Way  
Grand Junction, Co, 81506

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· Feb 23, 2023 · 12:49pm

I was at your open house last night but didn't have time to leave comments so hear are some I would like to add to the list: 1. broaden the concept/name to a wider range of non-auto users - walkers, runners, stridor bikes, strollers, bikes, trikes, ebikes, scooters, escooters, skateboards, eskateboards, hoverboards, etrikes and who knows what else will come. 2 add a soft path either adjacent or better detached along as much of the riverfront trail as possible, esp as new areas get built or changed from asphalt to concrete. We need to accommodate not only more users but a much wider range of speeds. 3 consider an underpass beneath Patterson Rd to access Matchett Park/CRC ( I understand 28 1/2 Rd or Indian

Wash could be options) 3 make bike/pedestrian signal buttons more convenient when they are far from the actual crossing (N. Ave and 10th, where many CMU students, etc cross) is one example. (some newer intersections have done that). 4 Improve wayfinding signs by moving the map lower (many signs have an upper green sign showing distances to various points and right below it a map - the sign is easy to read but the map is too small and high to be easily read - this would be an easy fix. 5 consider opening the Highline Canal ditch bank along Matchett Park to the public, if the city has that ownership or easement - is high enough for great views and could help break the canal bank barrier. 6 complete the detached path along the north side of S. Camp - that will help complete the Redlands Loop without crossing S. Camp once the Monument II trail is built. 7 Make sure new subdivisions have as many connecting paths between homes as possible to kids can easily visit friends without having to navigate busy streets. Also continue adding paths to canal banks wherever possible to play for future canal bank trails.(this already done in many places I am aware of) 8 try to keep bike lanes as clean as possible. In particular, Monument Rd heading down is often so full of sand and gravel its hard not to swerve out onto the road, at least on a road bike (Monument II will help correct this). I greatly appreciate this effort and all the other ideas I saw last night and think this will go a long way towards making GJ a better place to travel car-free for pleasure, shopping and work.

· Feb 21, 2023 · 12:33pm

Can you give us more information on the Shared Micromobility? Selected companies, exact launch date?

· Feb 10, 2023 · 10:25am

This is a great thing for Grand Junction and I applaud the foresight for bringing this forward. The one thing I see as a vital piece missing is the utilization of the canal system. While I understand these are corporately owned parcels and cause a lot of stir when brought into this conversation, they are existing natural pathway that cross through the entire city. The views are great from many sections and the grades are relatively flat. They are a pedestrian/bicycle superhighway that already intersects a vast majority of the city. The cost saving and safety improvements from incorporating these into a master plan would be great. The irrigation companies need to be brought on board with the fact that the utilization of these pathway is for public benefit. There are plenty of city's that have symbiotic relationships with their irrigation districts for the utilization of their Maintance roads.

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· Feb 5, 2023 · 4:17pm

The rough draft of this plan looks incredibly well thought out from a layperson's perspective. I have to commend the team working on this. I hope that momentum is able to continue so that we can have a profitable and healthy city.

## Public Comments on GJSpeaks.org – September - October 2022 – Existing Conditions

· Sep 15, 2022 · 8:29pm

As a firefighter for the city it would be great to see improvements made to result in lowering our call volume of avoidable accidents. My wife works at SMH and is also currently attending CMU, both of which are popular places for these accidents to occur. Getting a call at either location always makes me nervous that she is potentially who was hit. I believe that raised crosswalks similar to 1st St would prevent these accidents from being as frequent. 7th St from Patterson to Bookcliff, and 12th St from Orchard to North Ave I believe are the worst and would benefit from these.

· Sep 16, 2022 · 9:15am

On Redlands, South Broadway has no shoulder. Bicyclists are allowed to use a full lane. The law requires a 3' buffer. How does someone driving a full sized pickup or SUV leave a 3' space if cyclists are using a full lane? Do the math.

· Sep 16, 2022 · 11:51am

I would love to see a pedestrian and cycling overpass/underpass across 12th to CMU. It's such a congested area with a history of accidents, it could be a practical and potentially beautiful solution to this problem!

· Sep 17, 2022 · 1:27pm

The Northeast corner of Orchard/28 1/4 RD is unsafe for wheelchair users. The slope of the wheelchair ramps are extreme when rounding the corner on the sidewalk, causing my chair to tip sideways. The bike lane coming down 28 1/4 Rd. suddenly jumps over a lane when crossing Orchard, and is also unsafe.

· Oct 19, 2022 · 9:20am

There are some great resources with the Strong Towns nonprofit that relate to making more profitable and pedestrian friendly cities. Many changes to make our city more economical seem counter-intuitive to standard infrastructure improvement practices, but the data back them up. For example, making streets feel less safe for drivers (making them narrower, adding trees to the sides, etc.),

actually makes them safer for pedestrians because drivers naturally slow down. This kind of thinking could have been applied to the First and Grand intersection, which was "improved" by designing faster car throughput, which makes it significantly less safe for pedestrians and cyclists. More pedestrians and cyclists is financially beneficial for our city. Less need for vehicles frees up resources for low income to spend on other basic needs. Less infrastructure wear and tear. More dense shopping and more taxes collected from buildings that were once on parking lots. Less money spent on healthcare as folks are healthier from not having to sit in a car, and the list goes on. Denser downtowns produce more tax \$ per acre and require less infrastructure maintenance. We (GJ) could go so far as to hire Urban3 to do a fiscal analysis, but only need to look at their hundreds of existing analysis' to see these trends. I am very excited that GJ has this initiative and am ready to volunteer my time to improve our great city to this initiative!

Sources (I would be ecstatic if someone reads these):

<https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2021/8/6/the-key-to-slowing-traffic-is-street-design-not-speed-limits>

<https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2018/1/16/why-walkable-streets-are-more-economically-productive-3bzg5> Urban3: <https://www.urbanthree.com/>

· Oct 21, 2022 · 12:27pm

A fundamental change needs to take place..... placing more focus on Bike/Pedestrian access as it relates to business city center..... For example, North Ave is lined with business, neighborhoods, lincoln park and a university. Yet the city still treats the traffic flow on North Ave as a priority. The priority needs to be pedestrian and bike access to the thousands of people that live city center...alongside North Ave and the businesses and university. It should be more efficient for pedestrians and bikes to access this corridor. Bike Lanes on North Ave, 30 MPH speed limit and the addition of multiple cross walks should be added. You want to create access and efficiency between the people and businesses they visit. Instead what we have seen is the push to increase the flow of traffic....and restrict access and efficiency by elimination left turns onto north and installing bus turn outs that insure that the pace of traffic is sped up..... see the focus of public trans port was relegated to second place in an effort to keep the cars moving..... Thats not what you want to do in high density city centers full of businesses like found along north ave. Will traffic be slower and congested...yes, with the area thrive and grow....yes.



# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 10<sup>th</sup> + Teller, Downtown

Comments: 12<sup>th</sup> Street, North of CMU campus (to Ark House/City Market, Spoons, Horizon Drive) is Super sketchy w/ broken sidewalks, fast, distracted traffic. Also, I love this event today and how it is organized = to give voice to all.



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: Rosevale Rd (Redlands)

Comments: I am happy to see GJ prioritizing bike/ped visibility + infrastructure! It is needed + appreciated. I hope that major educational shifts are in place for motorists...  
Thank you!



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: Downtown - Teller + 5th

Comments: Towns designed for cars make it harder for people with low incomes who can't afford cars to commute to work. Creating a negative feed back loop of people in need of money having less access to jobs, a problem for both local economy and community. Bike infrastructure in low income areas of town Benefits all of GJ.



# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 20th & orchard

Comments: Final recommendations absolutely need to consider the most vulnerable road users (kids & seniors). Independent mobility is absolutely essential for these groups, yet their safety is compromised by current road design.



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 2601 Mesa Ave GJ CO 81501

Comments: hopefully improve safety @ 4 way stops for bikers who yield to "no Cars" @ the sign just feel Cars to blow them, or other Cars not making full stops & looking both ways for bikers, not just a car on the road, or a pedestrian or the side walk. too many cars are texting and feel like even the safer routes are only as safe as the vehicle operators are.



## COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 427 Pleasant Hollow Ct / Redlands

Bicycles  
Comments: better access across 24Rd/Redlands Pkwy Bridge to mall +

around mall area. wider lane on broadway across the  
Bridge please. lights on the over passes for main from riverside  
& under Broadway Bridge. Better ~~ped~~ access along N. Ave  
It would be great to have color defined Bike lanes, 1st-12th/15th  
It would be great to have better enforcement w/ People Parking in Bike lanes



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 1015 Hill Avenue; 10th and Hill near Lincoln park + CMV

Comments: GJ has potential to be very bikeable and walkable. Dedicated bike routes paralleling major thoroughfares w/ bike lanes and sidewalks that have barriers with visual space (barriers like plastic over tall lane dividers, trees for sidewalks, concrete barriers) and physical distance (buffers that keep bike lanes and sidewalks farther away from roads and out of harm's way.) with this GJ can attract to its economy, provide access for current residents to safety and recreation, and ~~attract~~ reduce fatalities, and injury.



## COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 4415 Vallejo Dr Redlands

Comments: Planning/Construction need to occur w. input from cyclists.  
GJ slaps "BikeRoute" signs on roads and thinks its a major  
wonder to safety NOT



## COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 2224 Mesa Ave # CO 81501

Comments: It would awesome to see a network of elevated bike paths to have a physical separation between the car & bike!



## COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: Redlands

Comments: Contains lots of trip planning - excellence.  
Co of GJ does a great job in making  
transportation enjoyable - Cars, Bus, even biking.



## COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: Emerson Park / Lincoln Park

Comments: UNLESS Bike lanes are Protected They're NOT bike lanes, They're  
JUST More space For CARS. Please Make/install protected bike lanes.

THANKS!



## COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 1505 Root Ave. / Emerson PARK

Comments: would love to be able to get to the grocery store safely by bike.

My biggest concern is that we make access equitable for all residents or visitors to our community. thank you!



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Area: 2425 N 1st St

Comments: Need bike lane on  
Orchard. Add bike lane on new way to  
monument



Grand Junction

## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 859 Struthers Ave #403 Grand Junction

Comments: Close down Main street; open that puppy up to some cycling, boondling, and playing. It feels like such a community walking down the middle of the street during the farmers market!



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: Downtown

Comments: Would love to see easy connection to major parks + downtown for all neighborhoods, especially the lower income parts of town who are typically excluded from access to green space in the US.



**Grand Junction  
PEDESTRIAN &  
BICYCLE PLAN**

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: Redlands

Comments: Redlands Parkway (S. Rob) Intersection sucks. Bikes  
should have the right of way in all directions. Nowhere  
else do bikes going straight have to yield to vehicles turning



Grand Junction

## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 250 West Grand Ave

Comments: How do the bike Paths meet up that go to Glenwood Springs bike path, Moab bike path.



# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 2121 BUFFALO DRIVE / REDLANDS

Comments: NEEDS:

- INFORM MOTORISTS OF CO REGS RE: 3' LAW, "IDAHO" STOPS, CYCLISTS/PED RIGHTS
- CAMPAIGN INFORMING MOTORISTS OF RED LIGHT RUNNING DANGERS
- INCREASE AWARENESS/USE OF MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



## COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 1505 2001 Ave. / Emerson PARK

Comments: would love to be able to get to the grocery store safely by bike.

My biggest concern is that we make access equitable for all residents or visitors to our community. thank you!



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

Read  
Other Side!

# COMMENT FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Address/Area: 2000 N 4th St

Comments: Paterson, North, 7th, 12th are dangerous + un-bikable! They need protected bike lanes + safe crosswalks. I would also like to see streets like Orchard + Gunnison gain protected bike lanes vs bike ~~routes~~. We need to extend bike infrastructure outside of downtown into North GJ + Clifton so that low income people have safe + accessible ~~commuting~~ commuting infrastructure. I would love to see downtown GJ evolve into a space built for people + not cars, turning mainst into a car free zone would improve safety, happiness + sense of community

CMU has done a lot ~~to~~ in attempts to keep students safe on campus but those efforts evaporate as soon as you cross North or 12th. At least 3 people I know get hit by cars or into serious bike accidents every year due to lack of bike infrastructure, crosswalks, or street lighting! People need to be able to get downtown, to school + to the grocery store safely and without a car. I also want to see better bike lanes and lower speed limits near schools! GJ High does not have bike lanes surrounding it and would benefit from ~~lite~~ crosswalks. Public parks should also have better lighting surrounding them for people going home at dusk. I also want PROTECTED sidewalks on all major roads! It is unsafe, uncomfortable, and prevents people from walking when they are right next to major traffic! Help stop hostile infrastructure! Make our community accessible, safe ~~and~~ and equitable by investing in our connectedness. We can build a beautiful + safe home city. THANK YOU!!



## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

# APPENDIX B: FOCUS GROUP MEETING NOTES

## Latino/LEP Spanish Speaking Focus Group

9/12/2022 @ 3:00 PM

Giselle; Hispanic Affairs Project – non-profit; main goal is to integrate immigrants into the community; low cost legal assistance; mesa county community; doesn't like driving, so biking and walking is most important to her; many immigrants do not have license to drive so need other ways to be safe and get around

How do you or people you work with travel in Grand Junction

- Work from home; try to drive least as possible
- Some clients come to her, or meet virtually, or take Sunshine rides (free taxi)
- Some clients travel to her office by bike
- Clients she works with – typically they have personal vehicles or ways of getting to her; if not, she goes to them
- Many aren't used to technology or google maps; many don't speak English

Where do you or people you serve most frequently walk or bike? Where would you like to walk or bike?

- Any place downtown
- North avenue is popular; right now a lot of construction so people don't feel comfortable driving or accessing north avenue
- North avenue – lots of CMU students on bikes
- Walking she felt safe on 12th avenue; PHB not a street light (confirm this)
- Couldn't walk to the library
- Distance is a larger barrier to chose walking
- Heat or weather is also a factor about walking or not
- Looking for regional transportation (i.e. medical appointments in Denver)
- Do not want to be out in the dark walking or biking

From the CMU perspective

- Her job and classes were on campus; relied on friends for rides
- Rite Aid – went for groceries or cleaning supplies

Any specific streets that are safety concerns

- Orchard and 12th intersection – people do not stop
- One-way streets downtown (both walking and driving)
- North Avenue
- Bike lane on Gunnison – people parallel park, but they park into the bike lane; concerned about dooring with bike lanes; avoid parallel parking because don't want to open door into bike lane
- Depending where people come from, roadways are very different here.
- Cars are necessary in many locations.
- Trying to get somewhere with high traffic, how do you walk and bike in those areas that are very high traffic?
- How do you get somewhere without using I70
- Getting more roundabouts – how do you walk or bike through a roundabout?
  - How do we design for roundabouts with the correct bike and ped infrastructure

- Drivers tests are now in Spanish too – how does that impact roadway signage around GJ? Can people read street signs? And way finding signs? How to identify what are the right routes? Wayfinding signage in infrastructure and Spanish? Infrastructure more intuitive even if you don't read?
- How do you funnel people to where people want to be crossing?
- Things like the walk sign and ped push buttons are new things for immigrants; many countries do not have that
- Need to make signs more universal
- More crosswalks in general would be nice; going to dinner is challenging for because she has to walk out of the way to use a push button and cross the street
  - Near Old Chicago on North Avenue (nothing between 1st Ave and 5th on North)
  - Trying to get across 1st is challenging
- Brighter colors for bike lanes
- Sometimes walking instead of biking because there is no bike rack or not a safe place to park bike; more general comment then specific location
- Apartment complex – where do you store your bike; does the city need policy around bike storage?
- E-scooters; will probably see in GJ in April 2023
- Biker education “on your left”
- Connectivity (Paterson – example st marys to hospital); beautiful bike lanes and then they end; many key destinations in this area

## Steering Committee Candidates

**9/12/2022 @ 5:30 PM**

George W Manning – new board member for one riverfront; active in cycling; visiting and living here for last 40 years; interested cycling and walking for community health aspect and make it easier

David Lehmann – used to be on urban trails committee; does a lot of walking and cycling in town; feel pretty safe; even where there's bike lanes, it can be scary in when there's a lot of traffic; a lot of potential for active transportation; level and good weather

Bernie Smith – lived in GJ for over a year; moved from front range; cycling advocacy in Iowa and in Longmont; would like to see improvements for walking and rolling; down to one car; make it easier to get around without driving

What do you see as the biggest barriers to biking, for you/your group?

- Traffic hazards/ don't feel safe; don't have dedicated spaces
- Connectors within neighborhood aren't always called out on city map (might be grass or dirt paths); don't have enough connections; often these connect culdesacs or dead ends; G road in particular seems discontinuous
- D road – does not feel comfortable; traffic is fast; small shoulder; walking is also scary in addition to biking; speeds and volumes feel high; truck traffic feels high at certain times a day; street design to slow people down
- Would have biked, but there's a large gap along the river trail; would have had to think really hard
- Streets that should be connections – D road; slow down traffic, separate bike lane
- 29 road is also

- C ½ is not bad because there's not much traffic, but it would be nice to have the trail; however, people don't want to be on the road; however, this area is not walkable because there's no pedestrian infrastructure
- Recent deaths in town make people nervous
- Few people feel comfortable traveling between mall and riverfront trail along 24<sup>th</sup> road; need a connection over that barrier
- Wanting to connect more canals to bike paths; common thing that has come up; prioritize only the transportation NEEDS, not the recreation
- Add the extra wayfinding routes
- Guessing best route to go from river to downtown
- Railroad tracks provide a barrier
- US 50 provides a barrier
- If people don't want to go 24 road to river trail, go out of way to 20 road; 20 road feels safer, but
- Getting over to trail from north west sometimes challenging to river
- Riverfront trail is a main connector; pleasant, controlled environment (getting to it is the challenge)
- Connections to Riverfront trail and then connections from riverfront trail to downtown

What can the city do to improve conditions for biking and walking?

- Protected or separated bike lanes
- Intersection treatments
- Bike boulevards could be a tool (sort of like neighborhood bikeways) or shared streets?
- Urban trails survey – separated bike path/trails increase use; off-street trails are the attractor for people feeling comfortable; and if not off-street, separated
- 5th and 6th street planned to be separated bikeway
- Patterson bike lanes –
- More people riding e-bikes; make bike lanes wider so people can pass

Are there changes you think should be made to the active transportation corridors?

- Wayfinding routes; typically on local streets or collectors; look at this because this could be the backbone for bike boulevards/neighborhood bikeways
- 10th – crossing grand and Gunnison
- Research cedar rapids, Iowa

How to prioritize recommended projects

- Urban trails committee has about 55 projects/prioritizations- can be a starting point
- How does this affect the homeless population; check with soup kitchens to see homeless community since they use bicycle infrastructure often
- Focus on projects that benefit the most people (HIN); take care of the problem areas first
- Make improvements on parallel routes to get bikers off high traffic roadways; some people may not do that through because its not where the destinations are
- Find 3 or 4 things that would be a major change that would get people excited
- Interconnected system where any ages and abilities feel comfortable

## Transportation and Housing Focus Group

September 13, 2022

Jodie Visconti – majority of clients are on foot, bike, walkers, or wheel chairs; number of very serious accidents involving bikes and pedestrians over the last few years so important to have safe environment for those folks

Jodie Deers (Colorado mesa) – Getting from D road to CMU is challenging; education around bike/vehicle interactions

Ashley Chambers – important for affordable housing; transportation tends to be 25-28% of household income, so would like to reduce those costs; children biking/walking independently can be scary for parents

Ann (americor housing fellow) – walking and biking to make GJ more affordable; important for sustainability reasons; living in more walkable areas create a tight knit community

Kevin Spur (grand junction housing authority) – a lot of clients using bikes; new locations isn't conducive for biking or walking; 25 road is not ideal; bus stop is also not ideal; no sidewalk connections from bus stops

Biggest barriers to walking and biking in GJ

- Biking feels unsafe; for someone who doesn't bike much, it feels unsafe throughout the city; if there was more infrastructure, would be more excited to
- Lack in density in parts of the city that would make sense for more people to walk or bike (things are too far apart)
- Safety on riverfront trail is ideal; this trail is really nice
- CMU students – city adopted 10<sup>th</sup> street and this has been a good pathway to the downtown, but once you get downtown there is no where to lock bikes. This prohibits students from locking bikes. 10<sup>th</sup> street has a lot of stop signs; students often ignore these stop signs; stop signs are an issue; hit stop sign every 2 intersections
- 12<sup>th</sup> street is scary
- Education piece is important
- Kids that don't drive – don't know rules of road; how do we have bike safety and education to all ages; also important for people driving and biking
- Under age 16 requires helmets, but enforcement is lacking;
- 25<sup>th</sup> is not ideal; avoid on bike
- 25 1/2 isn't bad – bike lane is nice
- CMU students travel between WCCC and university; wccc is another campus (technical focus classes); not a CMU shuttle service
- Patterson is an issue – not an east/west corridor in this area; there's a lot of driveways and hard to bikeway (TEDS Manual – how you design a sidewalk over driveways so there's not sloping up and down) Orchard and paterson road on 1<sup>st</sup> Street – example of sidewalks jutting out
- North avenue – many locations without sidewalks
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1/2 road is high walk area (career center area)
- How do wheel chairs maneuver this area
- Radius for GJ high school is 3 miles (must walk or bike); most parents are driving their kids because they don't want their kids to walk or bike; go on north avenue because there's crossings across major intersection, but north avenue is not ideal. But side streets don't have crossings across major streets
- Disconnect – d road to downtown
- Looking at upcoming development, specifically affordable development; 2814 patterson road – not ideal for biking or walking
- By community hospital (south of 70 )
  - We have this mapped somewhere – double check affordable housing development in GIS layer
  - Mobile home or Manufactured housing subdivisions – also pull where these occur and see how that relates to access
    - School age kid should be priority to get to school (3 miles feels like a far distance)
- Access to public transportation is important

- Does housing authority have good data about where people who have vouchers where they live – could this be a priority? Figure out where the clusters are focused (limited set of land lords accepting vouchers, so likely clustered); ashley will ask for this
- Access to grocery stores; several housing downtown (st. martin shuttle help get residents to Walmart for grocery shopping on Thursdays); a lot of people are shopping at convenience stores because it's the closest locations (not healthy and expensive)
- How to immerse CMU students with the downtown and around town
- Safe routes to school – there's currently an app and not well broadcasted

What can the city do:

- More multi-use paths – split bikes from traffic
- Potential underpass at Patterson and 24
- Wayfinding signage will help (for example, riverfront trail connections to key destinations)
- Signage or paint on C ½
- C ½ good for bikes but not walking
- Lights or established pedestrian crossings around schools
- 1<sup>st</sup> turns into south – this area is really unsafe
- Better signage for one ways

## Parks and Trails Focus Group (Urban Trails Committee; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; One Riverfront)

**9/13/2022 at 5:30 PM**

Andy kingrich (transit planner, utc member, regional transportation planner) – try to improve non-automobile travel; cars are expensive

Ian Thomas (UTC); organize GJ bike night; a lot of folks could benefit from a safe easy way to get to work

Mike Holt (UTC); biked to work over the years; safety is key component; make safer for older community

Diana Rooney (chair of UTC); went away from street cars and went backwards; need to find a way to make a more connected transportation system

Gabe Herman (Council Liaison to UTC); biking is fun; equity, sustainability to growth; access to jobs and schools is important to growing system

Greg (UTC); preferred methods of getting around town;

Greg; Littleton – extensive trails and wishes GJ was the same

Bill Finley (Riverfront foundation); used to ride bike or walk; want to have a place that's safe for kids to ride to friends, school, recreation

Orvin Zyvan (finished 6 years from UTC); building community and engaging with people;

Steve Myer (UTC); commuted 20-30% of time by bike; health benefits, sustainability, economic benefits, social equity;

Jason (on phone); (UTC); that children can go to school safely

## Subgroup A Notes

- Incorporate wayfinding routes
- More or more people are getting motorized scooters, skateboards, E-bikes
- Creating a functional class for bike network; bike highway versus feeder connections (wouldn't match the automobiles)
- Active transportation corridor comment – a lot of white spaces on the perimeters; planning other greenways; there's a lot of open space for trails; lots of trails with no connectivity
- Redlands by south camp road – lots of trail segments but don't connect
- Redlands 360 that is planning (Southwest part of the city) – there plans are recreation/trails, not connectivity
- South camp road – lots of houses with trails but nothing ties together in a cohesive manner
- Adjusting vehicle capacity and car side of things aka road diets; we can identify specific corridors for this (i.e. overbuilt for cars to fit bikeway)
- How do you make compromises? If there are constrained environments
- Some type of metrics for metrics around travel time, parking, etc that to balance trade offs with
  - Establishing policies for implementation
- Barriers – connectivity
- Look at GJ website for wayfinding
- Intersections – many are challenging to get through (Orchard and 12<sup>th</sup>, specifically) especially challenging
- We don't ask cars to go around; directness is part of connectivity
- Where can we capture
- Parallel facilities
- Elm – particular
- Crossing the river is challenging – Redlands to downtown; likely location for new bridge crossing
- Good crossings north and south of the river
- West of 1<sup>st</sup> street or 26<sup>th</sup>; east/west movement
- Downtown best place to be a pedestrian; grid, smaller blocks,
- Patterson
- Identify canal routes; Patterson stretch on canal (covered anyways)
- Bring in canal districts
- Orchard mesa district – trail here
- Future recreation center; through the park; north part of town along G road to other park (northern east/west route)
- 28 1/4 and 29 road to the community center when orchard has bike facility
- 29 road potential access to 70
- Separate path into fruita (detached path) to connect the end of the trail
- Eastern end, lower income area and could benefit from ; not very connected over here
- F and a half connection on the east side; it ends east of the rec center; would be a good alternative to Patterson
- G road through park and to rec center would be a good connection; parallel for patterson; G road is currently unsafe to ride on
- East/west off-road trail; high line cana;
- Easements for trails around different areas in city
- Urban Trails project list
- Eagle rim park – steep, surface quality,
- 5<sup>th</sup> street bridge is also challenging (continue
- Overall struggle getting across river)
- University is not very permeable and golf course (12<sup>th</sup> and North)
  - Connection through golf course to get to 15<sup>th</sup> from 12<sup>th</sup> & north
- People getting to downtown from the northeast

- Avoid orchard and 15<sup>th</sup>
- 12<sup>th</sup> is a good candidate for a road diet or traffic calming around this area
- Cut through CMU parking lot to get to 10<sup>th</sup>
- Use 15<sup>th</sup> to city market; narrow bike lane; southbound (between parking and TL)
  - Is there opportunity for buffered bike lane
- Gunnison is good east/west downtown and extend that out
- Leading pedestrian intervals
- Speed humps over sidewalks?
- Bike detection
- Does 7<sup>th</sup> street have bike detection? Light flashing to alert bikes they are detected
- Employment at the mall and getting to the mall
- Long cycle lengths create pedestrian delays
- 24 road is challenging to get across at the riverside parkway
- 24 road design corridor standards; “need to provide off sight connections” but there’s no lines on a map over here; overlay is good in spirit; put them in because they have to
- How do children get to school and parks and to their friends house a neighborhood away
- Oldest parts of the city are still the ones that work the best

### Subgroup B Notes

#### 1. What do you see as the biggest barriers to biking, for you/ your group?...to walking?

- Not acceptable level of stress for most people, particularly kids to bike (bike lanes are not sufficient)
- People would prefer separated path (buffered bike lanes)
- Protected bike lanes would work
- Need to make sure the intersections work for people to come through
- Challenges with parallel off-street trail with street crossings – almost feels more dangerous
- Are we prioritizing children versus adults
  - We should design for the most vulnerable users
- Are there policy directive we can employ to provide the best solutions (mirrors on buildings where there are blind spots, connections on cul-de-sacs, already have code requiring setback on policies)
- Bike parking at major employment centers (CMU, hospital)
- Areas far from the Riverfront trail don’t have good connections – will ride where there are trails
- Do we need passing lanes given E-Bikes
- During construction make sure you accommodate pedestrians

#### 2. What are key missing gaps in the on-street bicycle and pedestrian network that provide access to parks, open space, and recreation?

- UTC has a prioritized list of projects – we should incorporate that
- Overlay the wayfinding map
- Patterson is a big gap, 25 Road, Orchard is an opportunity
- Would like to better define the undeveloped areas network – can we provide direction on trail networks
  - i. This plan should show where the connections are in the undeveloped areas
- Need to communicate with Parks and Recreation
- Choke points
  - i. 24 Road connection over US 50
  - ii. Connecting Orchard Mesa over the River
  - iii. Connecting RiverFront Trail to downtown

- iv. E-W connections east of downtown
- v. Not enough sidewalks in Orchard Mesa (particularly US 50) – low income area
- vi. North Avenue
- vii. Connecting Redlands to Orchard Mesa

**3. What changes do you think should be made to the Active Transportation Corridors?**

- Look at undeveloped areas (Redlands is one example)
- Do we incorporate wayfinding network
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street by GJHS
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street south of downtown
- What about a bridge over the tracks on 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Riverside is a big crossing and unsafe intersection for people walking and biking
- North South corridors have gaps

**4. What type of facilities do people who currently bike in Grand Junction prefer? What type of facilities would accommodate the ‘interested but concerned’ bicyclist? What are your thoughts on separated paths vs neighborhood greenways (on local streets) vs protected bike lanes (on arterials)?**

- People would prefer separated path (buffered bike lanes)
- Protected bike lanes would work

**5. This plan will result in a list of projects, and the city has limited resources. What considerations should we make in prioritizing recommended projects?**

- Grocery stores
- Sidewalks on busy roads

## CMU Student Focus Group

**September 20, 2022 @ 11 AM**

1. How did you get to campus today?
  - 1 walk
  - 5 drove
  - 1 carpooled
2. How far?
  - 2 less than a mile
  - 4 three miles or more
3. How far do most students travel to get to campus? Where do most students live?
  - Orchard Mesa (2)
  - Could bike, but lack of lighting
  - Mile and a half away at Orchard and 21<sup>st</sup> – walks over
  - Glenwood Ave/14<sup>th</sup> St
  - Students still live on campus

- Athlete population lives within walking distance
- People live in Clifton and Orchard Mesa – affordability is a major influence
- School has been overpopulating – having enough space is an issue

4. What are the most common off-campus destinations for students?

- Los Alberto's Restaurant on North Ave
- City Market on Patterson and 12<sup>th</sup>
- Rimrock Walmart
- Target/Mesa Mall/Buffalo Wild Wings
- WCC Campus
- Central Station at 30 Rd/I-70B
- Lunch Loop/Co Nat Monument
- Downtown
- Colorado River – Corn Lake & Las Colonias
- Taco Bell
- Restaurants, Mall
- Depends on time of year – head to Monument, lunch loops, Main St
- Palisade Winery

5. How do students currently travel around campus? How do they travel within the city?

- Most walk, some skate (skateboards/one wheel), bike
- Drive, walk to City Market, GVT
- MAVrides (safe ride home on nights out/weekends)

6. What is the attitude around biking for transportation?

- Positive attitude in central Grand Junction/city core
- Drivers view pedestrians as inconveniences, but that's because of the way the roads are designed
- City has pro-bike culture, however infrastructure is pro-car
- City cares more about this than CDOT does or the County as a whole. Different jurisdictions pushing different agendas. Not the older population but the people who lived here longer – don't care about bike and pedestrian safety. A lot of the elderly see GJ as a highway town. Conservative population push to not turn into a liberal city. The messaging needs to focus on safety.

7. What do you see as the biggest barriers to biking? . . . to walking?

- Leave house early, so lighting
- Lighting, especially around Orchard
- 23 minutes via biking, but 8 minutes driving
- Heat/weather is a barrier
- Safety and traveling alone without other people cycling nearby
- Fear of bike theft and being stranded
- Lockers for storage of items
- Time place to place – more direct routes
- Driveways/curb cuts as safety concern
- Inconvenient to walk, feels unsafe
- Missing sidewalks
- Older people driving who shouldn't have a license
- Aesthetic piece – streetscapes are not pleasing here

8. Are there certain locations that feel particularly unsafe to cross or travel by foot or bike? What are the key missing in the bicycle and pedestrian network important to student travel?

- Bike crossings missing
- Riverside Pkwy
- Unaweep Ave
- US-50
- 12<sup>th</sup> and North Ave intersection, cars turning right
- People don't pay attention to crosswalks
- Either going 20 over or 10 under
- 12<sup>th</sup> St – need detached sidewalk and make it wider
- Intersection after Walmart 30<sup>th</sup> Rd and I-70B
- North and Patterson – sidewalk right next to the road and uncomfortable
- Riverside would be nice for recreational biking, but missing link

9. How does the university support biking for its students, faculty, and staff? How could the university support biking more?

- Lots of bike racks
- Free locks
- Rent a cheap bike for the semester through the outdoor program
- University trying to help students without cars by providing bikes, but could support biking culture itself
- They focus a lot on parking and paying for parking passes – too geared to cars
- Don't advocate for student body to GJ community
- Security to prevent bike theft, cameras
- Maybe they could advertise it better – the bus pass is not as visible. CMU does not want anything else but driving. Not enough parking. The incentives are skewed towards long term planning for parking. Buying houses and turning them into parking lots. Once you step off campus, they don't care how you get to school. If you stay on campus – they won't incentivize you to stay on campus or travel by any other mode by car.
- 10<sup>th</sup> street is not utilized the way it should be – it's supposed to be the designated low stress connection but there are so many barriers getting to it. No supportive infrastructure, too much parking to cross on campus to access 10<sup>th</sup> St. The university does not promote it.

10. What can the city do to improve conditions for biking?...for walking?

- Improve crosswalk visibility
- Widening bike lanes and/or buffers
- Better lighting
- ADA accessibility
- More road diets
- More direct routes
- Better and more linkages across the railroad
- Narrower travel lanes
- More detached sidewalks
- Wind cover
- Pedestrian bridges
- Changes in TEDs – cross sections that prioritize pedestrian and biking – trees and landscaping, aesthetically pleasing
- Connections from campus to popular destinations – those main roads having buffered sidewalks and trees
- Need to isolate pedestrian and bike from the street – ped bridges

- In the smack dead center – fastest moving cars on the inside. Each mode has their own lanes and enough buffering between each.

## Human Services Providers Focus Group

10/17/22 @ 12 PM

Introductions – Why is improving walking and biking in Grand Junction important to you?

- Debbie Southerland, Resource Center – walkways around town are important to families
- Darnell – Fatherhood Program – Would like safe walkways, as an important way for people walking from the corrections facility to the resource center
- Kathy, Catholic Outreach – I ride the bus a lot, important to have walking paths to/from the bus
- Archie?, Affordable Housing – Important to make the community more livable
- Jolene, Hilltop – Safety is really important for walking and biking. Hard to find good walking and biking paths in Orchard Mesa
- ??, Hilltop – Have two little kids at home, lots of kids walk and bike to and from school
- Ashley, Affordable Housing – Cost of transportation is really a barrier for many folks we work with and so walking and biking and the bus is an essential mode of transportation
- Cherri, Asst. Director for Resource Center
  - Access to transit is extremely challenging, homeless often bring their belongings
  - Trails are very important
  - Biking and walking paths for the community
  - Need to connect walking and biking paths
- Rick Diaz, Family Resource Center - At risk kids mentorship, biked with kids all over during COVID – safety is really important
- Lisa – Pathways, represent homeless population and formerly homeless
  - Very difficult to get around town without a car
  - Patterson and 29 Road nearly been killed – turning drivers don't yield to pedestrians
  - Bike storage is an issue – bikes have been stolen many times
  - Need safe trails off-street away from cars

### Other Comments

- Demand – where are people walking and biking
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Street downtown – would be great to have crosswalk
  - North Avenue
- Who pays for sidewalk?
  - City would pay to fill into the gap
- Public education about rules of the road – driving education
- People walking and biking are most vulnerable
- Funding could be an issue

What are some of the key destinations in Grand Junction where people you represent are trying to walk/bike from?

- Stores
- Resources Center

- Through downtown
- Catholic outreach
- Walmart
- Schools
- 28 1/4 Road from Patterson to North Avenue
- New housing development
  - 24 Road by community Hospital
  - 28 Road & Riverside
- Bus stop near the Walmart near the mall - no sidewalk connecting to the stop – bus stop is far from the apartments and Walmart
- Accessibility for wheelchairs

What do you see as the biggest barriers to biking, for you/ your group?...to walking?

- Narrow bike lanes
- Unsafe crossings
- Missing sidewalks
- Roundabouts –
- Driver not paying attention to pedestrian
- 7<sup>th</sup> & Horizon – no good access for students going to school –
- School zone might not be long enough in places to cover the core areas where students are walking – ex. Along 12<sup>th</sup> Street near Gunnison
- Crossing arterial streets
- Better crossing at 9<sup>th</sup> and Riverside
- Concerts – Las Colonia

Where are the important connections (or missing connections) for people walking and biking?

- B 1/2 - toward Mesa View – don't have a way to get from bus stop to/from home
- New development by Mavericks does not have any sidewalks
- Clifton – Central High School crossing the railroad tracks
- Elm
- Orchard
- 28 Road
- Corridors that access the majority of the core part of the City
- Ute/ Pitkin – walking and biking – lots of people on these streets – crossings could be improved
- B 1/2 Road
- Unaweep and crossing at US 50

What can the city do to improve conditions for biking?...for walking?

- Bike Repair stations on trails or key destinations

What type of facilities do people who currently bike in Grand Junction prefer? What type of facilities would accommodate the 'interested but concerned' bicyclist? What are your thoughts on separated paths vs neighborhood greenways (on local streets) vs protected bike lanes (on arterials)?

- Trails – completely off-street
- Or a protected bike lane – with a barrier
- Helmet requirement

## Senior Center & Public Health Focus Group

10/17/22 @ 3 PM

General

- How are cities managing e-bikes
  - On Trails – some of it is social – not wanting to be passed
  - Safety issue of the weight of bikes
  - Class 3 bikes are the issue because they can go so fast – not allowed on RiverFront Trail

What are some of the key destinations in Grand Junction where people you represent are trying to walk/bike to?

- St. Marys
- CMU
- Los Colonias Amphitheater – parking at the amphitheater
- Mesa County Public Health – 29 ½ & North Avenue – lots of people using the bus and wheelchairs struggling to get to campus
- Downtown
- Mesa Mall – connection from downtown to the mall
- Community Hospital & VA – hard to get across North Ave
- Machete Park
- Canyon View Park – has a new playground for accessibility
- Department of Energy –
- Lots of families drop kids off at incubator near DOE – would be great if kids could bike there since it's a bike program
- Schools

What do you see as the biggest barriers to biking, for you/ your group?...to walking?

- East- West connections are worse than North-South connections
- Some parts of Patterson have bike lane – not well maintained
- Don't feel safe riding on Orchard because its not swept
- Speed and traffic on roads with small bike lane
- Sidewalks are not well maintained – especially for people in a motorized wheelchair
- Sidewalks non-existent on North Ave -connectivity on the sidewalks – not an easy way to get
- Lack of driver awareness and education – don't know how to share the road
- Time to cross the street – if people don't feel they have enough time to cross the street that is a barrier for walking – particularly on the major streets
- US 50 is a big barrier along Orchard Mesa
- GJ has changed a lot in 50 years
  - New bike lanes
  - Riverfront Trail
  - Change in culture – people respecting
- People wearing dark clothing
- People don't know what routes to take when walking and biking – need a way to communicate that better
  - John Hodge created a map for bikeways
  - Have a bike map on the City's website that shows the routes (level traffic stress)

Where are the important connections (or missing connections) for people walking and biking?

- Connecting the RiverFront Trail to Downtown
- Do Rios Elementary school – going across Unaweep from US 50 – saw two kids trying to get across near Duck Pond – unsafe intersection
- Riverside Parkway is not fully connected with sidewalks
- 25 Road at Riverside Parkway – not enough room to merge as a cyclist
- How can one get from the east end of the valley to downtown – not great
- Elm is shared street – great connection, but parked cars
- Lots of schools in a “walk/bike” desert – infrastructure should be there for kids to be able to walk and bike
- Qualify for bus at 2 miles or more from school
- Mesa County works on education of students to use infrastructure and be outside
- SRTS does identify projects that should be constructed
- Getting from school to school – afterschool – lots of folks are considered high risk

What can the city do to improve conditions for biking?...for walking? What would people you represent need to allow them to bike more in Grand Junction?

- RRFBS
  - Library to Main Street
  - Orchard
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street is a long crosswalk – rumble strips on approach to 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Advance warning signs for traffic signals – at 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Signs for major bike/ped crossings
- Trails – people want to go from park to park – looking at trails connections through parks

Are there any changes you think should be made to the Active Transportation Corridors?

- Opportunity along the railroad between I-70B and railroad

## Stakeholder Interview with Sarah Lubin of Colorado Discover Ability

10/25/22

1. Tell me a little bit about your organization – what you do?
  - Adaptive outdoor program – generally stay in Grand Junction (every mountain on Federal Land required to have an adaptive program)
  - Use the RiverFront Trail
  - Heard that a lot of trails are inaccessible for people with disabilities
  - Ex, If I go to work at Patterson in Clifton – how do I get there

- Work with Strive – kids with disabilities – including mental disabilities – assisting them with all these challenges
- Started working with disabled community when mom got sick
- Organization located at 7<sup>th</sup> Street – has access to the trail

2. What do you see at the biggest barriers to walking and biking in Grand Junction, particularly for people with disabilities?

- 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Downtown
  - Visibility – markings are not sufficient – seems wide enough to
  - There's a light that restricts right-on-red, but people don't obey – lots of bikers go to the sidewalk
  - Sidewalk on one side
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Street towards Patterson is not comfortable
  - 7<sup>th</sup> and Riverside is an issue
- Disconnectivity of paths and trails – particularly in Orchard Mesa
  - How do you get to the City Market on US 50?
  - City will have a project on SRTS on 27 Road
- A lot of the trikes are bigger – getting on and off of trails – curbs can be challenging
  - Bike lanes are sometimes too narrow
  - 42" is probably the largest trike
- Signs that say when bike lanes narrow
- Pedestrian access to bus system to be able to go longer distance
- Botanic Gardens is a place where transit service – serves people with disabilities
- Access to transit and access to the commercial corridor – pedestrians
- Large retirement community – can people walk from their assisted living facility to bus stop
- 90% of the clients we have the challenge is getting places
  - Rely on rides
  - Often low-income
- Bike storage – particularly with the size and weight of a bike
  - Often can't get their bike on the vehicle
  - How do they park their bike so it's not likely to get stolen
  - Bike storage lockers would be awesome – hospital, grocery store, downtown, etc. – would need a larger cage for that bike

3. What are the main barriers to traveling *along* a corridor versus crossing at intersections?

- Example on Colorado Ave, especially where there's parking, drivers don't always see people in the crosswalk
  - Visibility – and even worse for people lower to the ground
  - Combination of all way stop and not is confusing for drivers and pedestrians
- Need to double the time for crossing with people with disabilities

4. Given your knowledge, are there locations within the City that people with disabilities often need to travel to, how do they get there?

- Riverfront Trail
- Botanic Gardens
- North Avenue –
- Grocery stores
- CMU – beginning to be a hub for people with disabilities
- Hospital – community hospital
- Clinics off Patterson – connection from apartments

- Schools – lots of families in pocket communities – can children get to school safely
- VA Hospital – area around there – can people travel from nearby homes
  - Crossing North Avenue
  - Majority of Veterans have traumatic brain injury
- Patterson Road is a key corridor and barrier
- Connecting Orchard

5. What can the city do to make navigating in a wheelchair more comfortable and convenient? Similarly on an adaptive bicycle?

- Making bike lanes wider
- Making the bus stops wider and sidewalks wider to reduce the change that people get off the curb
- Gentler transition to curb
- Make the intersection of the sidewalk curved rather than 90 degrees angle – really hard for people walking and on a trike to make a 90 degree turn
- Can't back up on a recumbent bike – if bike falls off the

6. What other considerations do you think are important to include in the Plan to improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility and accessibility in Grand Junction?

- E-bikes
  - Will increase use
  - Biggest barrier is cost
  - Baby boomers seem like the most likely to use them – more likely to be used by the older abled-bodied community as opposed to the disabled community
  - Veterans want them and disabled community wants them
  - There needs to be a standard for speed
  - Would open up the possibility for more people to travel farther
  - How to get bikes – some non-profits only provide bikes to specific groups – someone injured, but not someone with mental disability – also can be challenging to find groups and jump through the paper work hoops

## K-12 Student Panel Focus Group

10/27/22

1. What school do you attend in Grand Junction? How many of you walked or bike to school or to the bus?

- Central High School – 2 of 6
- Orchard Mesa Middle School – 3 of 8
- Mt. Garfield Middle School –
- Grand Mesa Middle School – 1 of 1
- Grand Junction High School – 6 of 6

2. Is there a desire for more walking and biking to school or other places in your neighborhood? What do you think the barriers are to walking to school? What are the barriers to biking to school?

- Mt. Garfield Middle School
  - Dirt road with no bike paths or 55 mph – no sidewalk – think its G Road
  - One person was hit on their bike by there

- Central High School
  - no way to cross the highway
  - Usually a lot of traffic on the highway
  - Crosswalks from the Walmart and Walmart parking lot
  - US 50 is a barrier – a lot of people go on 27 Road
  - Bridge over the interstate is way too long
  - 27 Road – often gets a flat because of rocks
  - Have to cross the railroad tracks to get to Central – people don't follow the speed limit
- Not that many sidewalks - Clifton over the bridge close by Rocky Mountain Elementary School
- Grand Mesa Middle School – Cross Patterson Road – very scary – cars don't yield when you push the sidewalk button – 31 ½ Road
- GJHS - A lot people cross the road and get hit on North Avenue – at lunch time when kids leave
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**3. What other destinations do you walk or bike to? Or you would like to be able to walk or bike to?**

- Parks and places and you've never been to
- Shopping center by 30 Road – Panaderia – dangerous crossing the bridge – would like to be able to connect the Walmart by Central High School
- Would like to walk to City Market by the bridge – not enough time to cross – also Family Dollar -by 32 Road – not good crossings
- Connection from Central High School to Grand Mesa Middle School

**4. Thinking about your route to school or another destination, are there streets that are difficult to cross? Or locations where you feel uncomfortable walking or biking? Why?**

**What road would you make safer**

- Patterson and 31 ½ road
- Highway
- 30 Road – cars drive super close to the curb – when you drive or ride your bike not enough space
- North Avenue
- Patterson
- Orchard Avenue
- Tiger Way in front of Grand Junction High School
- 27 Road
- US 50
- Chilian Drive and Dorothy Avenue
- Pine Street – no connection between Pine Street and Sherman Drive – would like to be able to walk over the ditch
- A lot of houses have goat heads – Sunway Drive – no safe place to ride
- Live right by the highway – lots of crashes – Sherman Drive at B ½ Road
- Sidewalk ends – from a lot of neighborhoods to where the fast food restaurant- after you walk over the 32 Road bridge
- Sometime friends walk to gas station – no crosswalk in highway – right after the 32 Road by Clifton South – gambling, archery – 32 Road right after the bridge
- Connection on 31 ½ Road by railroad tracks