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**URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE AGENDA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, 135
250 NORTH 5TH STREET**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 @ 5:30 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

2045 Transportation Plan Public Outreach - Paul Jagim

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 9, 2019 Meeting

Discussion Items

Select Orchard Mesa Canal Project to Pursue (Action Item)

Active Transportation Counts Policy (Action Item)

Updates

Safety Stop Meeting - Paul Jagim

Riverfront Trail Damage and Repairs

Community Streets Event

Citizens' Requests for Improvements

Other Business/Public Comment

Adjournment

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes – July 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair, Gary Stubler at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Present: Gary Stubler, Devon Balet, David Lehmann, Sarah Johnson, Steve Meyer

Not Present: Dr. Kristin Heumann, Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner, City Community Development, Orin Zyvan, Shana Wade, Paul Jagim, City Transportation Engineer

Also Present: Andy Gingerich, RTPo, Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront staff

Announcements

- Colorado Riverfront Concert Series last concert is Thursday night, July 11th
- Mesa County has hired a Trail Coordinator, Ross Mittleman to start July 26

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Consideration of the June 11, 2019 Minutes

Action Taken: David approved, Gary second. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2045 Transportation Plan. Due to traffic lights being out on North Avenue, Paul and Trent were unable to attend. Andy said that RTPo is in the early phases of the Plan, retaining a consultant and working on a public outreach plan that will provide opportunities for the UTC to participate. The federal government requires that the plan be completed by December of this year. Plans are done every five years and 2040 was completed in 2014.

Andy also summarized the role of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Office does and the local government entities that are involved. He also identified other offices within the RTPo building. He talked about scenario planning that is more imaginary and more of an alternative thinking such as electric and self-driving cars.

Bike Friendly and Walk Friendly Community Designations Action Items

Action Item: UTC members to look over the list and see what type of actions can be taken per the recommendations list. Gary will take up the policy section. Devon to look into the University application. Sarah will look into the AARP designation. David will look into the bike rack policy and design and ask the City Planning for a “code amendment”. Still need someone to work on the Education and Police.

Gary had reviewed the 2015 application along with the corresponding 2018. There are 10 Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community:

- High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities
- Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage

- Bicycle Education in Schools
- Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling
- Bike Month and Bike to Work Events
- Active Bicycle Advocacy Group
- Active Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Bicycle-Friendly Laws and Ordinances
- Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented
- Bike Program Staff to Population

The need for a full time staff person was identified on both application reviews and has been completed with the County hiring a Trail Coordinator.

Education is another important piece of the designations. The committee discussed ideas for getting people interested in the Train the Trainer classes and seeing if the community has enough to have training in Grand Junction rather than having to travel to Glenwood.

The Committee discussed helping businesses apply for a designation by reviewing the application to see what is needed and then subcommittee offering to help with the process. Also discussed having Mesa County Public Health interns to help do inventory and see what things businesses are currently doing that are part of the application.

Orchard Mesa Irrigation District Canal Trails. The Committee Discussed Max's exit interview with Gary and there were four suggested trails that Max felt comfortable with considering. The project that rose to the top was located near 29 Road and B-1/2 Road. Gary will get another packet at to everyone for review.

UPDATES

MadetoMove Application – was submitted and will hear back at the end of this month.

Michele stated she had identified another local grant opportunity she wanted to apply for more funding for way finding but found the project did not fit the grant criteria. Sarah added that Shana applied for and received an AARP grant for the Library.

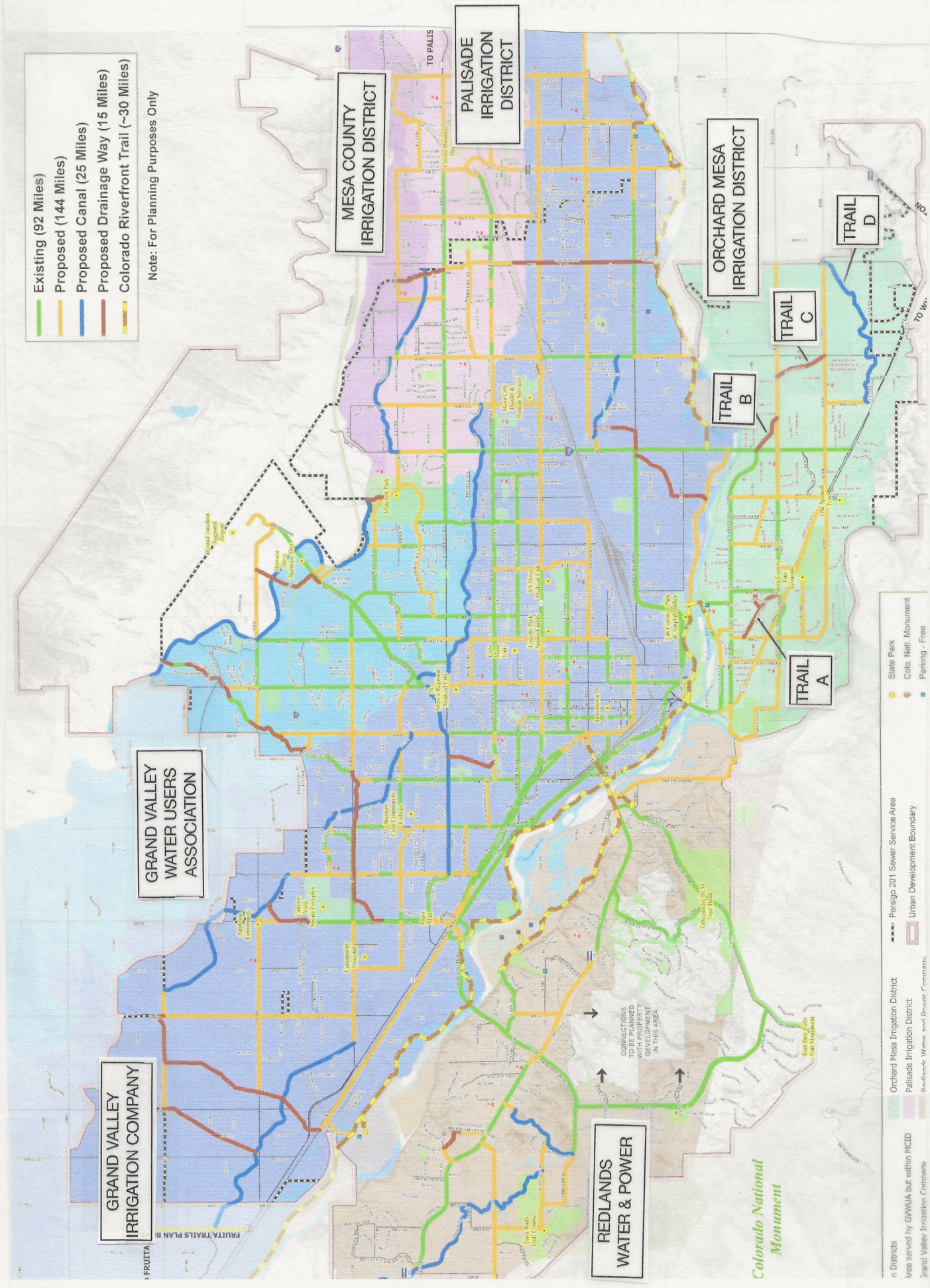
Community Streets Event – Action - Meeting tomorrow at 11:00am at City Hall

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

David reported that Yuellin Willett is trying to set up another meeting with Ray Scott similar to the last meeting sometime in the fall. David also mentioned that the damaged section of trail has been fenced off.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

2018 Grand Junction Active Transportation Corridor Map

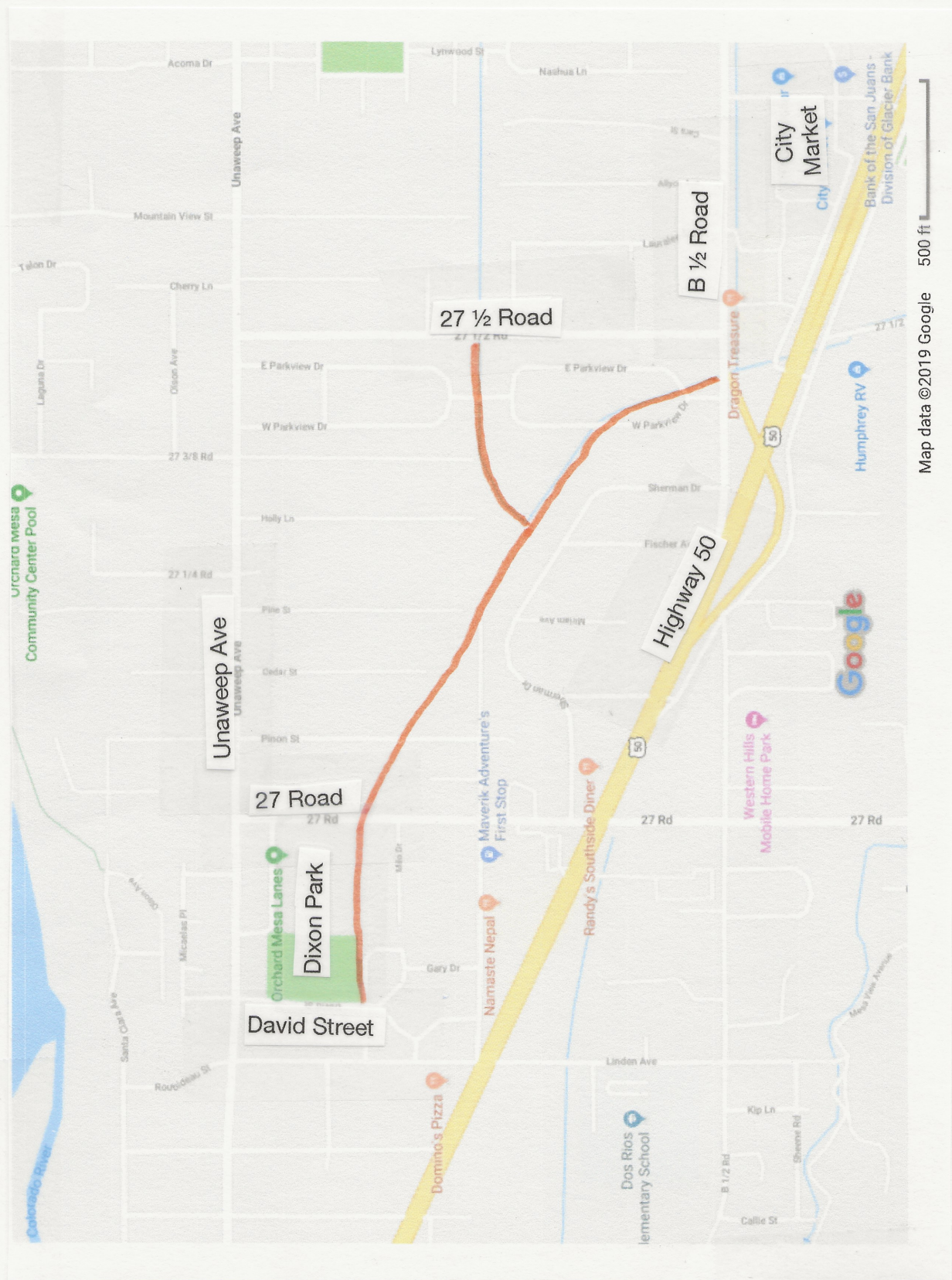


Possible Trail Project Partnering with Orchard Mesa Irrigation District

Trail A—utilizing an OMID drainage way (identified on the Active Transportation Corridor map)

Trail Location: Dixon Park to B 1/2 Road near City Market

Trail Length: 2600 feet plus an additional 600 foot spur to 27 1/2 Road

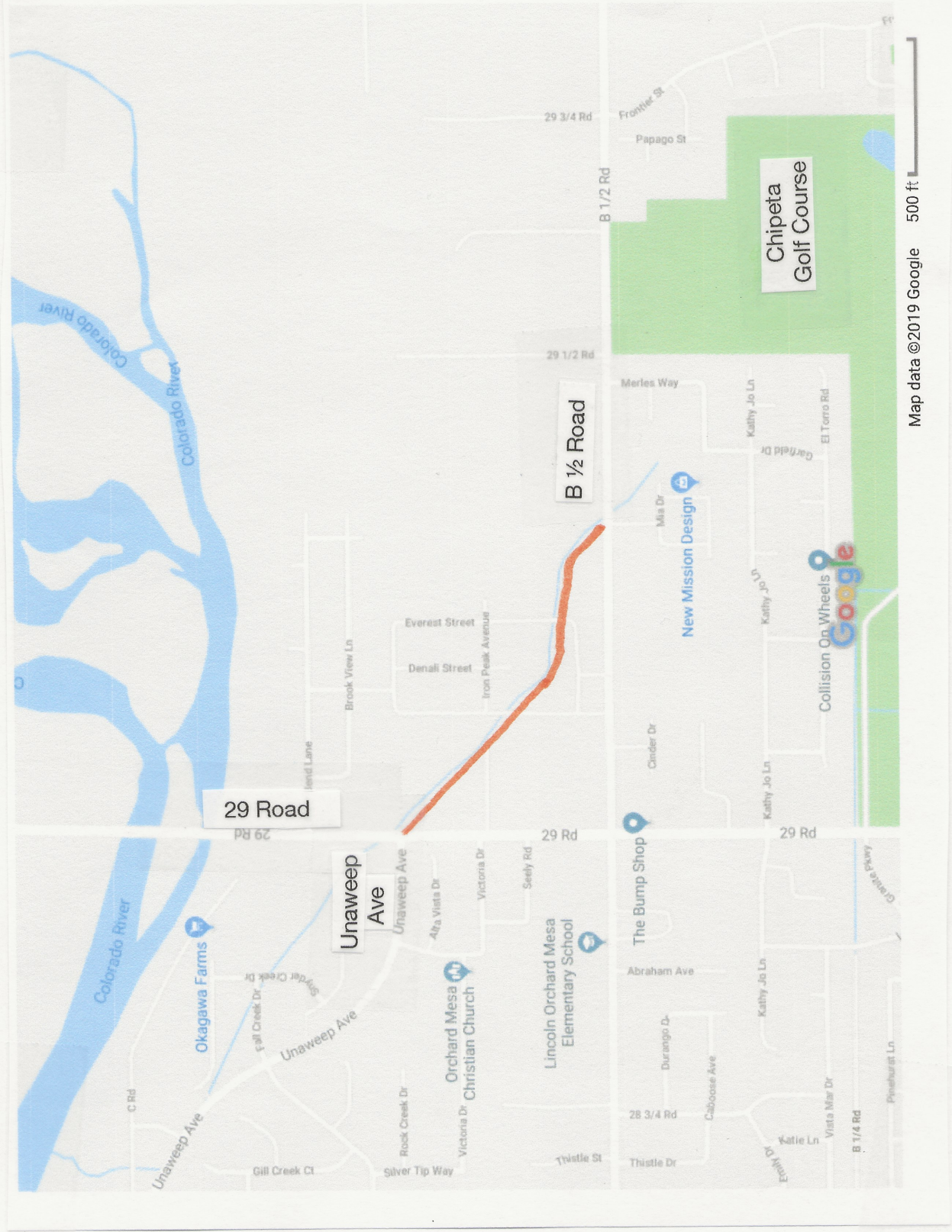


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Trail B—utilizing an OMID drainage way (identified on the Active Transportation Corridor map)

Trail Location: Unaweep Ave & 29 Road to B 1/2 Road

Trail Length: 1100 feet

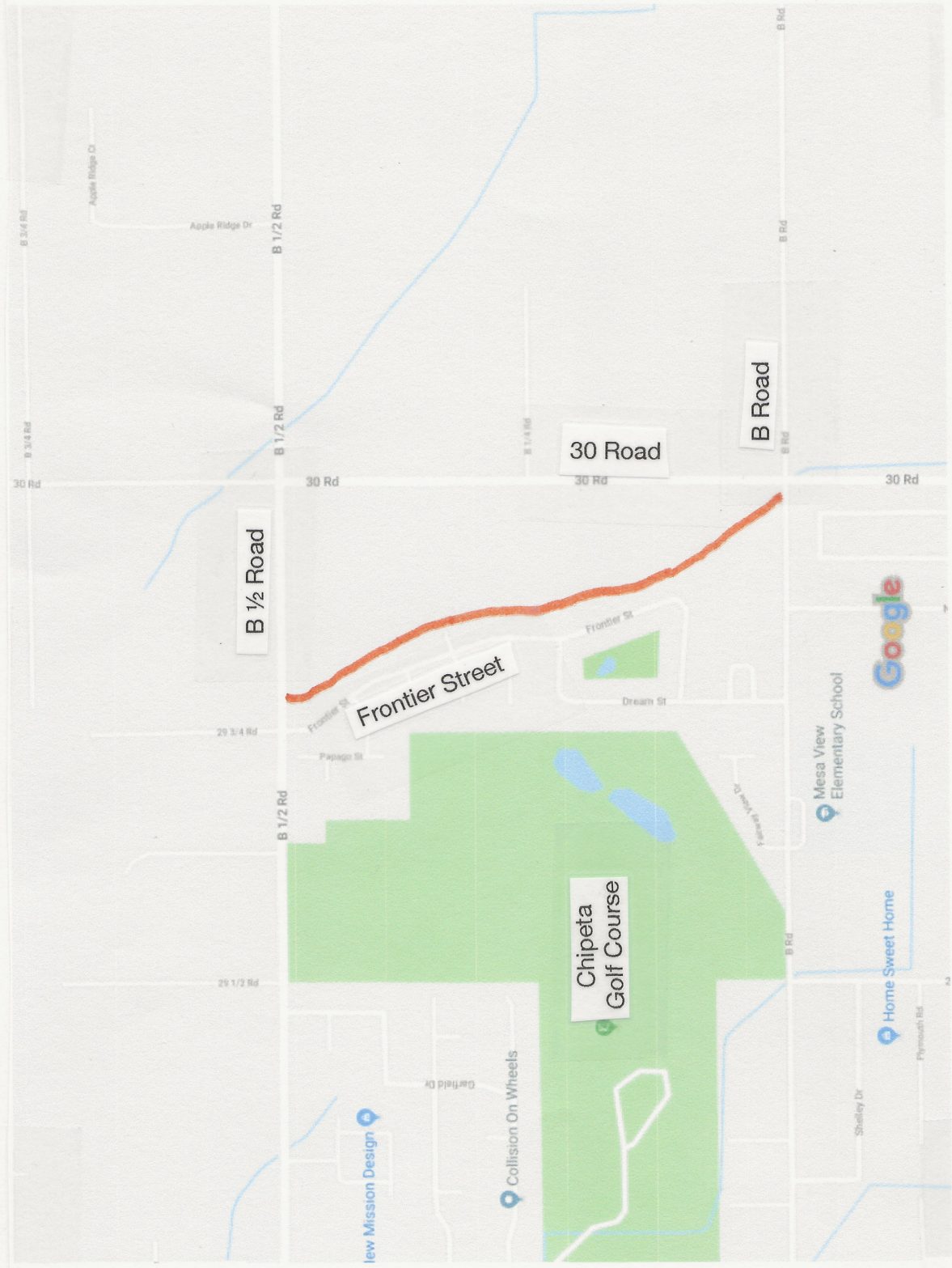


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Trail C—utilizing an OMID drainage way (identified on the Active Transportation Corridor map)

Trail Location: B 1/2 Road & Frontier Street to B Road & 30 Road

Trail Length: 1600 feet

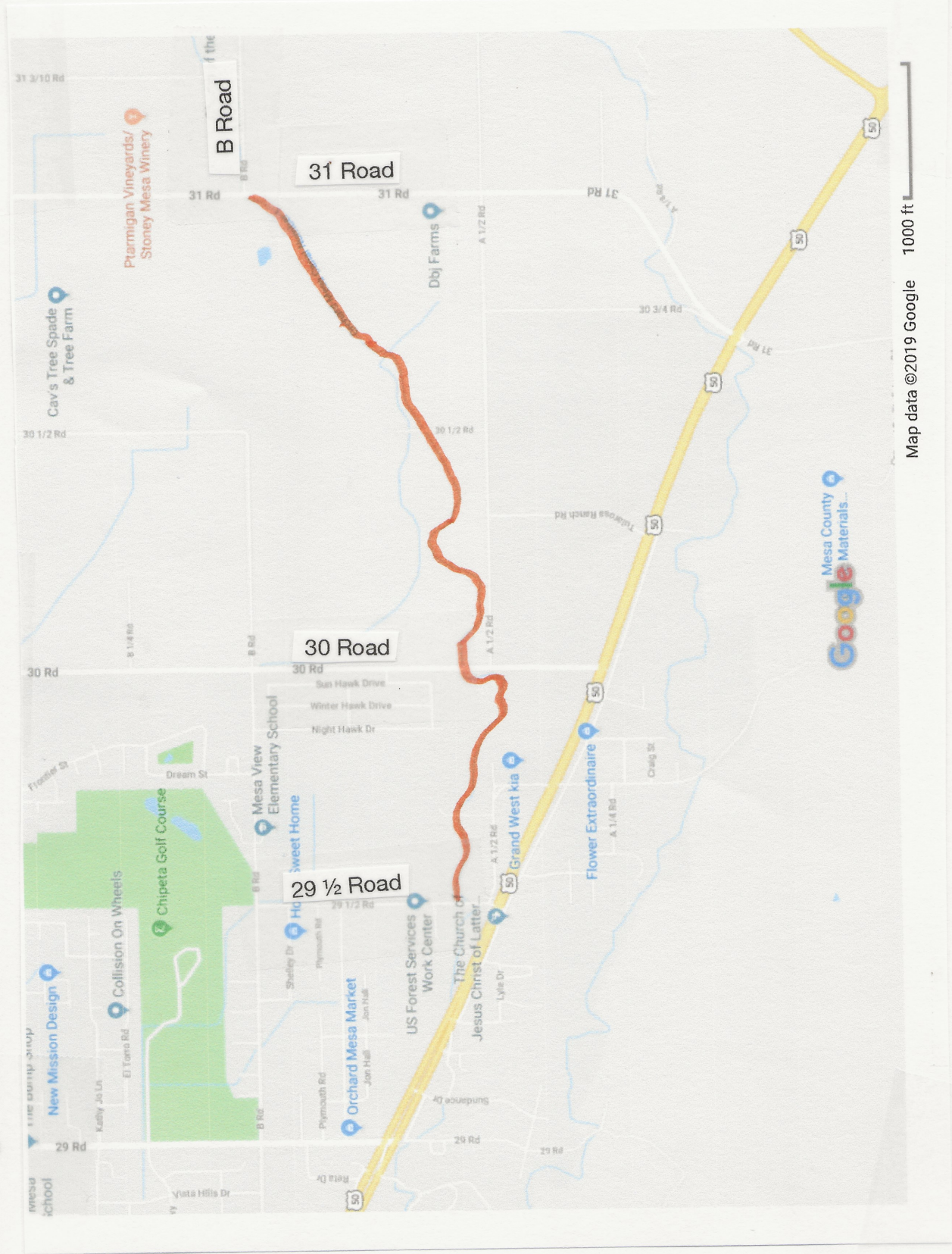


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Trail D—utilizing OMID Canal #1 (identified on the Active Transportation Corridor map)

Trail Location: 29 1/2 Road & Highway 50 to 31 Road & B Road

Trail Length: 6000 feet



City of Grand Junction's Active Transportation Count Policy

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COUNT VISION

With the help of automatic counters, there is a lot of statistical data collected and available on motor vehicle travel throughout the Grand Valley. This information is extremely helpful to City Staff surrounding planning, prioritization, engineering, and operations decisions. Unfortunately, there has been little to nothing done for counting pedestrian and bike modes of transportation. In support of the GJ Community Streets Policy, the following Active Transportation Count Policy will be implemented to help provide Staff more meaningful "snap-shot" data for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles at various points along the active transportation network. The goal is to provide Staff with valuable data that shows usage and trends to aid in active transportation grant applications, project selection, and the decision making process.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COUNT STANDARDS

Counting Guidelines

WHAT: Unfortunately the automatic counting of pedestrians and bicycle travel is not very accurate or cost effective based on current technology. For this reason, the City plans to utilize individual volunteers to manually count the active transportation participants.

WHERE: The Grand Junction Network Map and Active Transportation Corridor Map will be utilized to identify key locations for making active transportation counts.

WHEN: Once baseline numbers are documented it is important to do follow-up counts at the same locations on a regular basis to identify participation trends. Counts will be done once each year, alternating between the months of May and September.

HOW: City Staff has decided that two-hour counts would yield valuable data. These counts will be taken on two weekdays from 7:00a - 9:00a and 4:00p -6:00p. In addition a weekend count will be taken 11:00a -1:00p. Volunteers will count every pedestrian and bicyclist that cross a designated screen line.

- Pedestrians include skateboarders, rollerbladers, people in wheelchairs, children in strollers, etc.
- Bicyclist are the number of people on a bicycle, not the number of bicycles (bike with two riders would count as "2")

Projects

When transportation projects are implemented, it is important to document before/after changes in activity levels to help assess the impact of the project.

Transparency

Transparency builds trust, as such, it is important to inform the general public about the data collected on pedestrian and bicycle activity and trends.

Collaboration

A fundamental aspiration of this policy will be a collaborative approach to gathering/sharing data that includes our partner agencies CDOT, Mesa County, Fruita, and Palisade to maximize resources and benefit from our collective efforts.

Future Benefits

Federal and State funding are placing an increasing emphasis on performance measures as evaluation criteria for grant applications. The City's Count policy will aim to maximize the opportunity to obtain future funding grants awarded on a competitive basis.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COUNT IMPLEMENTATION

Planning

City Staff will meet with the UTC in March and July to plan for upcoming Active Transportation Counts in the corresponding months of May and September. When choosing a location, it is important to find one that mainly counts people that are actively commuting, not people walking from their vehicles into a store, school, or church (so avoid placing a count location in front of any of these types of venues). It is also important to avoid taking counts during any special events planned in the community that might artificially inflate counts.

Volunteers

Volunteer groups will be contacted in April and August to help with the counts. Volunteers will be trained, scheduled, and provided with Active Transportation Counts Count sheets.

Taking Counts

Once counts are finished the Count sheets will be collected and tallied.

Sharing Results

Results of the semi-annual Active Transportation Counts will be presented at the UTC meetings and shared with partner agencies. In addition, this information will be published online and shared with the news media.

Count Locations

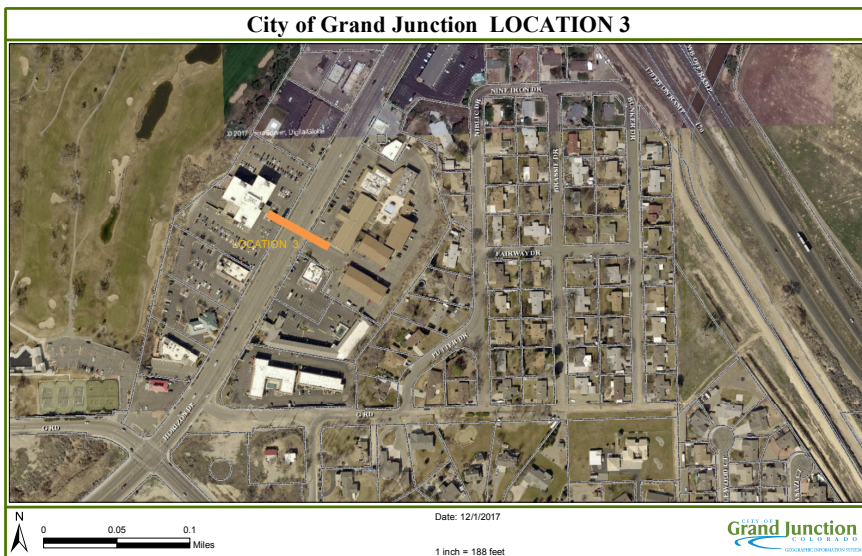
1) 1st Street - between Gunnison and Chipeta



2) 10th Street - between North and Belford



3) Horizon Drive





GJ ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COUNT

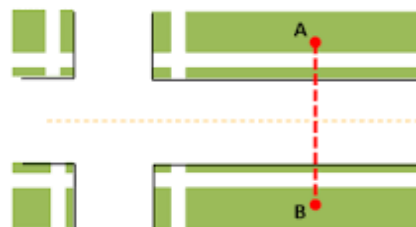
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WHAT TO BRING and WHEN TO ARRIVE

- Thank you in advance for helping out with this important data collection activity. Your time and efforts are appreciated! Please read these directions and contact the Urban Trails Committee (UTC) with any questions.
- For consistency purposes, it is extremely important to take the counts at the same locations and at the same time of day and month each year—so please make sure you make your count at the designated time and place.
- Bring a clipboard or something to write on, pens and/or pencils, watch, cell phone, chair, water bottle, sun screen, hat, jacket, etc.
- Please arrive ten minutes before your scheduled count time is to begin.

HOW TO COUNT—every pedestrian and bicyclist that crosses your screen line (see diagram to right):

- Pedestrians include skateboarders, rollerbladers, people in wheelchairs, children in strollers, and people walking a bike (this is the tricky one)
- Bicyclists are the number of people on a bicycle or e-bike, not the number of bicycles (bike with two riders would count as “2” - see examples below)



1 Ped



1 Ped



1 Ped



4 Bike



1 Ped



1 Bike



2 Ped



1 Bike



1 Ped



1 Ped
(walking
his
bike)



AFTER THE COUNT

- Be sure to submit your results by mailing in the Count Form using the postage paid envelope provided.
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