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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 @ 5:30 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

Bike Month Intern; Consider Moving Community Streets Event to Bike Month (Orin)

Exit Interviews Added to Google Drive (Gary)

Other Committee Member Announcements

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2019 Committee Meeting

Action Items

Discussion Items

Comprehensive Plan Issues & Opportunities and Subarea Workshop (Dave T)

UTC Meeting Day and Time

Updates

Community Streets Event Wrap-Up (David L)

CPW Trail User Fees Update (Trent)

2A Passage and Outlook for UTC Involvement

Riverfront Trail Repairs

Dos Rios Bridge and Riverfront at Dos Rios (Trent)

Other Business/Public Comment

Adjournment

Urban Trails Committee
Minutes – October 8, 2019

Present: Orin Zyvan, David Lehmann, Sarah Johnson, Shana Wade, Dr. Kristin Heumann, Andy Gingrich, Devon Balet, Steve Meyer

Not Present:

Also Present: Lance Gloss, Associate Planner for the City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Chris Dorboski, City of Grand Junction GIS' Paul Jagim, City of Grand Junction, Libby Collins, Colorado West Land Trust, Steve Carter, Pat Kennedy, public, Trent Prall – Grand Junction Public Works Director, Brandon Stam, DDA Executive Director, Jane Quimby, Board member of Colorado West Land Trust and Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront Staff

Chair, Orin Zyvan called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Agenda amendment: Need to add reappointment of co-chairs. Kristin/Sarah. Motion passed.

Announcements – Orin announced that Paul Jagim is leaving the City. He has accepted a position with a consultant who works with the Department of Energy.

Community Streets Event – October 19th

Mesa County Long Range Plan – second meeting October 28th at Central Library from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

David said bicycle and pedestrian counts completed last month. Hope can meet with Paul before he leaves at the end of the week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Consideration of September 10, 2019 minutes

Action: Kristin motioned to approve the minutes. Steve seconded.

NOMINATION OF NEW CO-CHAIRS – David suggested that Gary become Chair and Orin become Vice Chair. Gary said he'd be happy if Orin continued as Chair because of all the connections he's made. Orin is fine with the status. David motioned for Orin to stay as Chair. Sarah second. Motion unanimously passed. Shana motioned to keep Gary as Vice Chair. Devon second. Motion unanimously passed.

Discussion Items

DDA Plan of Development Update – Brandon talked about the Artline project that the DDA is working with Grand Junction Parks and Rec Department that will go from downtown to the river. Another idea is to convert 4th and 5th Streets back to two ways from one way. Breezeway reactivation and a plaza for events so not having to constantly close off Main Street for events. David asked about the 9th, 12th and South Street for bikes not really lining up with UTC's way finding signs. Brandon explained that residents suggested 9th Street as a different point of connectivity. He stated that cost associated with 7th Street could be more expensive due to railroad crossing and the possibility of a bridge. He hopes that the plan doesn't just sit on a shelf. There is still an opportunity to give feedback. Brandon stated I-70B that the public had input and that CDOT will see an alternate vision for the plan rather than just a blighted thoroughfare. Looking at ways to create quiet barriers along sidewalks to make more comfortable for pedestrians. Brandon did state that they did recommend a way-finding plan. Plan will go for adoption before City Council on November 6th.

Colorado West Land Trust Update – Water Tank Properties now know as Redlands 360. Libby introduced Jane Quimby and stated that Jane is designated contact here for LaPlata, developer of the property (has projects over in Colorado Springs). Jane gave a history of the property and the project. Want to make the project where community has input, knows not all will be happy with what the developer has planned. Size of property is 640 acres. 40 acres of BLM is outside the boundaries. Libby showed a draft plan. Jane said that there are LaPlata projects that are contiguous to the 640 acres. She added that there are challenges to development due to topography. Orin asked about guiding principal for development. Jane stated that there will be parks and trails but some of the current trails aren't sustainable for the future. There won't be fences to keep people out, want the community to have access. Libby talked about CWLT's open space plan and that they have been working with Mr. MacGregor since 2014 on a plan. She stated they have been meeting with other groups to see what areas would be open space (the ridgeline shown on the map). CWLT was approved to the Enterprise Zone. Have seed money to jump start the project and fee acquisition for conservation easements. Will be trying to keep access open. The property will connect into the Monument Trail Connection to create a 10-mile loop.

Kristin ask how the project will be marketed. Jane said need a concept before marketing project. It will be a master planned community with various densities since it's an infill project.

Hope to start moving dirt in December. Ten to twenty year project but concept plan should be done by the end of the year. Some of the land is in the county and needs to be annexed into the City.

Orin stated that UTC would be beneficial with reviewing connectivity and safe routes. Kristin stated parking will be an issue with people living in the area not wanting people from other areas parking in neighborhoods.

Jane stated once concept plan done, she will be meeting with people/groups. Currently there is a great deal of misinformation and rumors out there.

Kristin asked if LaPalata has done any Community Gardens in any of their other projects. Jane said no but it is a great idea.

Orin thanked Libby and Jane. Both agreed to stay for informal questions after the meeting.

Update on CO State Park Fees – Orin talked about meeting with Pete Firmin with CPW and how CPW doesn't have taxpayer funding to maintain trails or build trails. He now thinks need to changed tone and see if other entities could help with CPW funding shortfall. He asked people to think about and will discuss at future meeting. Shana suggested a tiered rate for walkers and bikers. Add to next month's agenda.

Update on Community Streets Event – Still need a volunteer for the 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the UTC booth.

Other Business/Public Comment –

Edgewater at 5:00pm on Thursday as a Paul's farewell.

Vara brought "Vote on 2A Yes" bumper stickers.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Change the Standing UTC Meeting Day

Our standing UTC monthly meeting time conflicts with the Planning Commission's meeting. We have been asked to choose another standing meeting day in our bylaws. I have included the current bylaw language that we will need to change and also a calendar showing some of the possible conflicts.

CURRENT ARTICLE 8—Meetings, Notice, Open Meetings

- Regular meetings shall be held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and shall go no later than 7:00 p.m. unless agreed to by a majority of members present.

Planning Commission

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

City Council

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, also holds workshops the Monday before each meeting

Riverfront Commission

Third Tuesday of every other month

Riverfront Foundation

Fourth Thursday of every three months

Suggestions

The third Thursday?

The second Wednesday or Thursday?

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Council Workshop New Year's Day Independence Day Labor Day	New Year's Day Independence Day	Council Meeting New Year's Day Independence Day	New Year's Day Independence Day	New Year's Day Independence Day
Valentine's Day Columbus Day Veterans Day	Planning Commission Valentine's Day Veterans Day	Valentine's Day Veterans Day	Valentine's Day Veterans Day	Valentine's Day Veterans Day
Council Workshop MLK Day President's Day	Riverfront Commission	Council Meeting		
Memorial Day Christmas	Planning Commission Christmas	Christmas	Riverfront Foundation Thanksgiving Christmas	Christmas

Please check your calendars to see what works best for you. Thanks!



Grand Junction City Council

Regular Session

Item #4.c.

Meeting Date: November 6, 2019

Presented By: Trent Prall, Public Works Director

Department: Public Works - Engineering

Submitted By: Trent Prall, Public Works Director

Information

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application for CDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program for the Riverfront at Dos Rios to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to submit an application for the Riverfront at Dos Rios to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge in response to the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) call for projects for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Transportation Alternatives Program is a federal funding program administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation. Applications for funding are due January 20, 2020.

City staff recommends the \$3.5 million Riverfront at Dos Rios to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge as the selected project. The project will provide strong multi-modal connection between the Riverfront at Dos Rios, the Depot, and Downtown.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

Grant background:

The past federal transportation authorization bill was called Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

was authorized under that bill and was redefined under the Fixing America's Surface transportation (FAST) Act in 2015. TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

CDOT's Region 3 has been allocated \$3.9 million for the calendar years 2021-2023. The maximum per project is \$1.2 million.

Eligible applicants are limited to local governments, transportation authorities, transit agencies, school districts, tribal governments or any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for transportation or recreational trails. In order to be eligible TAP funds, a project must be one of or a combination of the following for project types:

- a. Bicycle/Pedestrian, Non motorized forms of transportation activities.
- b. Environmental Mitigation Transportation Activities
- c. Historic/Scenic transportation activities,
- d. Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

Project sponsors must commit to a 20% match.

Selected project:

The City has been working on the development of the River District which includes both the Riverfront at Las Colonias and the Riverfront at Dos Rios. The Riverfront at Las Colonias will be completed later this Fall while Dos Rios is proposed for construction next year.

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) infrastructure bisects much of the Grand Valley creating a significant barrier from the north side to the south side. Connectivity is one of five key goals in the Downtown Development Authority's Plan of Development. With the development of Dos Rios and the redevelopment of the 2nd Street and the historic depot area, this signature bridge will provide a safe pathway for bikes and pedestrians between Downtown and the new Riverfront at Dos Rios development.

The project includes a 900 foot pedestrian bridge across the Union Pacific Railroad's West Yard connecting South Avenue to the Riverside Parkway near the Riverfront at Dos Rios Development. An accessible ramp is proposed on the west side while elevator and stairs will be provided on the east end near the historic depot.

The project will eliminate a gap in connectivity between the Riverfront at Dos Rios and Downtown including the depot, and 2nd Street. The project provides a walkable, accessible access to Downtown as well as transportation options including national rail, regional bus service and local transit systems.

The project is identified in the Downtown Development Authority's Plan of Development and specifically addresses a number of key goals in the plan:

1. Connectivity: Downtown would be connected to the 55 acre Riverfront at Dos Rios mixed use development and the outdoor amenities by a safe pathway for bike and pedestrians.
2. Identity: Downtown is recognized as the hub of regional culture for the west slope. This project would help provide a signature landmark for downtown as well as the Riverfront at Dos Rios.
3. Downtown Development: This goal is for downtown to offer a diversity of quality housing choices for all price points to bring more people to live, work, and play downtown. The bridge will help connect downtown to the broad range of housing opportunities including camping, short term rentals, as well as to 8 unit/acre to 16 unit/acre residential developments. The connection makes the Dos Rios development a viable option to augment and expand downtown housing options.

Awards are anticipated by mid-March.

If selected, the project is proposed for design and securing UPRR crossing permits in 2020 followed by construction in 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) requires a 20% match.

The project is estimated at \$3.5 million which includes \$300,000 for design and right-of-way acquisition which will be separated from the total grant request. The request will be for construction only to simplify contract administration with CDOT. Removing the design and right-of-way acquisition the project scoped for this grant application is \$3.2 million. Requested funding is for \$1.2 million. This represents a 63% match.

The project is included in the City's proposed 2020 Capital Improvement Program with another \$2.3 million in expected grant and partner funds (ie. Great Outdoors Colorado, Department of Local Affairs, Multi-Modal Options Fund) as well as \$500,000 from the .75% Sales Tax Capital Fund.

On October 16, 2019, City Council passed resolution 65-19 supporting the grant application for the Multi-Modal Options Fund in the amount of \$1.7 million. Awards are anticipated by January 2020.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to adopt Resolution No. 72-19, a resolution supporting the grant application for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds for the Riverfront at Dos Rios to Downtown Bike-Ped Bridge Project.

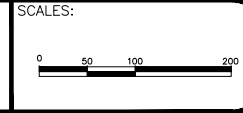
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1. Dos Rios to Downtown Ped Bridge Layout
2. Dos Rios Ped Bridge TAP Resolution

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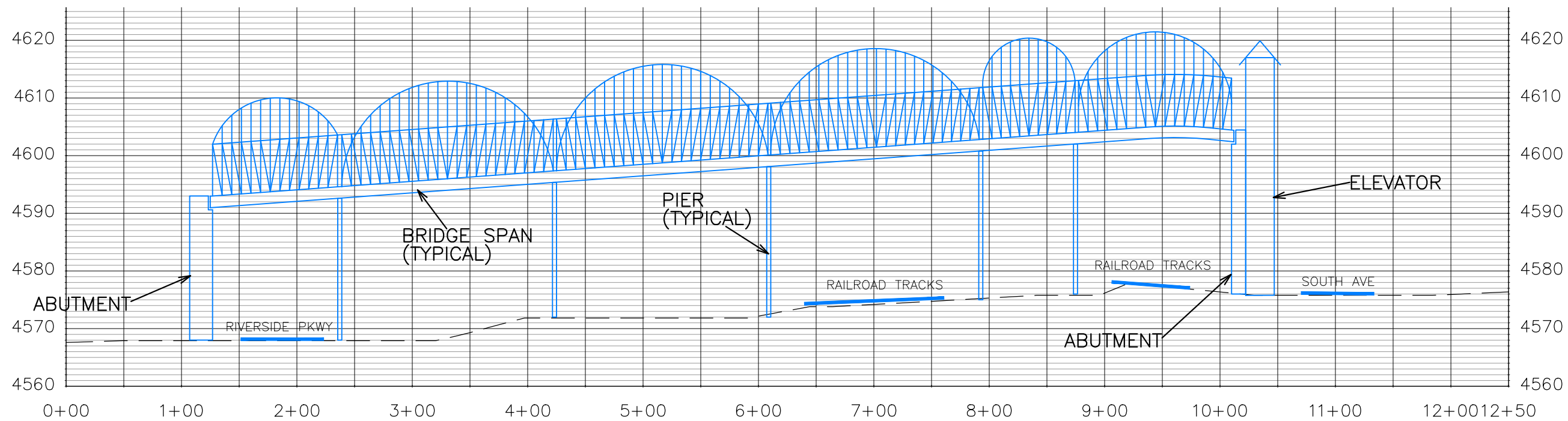
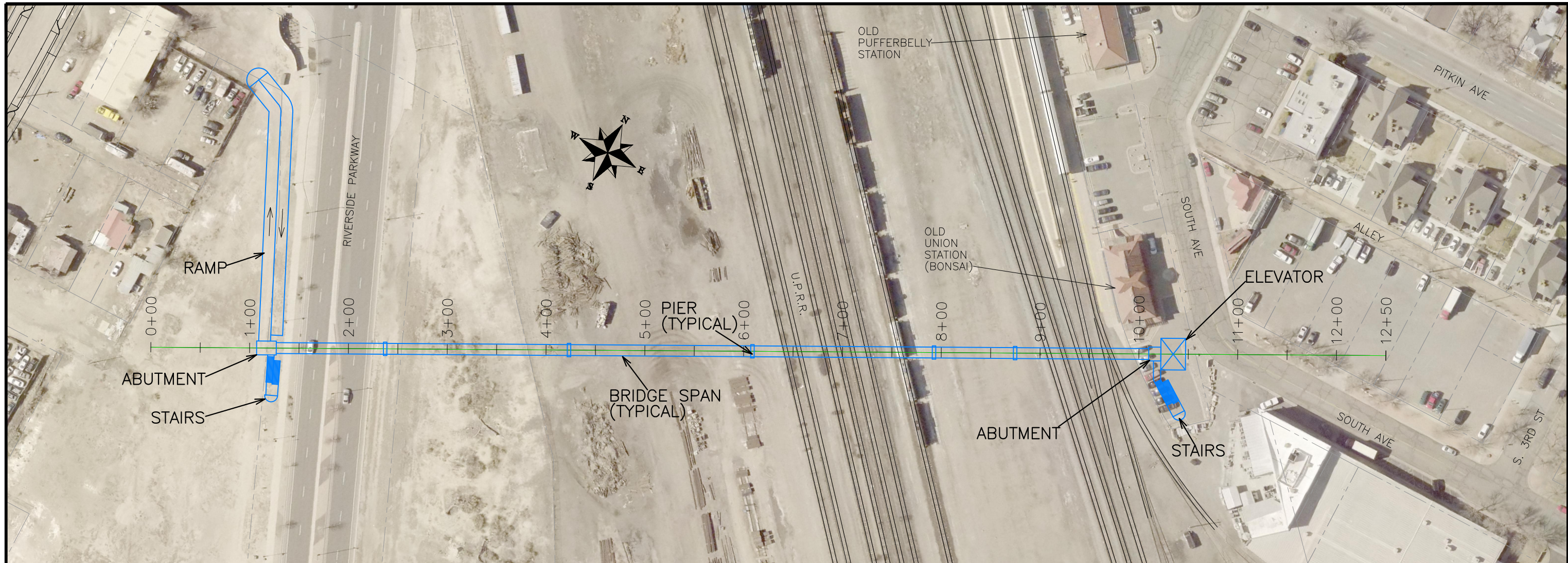


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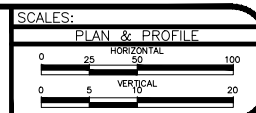
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