

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services



PR&CS Administration
1401 Recreation Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Agenda

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board

Thursday, July 11, 2024

7:30 a.m.

1401 Recreation Way

How to call in to the meeting for citizens:

Please dial +1 (720) 617-3426 Conference ID: 695 126 813#

How to comment:

- *For Citizen Discussion concerning items that are not on the agenda please email your comments to: PRCS-ParksAdvisoryBoard-SMB@coloradosprings.gov in advance of the meeting.*
- *For Agenda Items- Before the meeting, those who wish to comment should submit their name, telephone number, and the topic or agenda item for comment to PRCS-ParksAdvisoryBoard-SMB@coloradosprings.gov. If you are a participant in Microsoft TEAMS please use the chat function to indicate you would like to comment. If you have joined the meeting via conference call, please listen for your opportunity to comment. You will be called upon to comment using the last four digits of your telephone number. Please limit your comment to three minutes.*

Call to Order

Citizen Discussion

Time for any individual to bring before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board any matter of interest they wish to discuss that is not elsewhere on the agenda. Comments are restricted to three (3) minutes; you will hear an alarm when your time is up. Please contact PR&CS staff no later than the last Wednesday of the month prior if you wish to place a longer presentation on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2024

Minutes are posted no later than 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the meeting at:
<https://coloradosprings.gov/city-council/page/parks-and-recreation-advisory-board>

Partner/Community Items (Time Certain 9:30 a.m.)

2C Extension Updates to Parks

Gayle Sturdivant

Action Items

Presentations

Staff Updates

Garden of the Gods Water Line Project
Legacy Loop Update
PPRTA Update
Urban Ranger Update
Staffing Update/New Staff Introductions

Anna Cordova
Emily Duncan
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Scott Abbott

Board Business

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Board Business

Adjournment



LEGACY LOOP TRAIL UPDATE

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL SERVICES

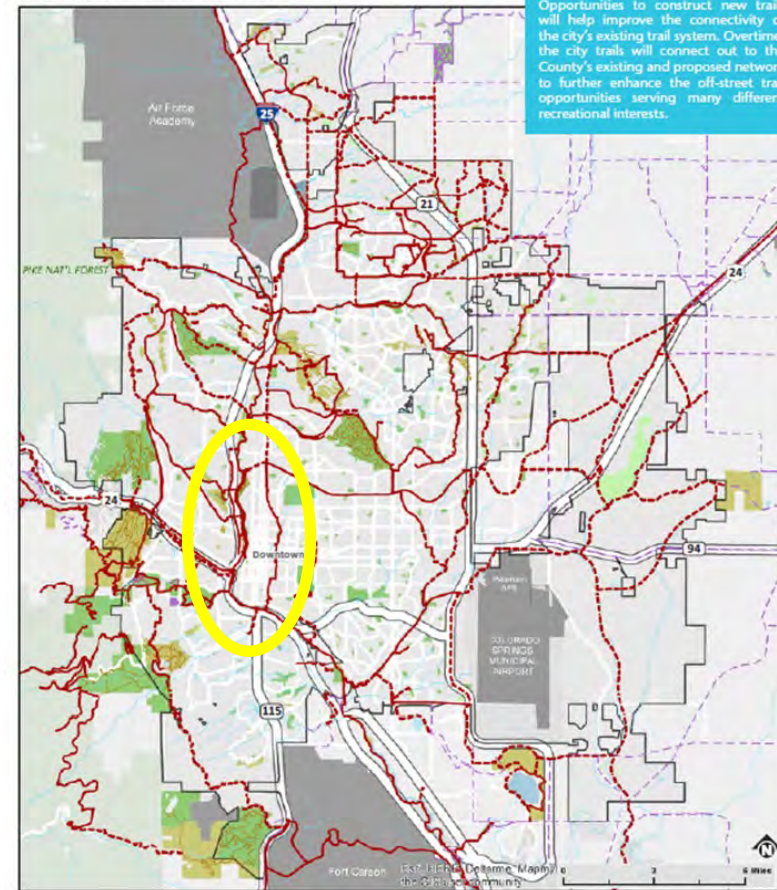
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services
Advisory Board Update

July 11th, 2024 Emily Duncan- Trails Development Coordinator

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Map 23: Existing and Proposed Trail Network



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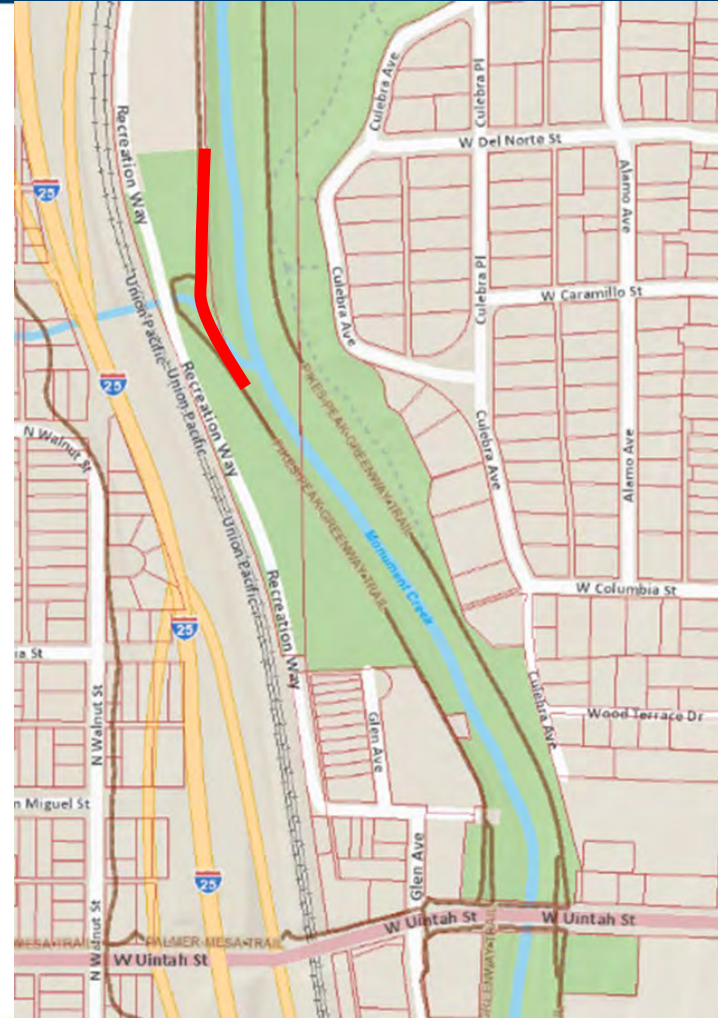
- Construction of Rock Island Trail from Van Buren Street to Templeton Gap
- Underpasses at Nevada and Cascade Avenue
- Funded by: TOPS Trails, LWCF Grant and Colorado the Beautiful Grant, PLDO
- Tentative Summer/Fall 2024 completion



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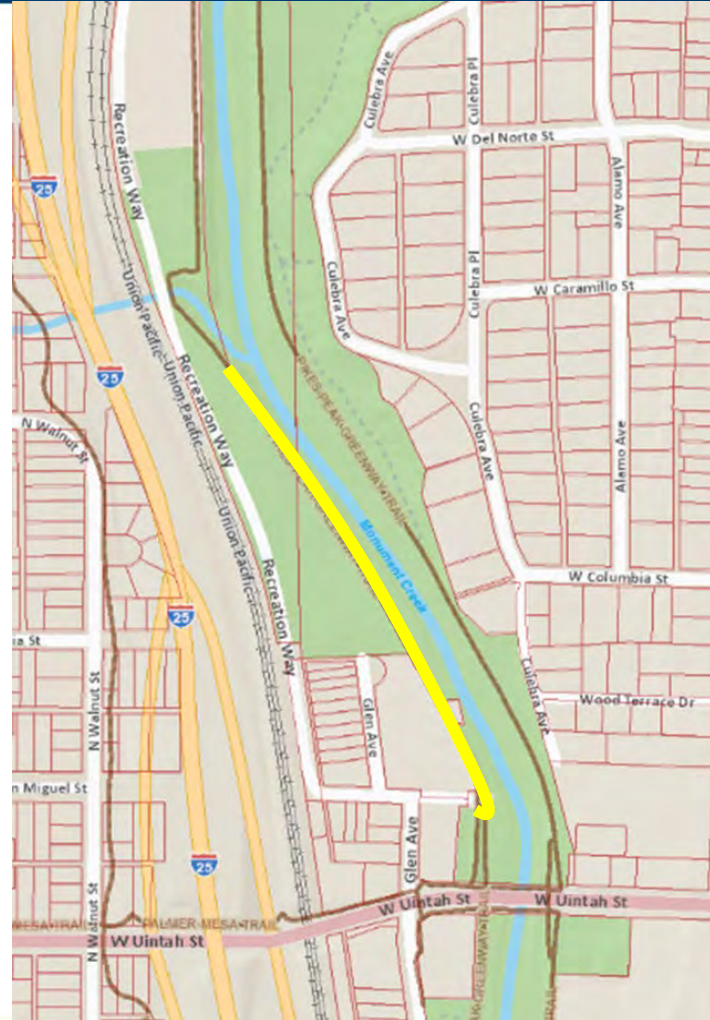
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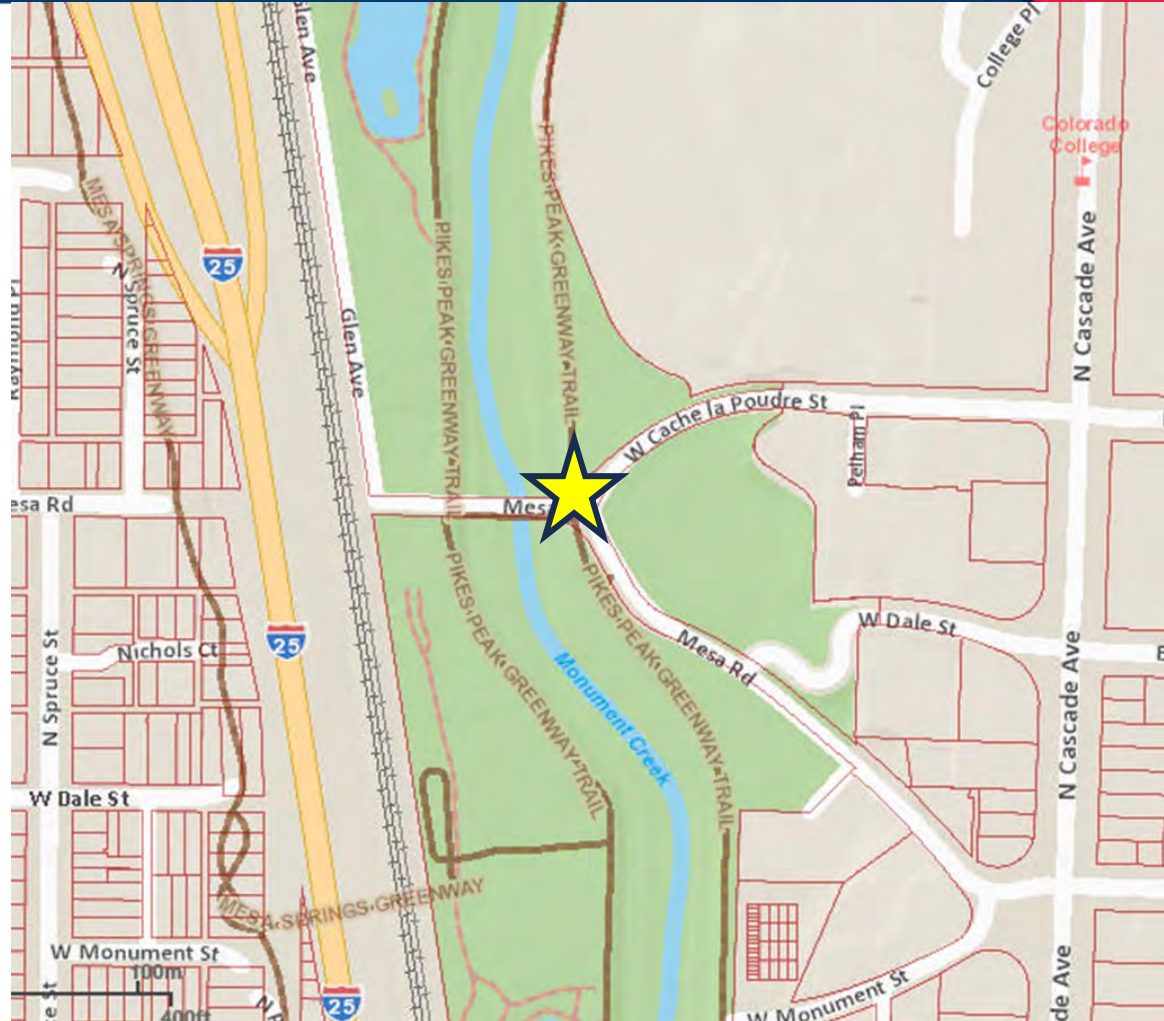
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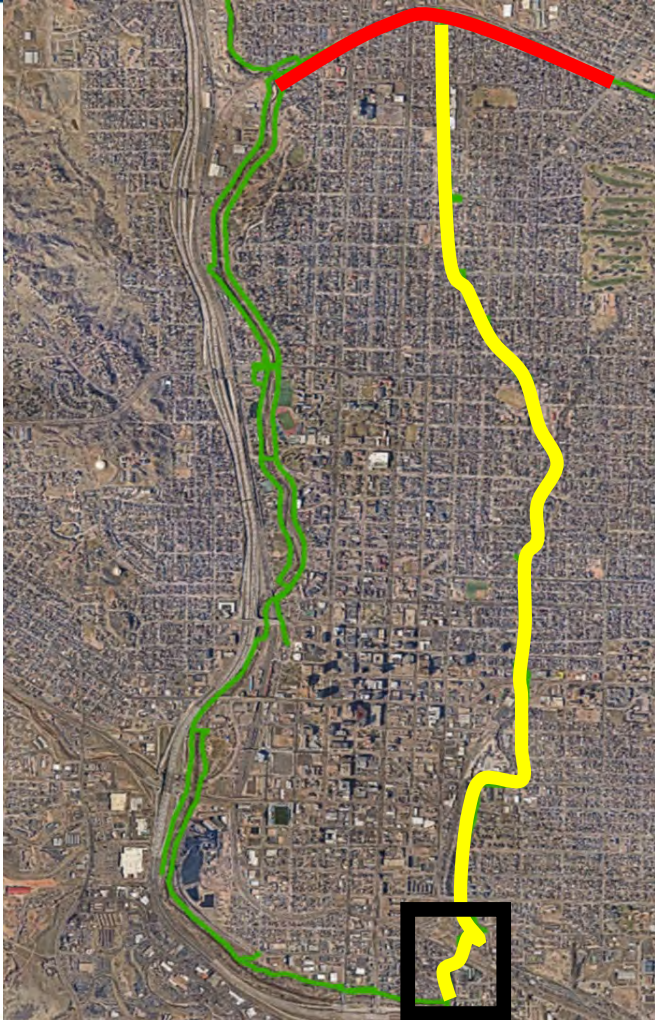
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SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: THE LAST GAP



Shooks Run Trail

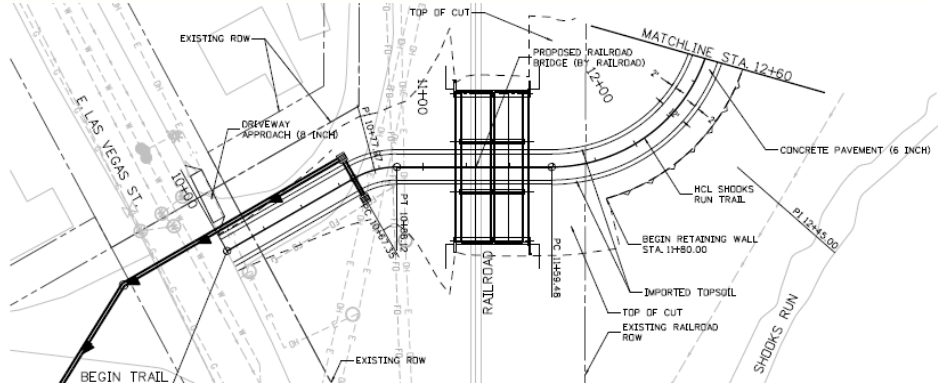
- South of Fountain Blvd. to Pikes Peak Greenway
- Final Connectivity
 - Concrete Coyote property
 - Railroad (Union Pacific, BNSF)
 - Las Vegas St.
 - “Camper’s Village”

SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: EASEMENT/PROPERTY ACQUISITION



- Camper's Village
 - Ongoing
 - Currently owned by Weidner
 - Initial Trail Alignment and Concept
 - Floodway constraints
 - Coordination for construction with Utilities (underway)

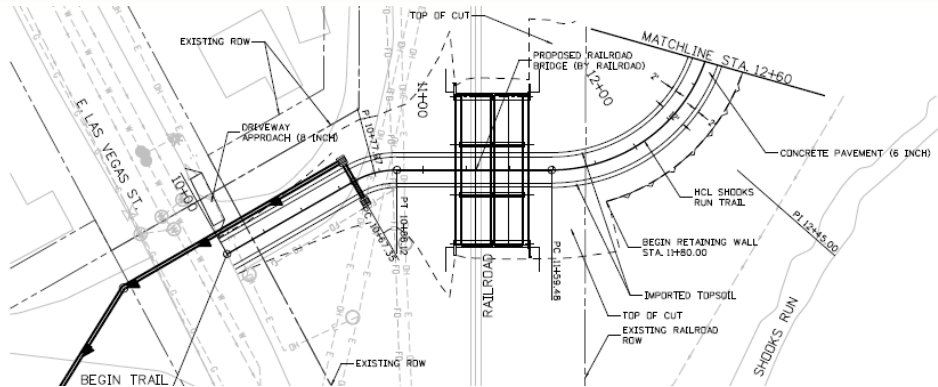
SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTIONS



- Bridge *over* Railroad
 - Project Cost and Land Constraints
 - Not supported by UP/BNSF
- Bridge *under* Railroad
 - Conceptual design
 - Generally supported by UP/BNSF
 - Shoefly with construction
 - High Cost, Seeking partnership opportunities



SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: FUNDING/PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



- 30% Conceptual Plans with City Engineering (2015)
- FY22 CRISI Grant
 - Unsuccessful
- Close Coordination
 - Future Bridge projects, grant opportunities, etc.

SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: OTHER CITY PROJECTS



- Closure of Royer Street at Las Vegas and Construction of Hancock Ped Crossing
- Envision Shooks Run
- COS Creek Plan

SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: LOOKING AHEAD



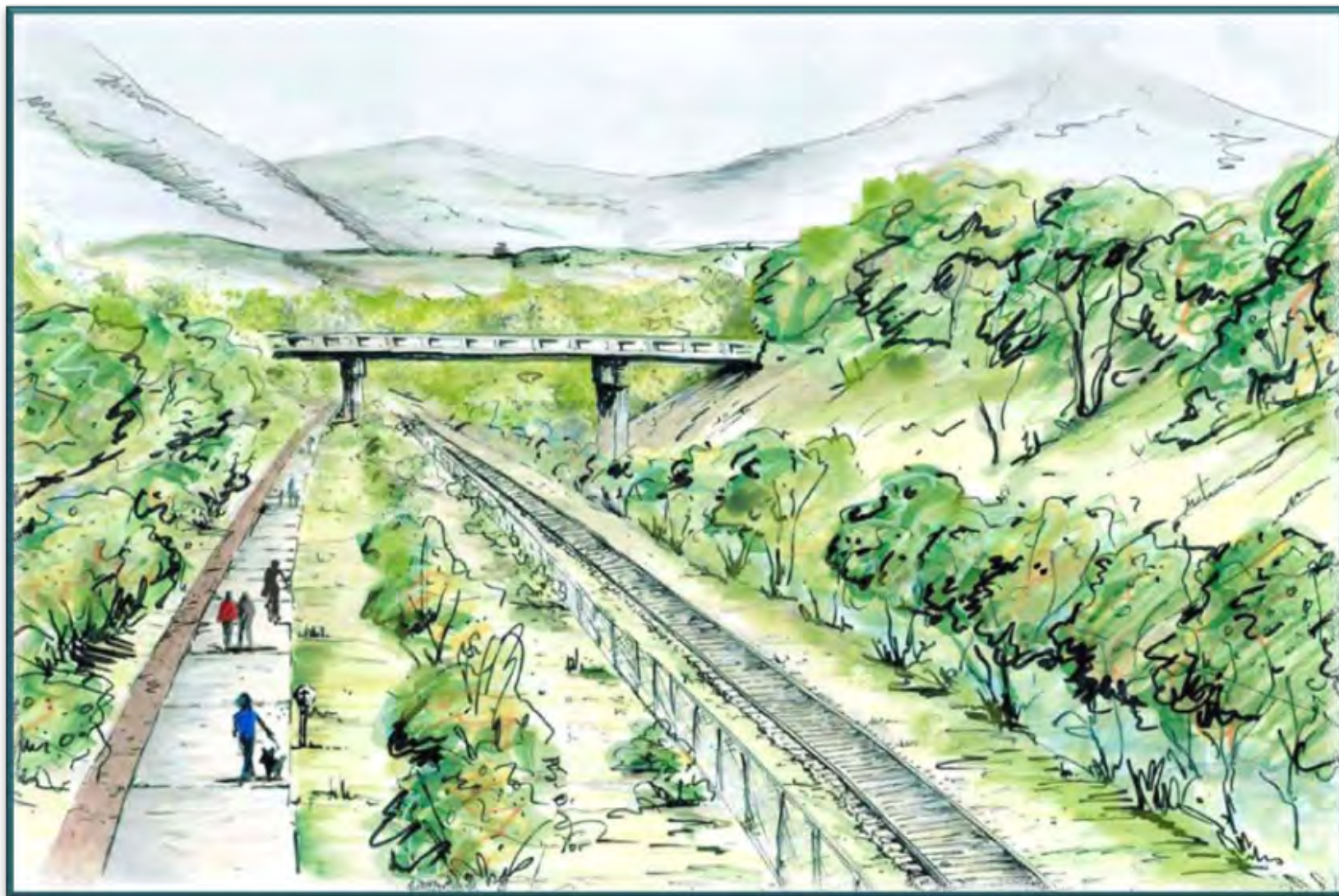
- Opportunities for partnership (funding, construction, etc.) with Public Works
- Improvements to long-term on-street connectivity
- Continued conversations with Union Pacific/BNSF

FOR MORE INFORMATION



- coloradosprings.gov/legacyloop
 - Project Vision, Ongoing and Completed Projects
- coloradosprings.gov/projects
 - General City Project Updates/Status, including Capital Trail Projects
- facebook.com/CoSpringsParks
 - General Project Updates, Closures, and Events

THANK YOU





TRAIL PROJECTS UPDATE

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority

PPRTA II & III

July 11th, 2024 Emily Duncan, Trails Development Coordinator

PIKES PEAK RURAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (PPRTA)



Promises Made,
Promises Kept.

- Originally approved by voters in 2004 for maintenance, transit operations, and capital improvements, funded by sales tax
- Projects prioritized into A and B list
- Projects presented to PPRTA Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and Board for review
- Projects include: transportation network gaps, signal upgrades, corridor improvements, sidewalk, transit enhancements, and **trail construction**

COMPLETED TRAIL PROJECTS: PPRTA II



- Pikes Peak Greenway Trail: Rockrimmon Blvd. to Cottonwood Creek Trail
- Cottonwood Creek Trail: Academy Underpass
- Cottonwood Creek Trail: Austin Bluffs Trail Bridge
- Sinton Trail: Project Design for Future Improvements

UNDERWAY TRAIL PROJECTS: PPRTA II



- Pikes Peak Greenway Trail: Design Cottonwood Creek to Mark Dabbling (Partnership)
- Templeton Gap Trail: Bridge Decking Replacement



FUTURE TRAIL PROJECTS: PPRTA II



- **Pikes Peak Greenway:** Construction South of Legacy Loop Trailhead (Fontenero) to Mesa Road, Various Intragovernmental
- **Rock Island Trail:** Powers Blvd. to Constitution Trail Construction
- **Shooks Run Trail:** Future improvements between Pikes Peak Greenway and Fountain Blvd., Replacement of Asphalt (various locations)
- **Sinton Trail:** Asphalt Replacement from Garden of the Gods to Chestnut St.
- **Templeton Gap Trail:** Asphalt Replacement between Hancock and Union Blvd.

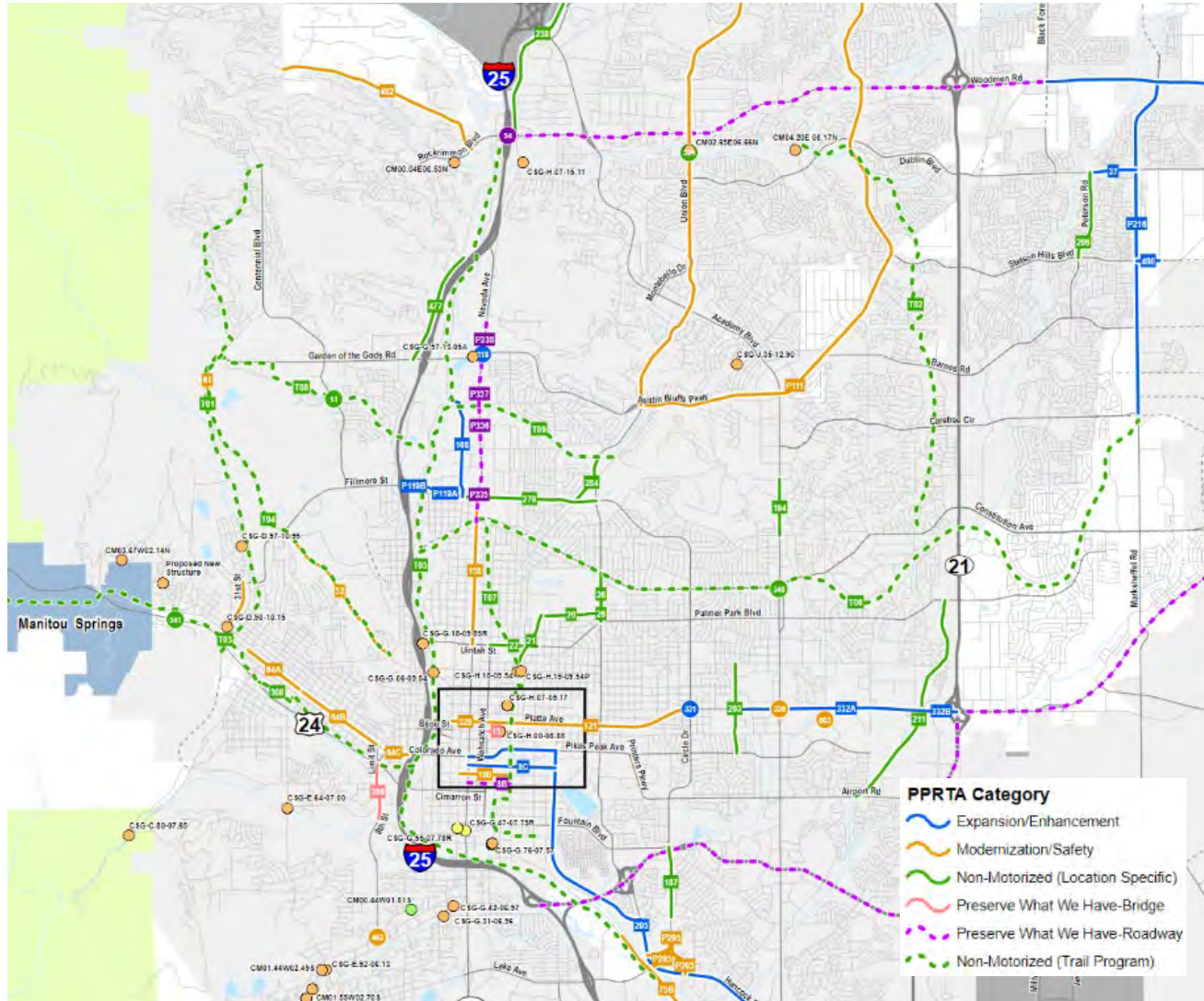
FUTURE TRAIL PROJECTS: PPRTA III



“Trail program to extend, realign, widen, reconstruct, and construct trails, access to trails, connections to attractions or other portions of the trail network, crossings, wayfinding, ADA improvements and other functional enhancements. May entail engineering, land procurement and construction activities”

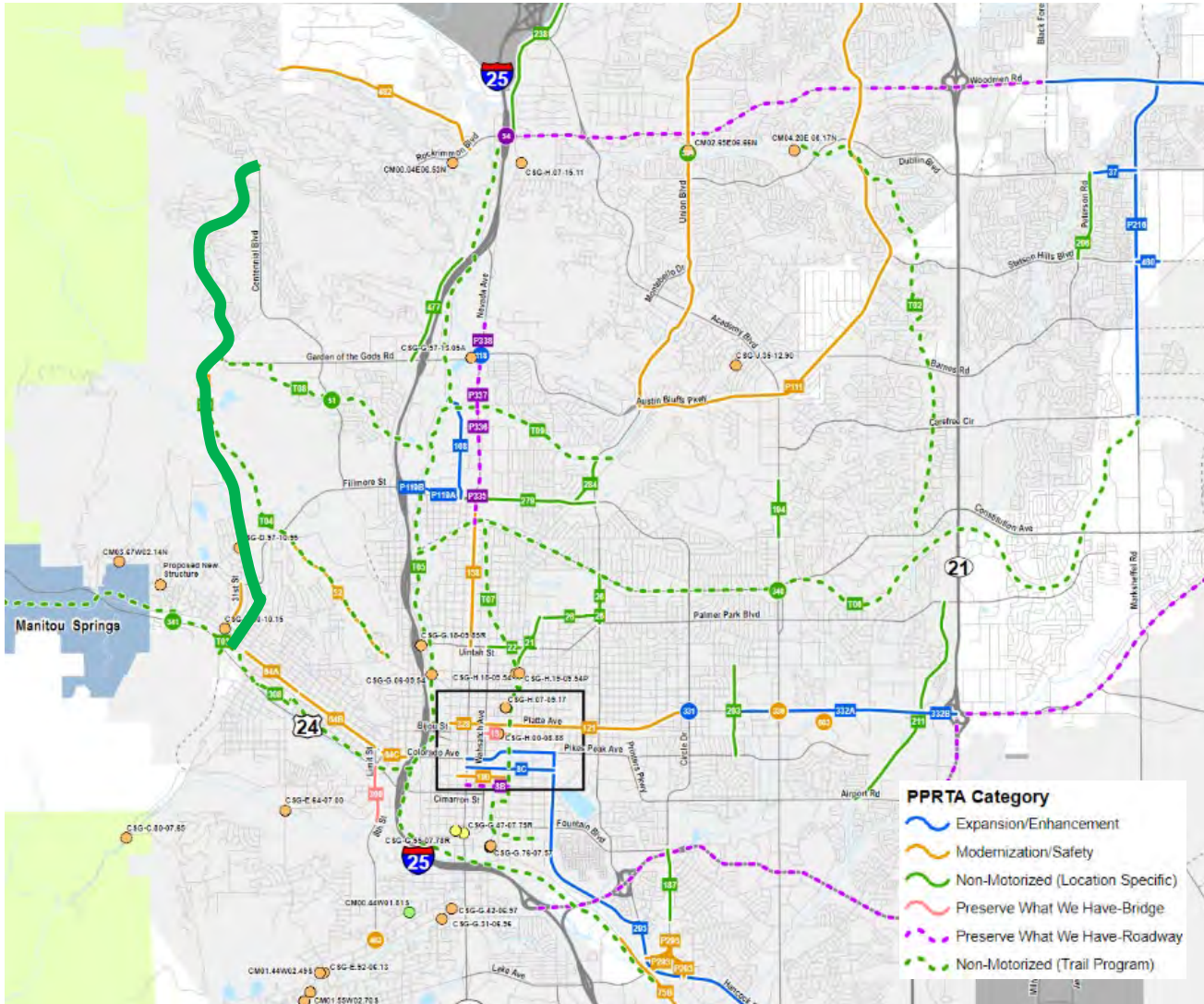


PPRTA III: PROPOSED TRAIL CORRIDORS



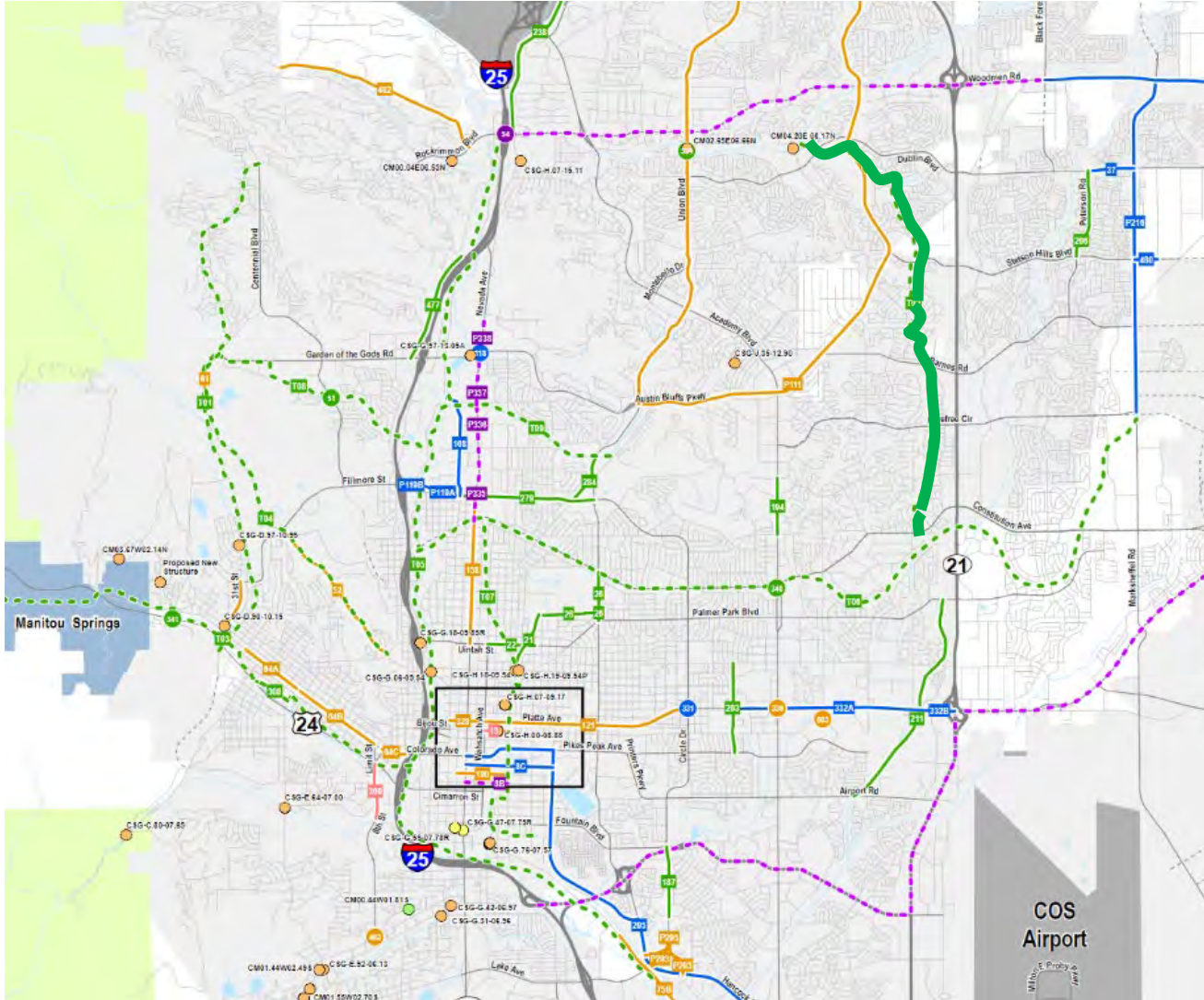
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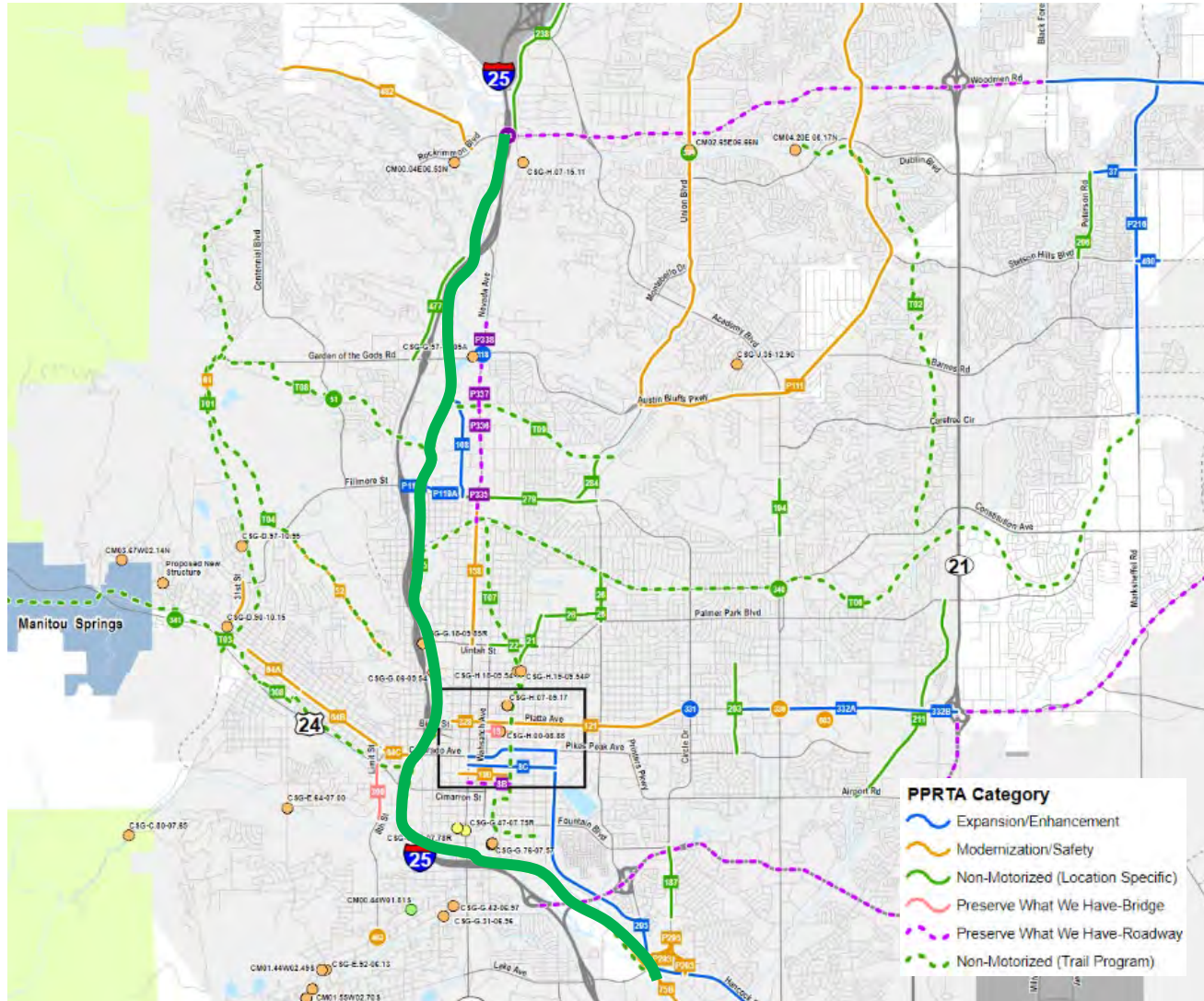
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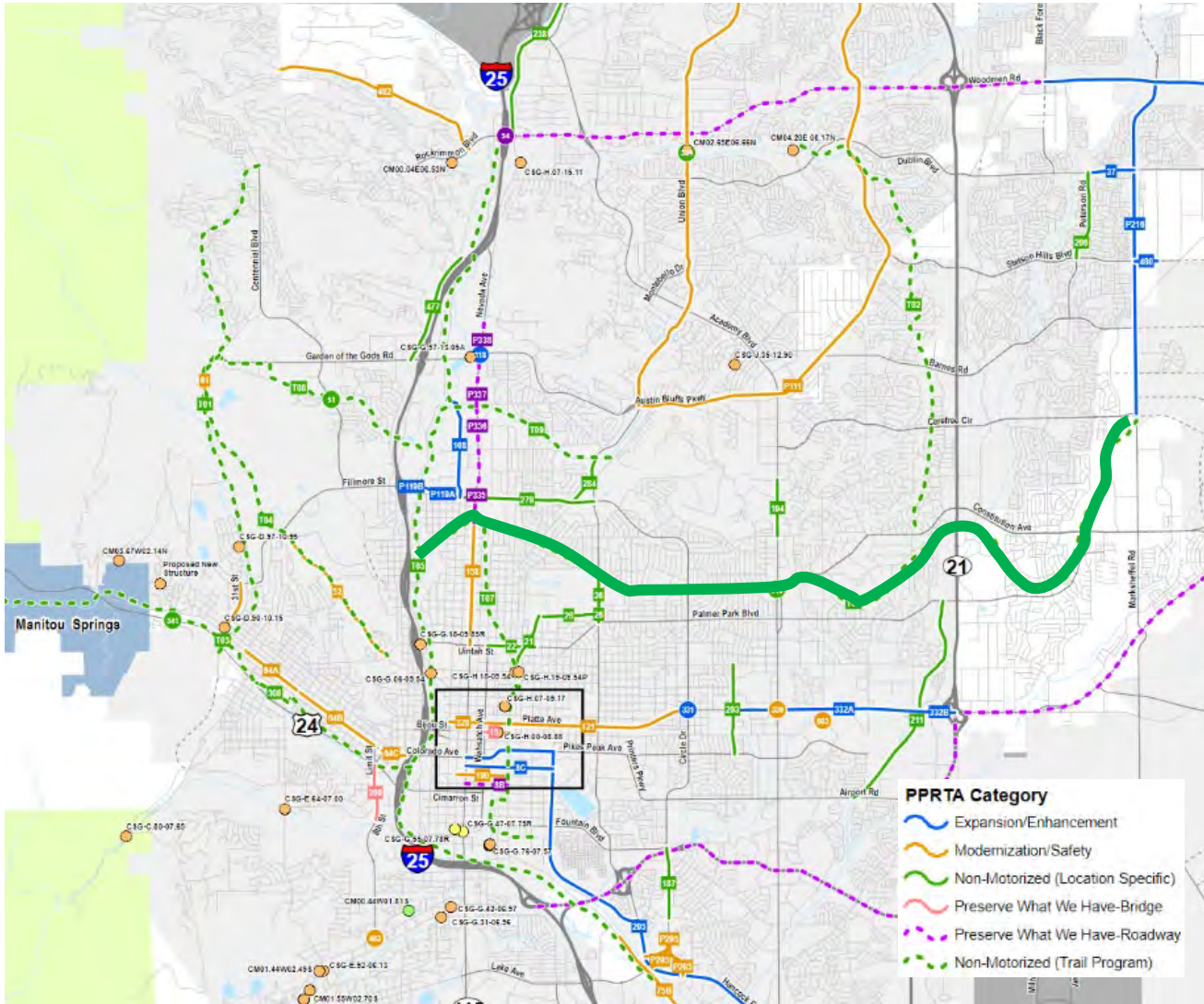
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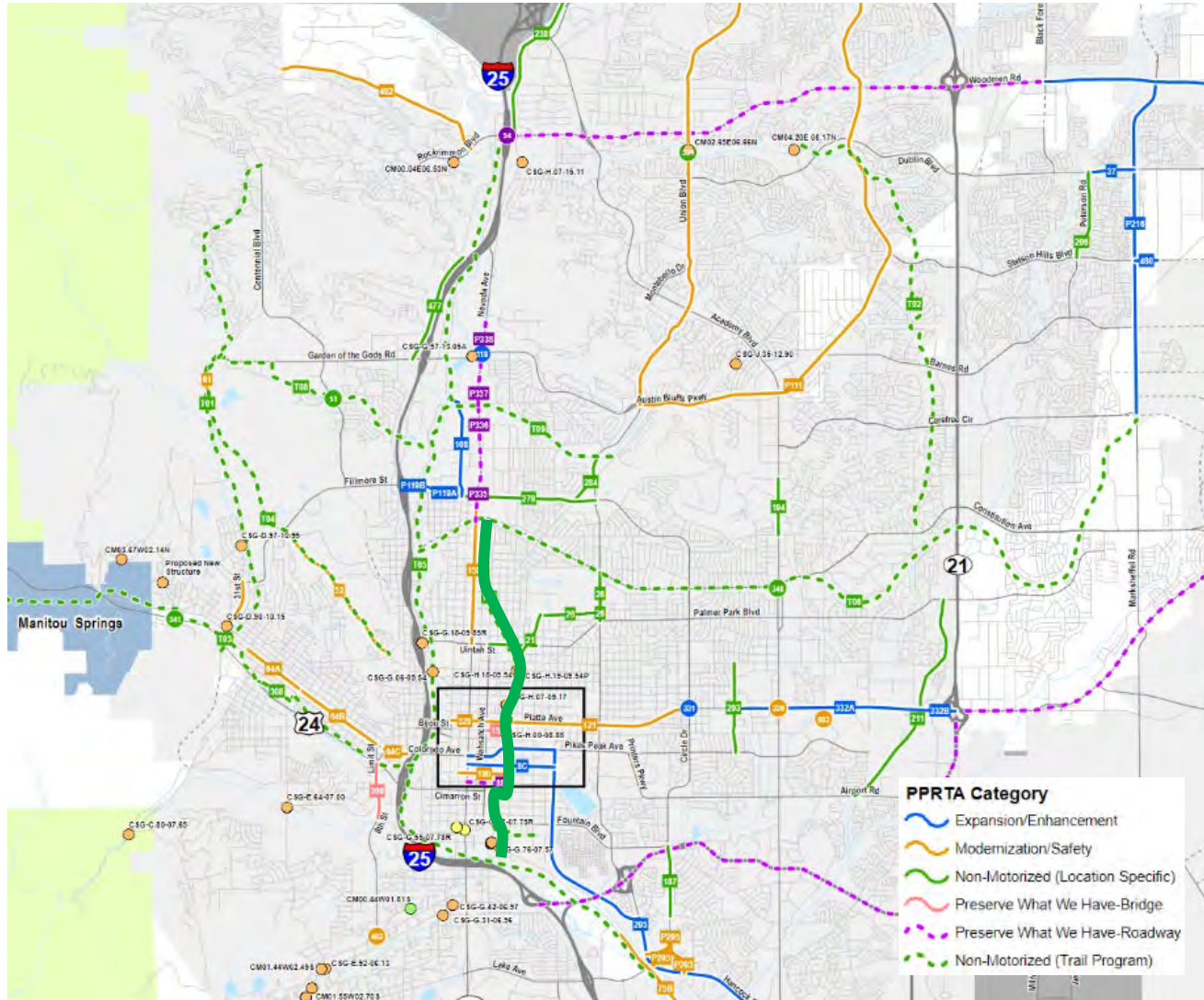
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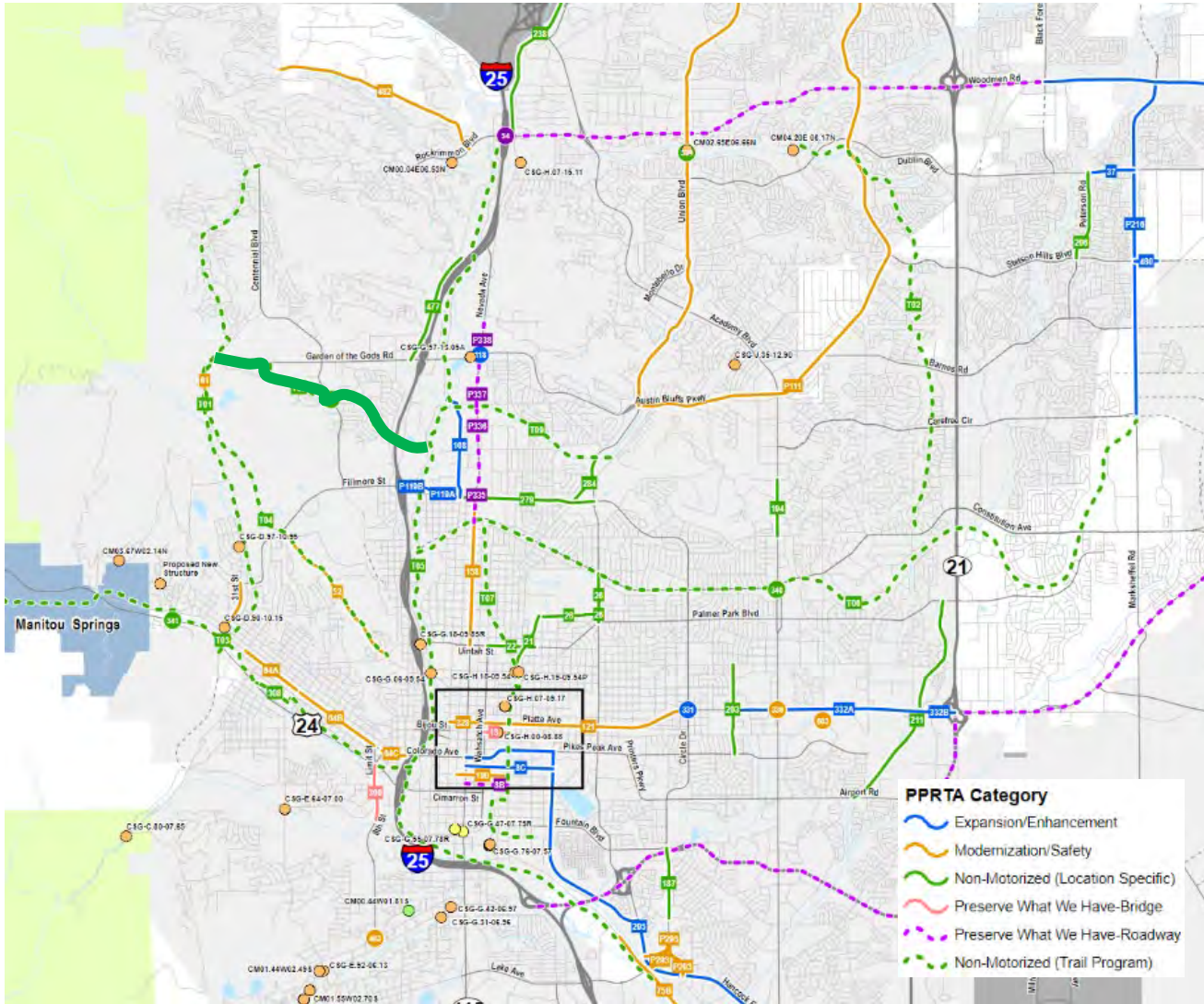
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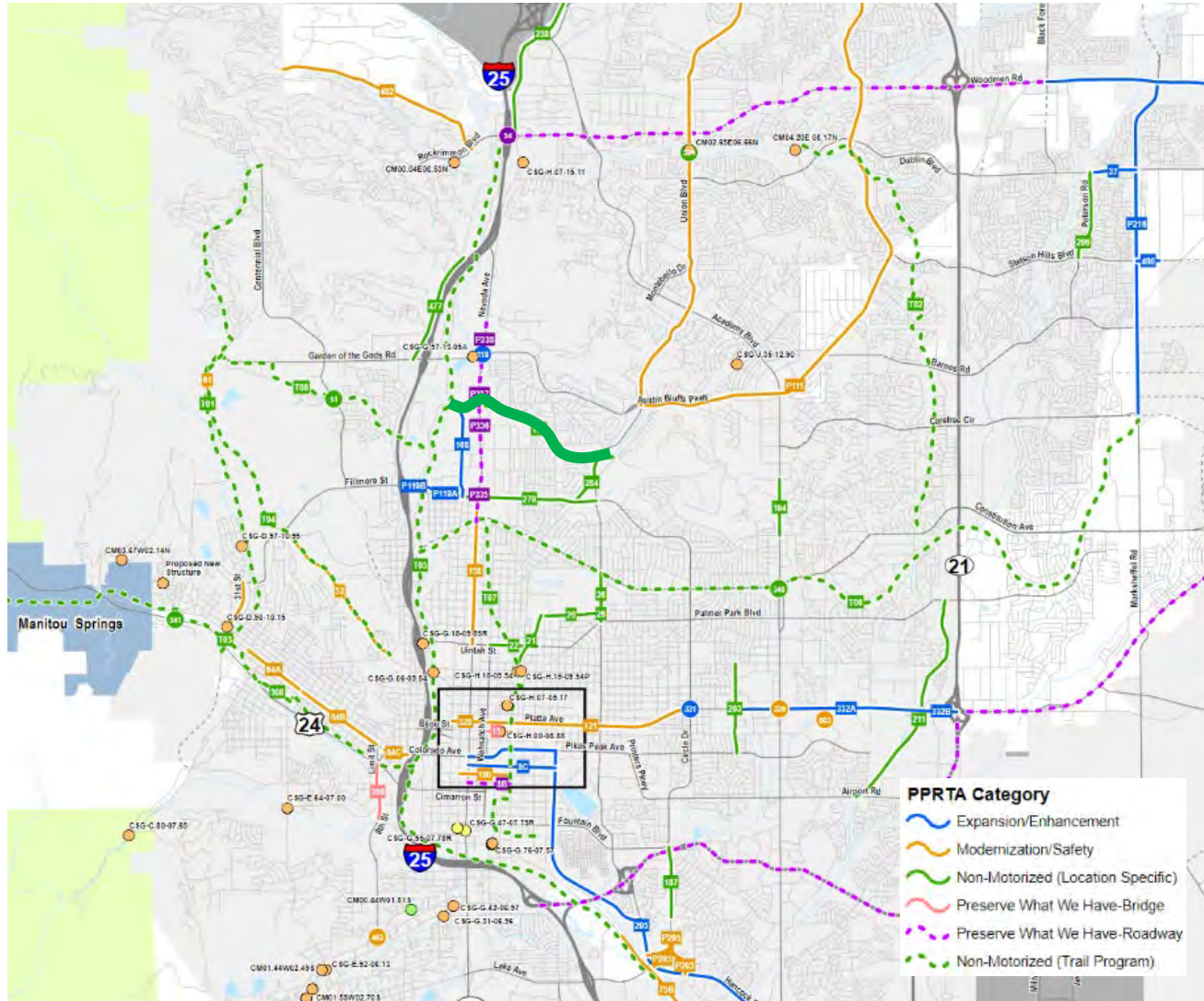
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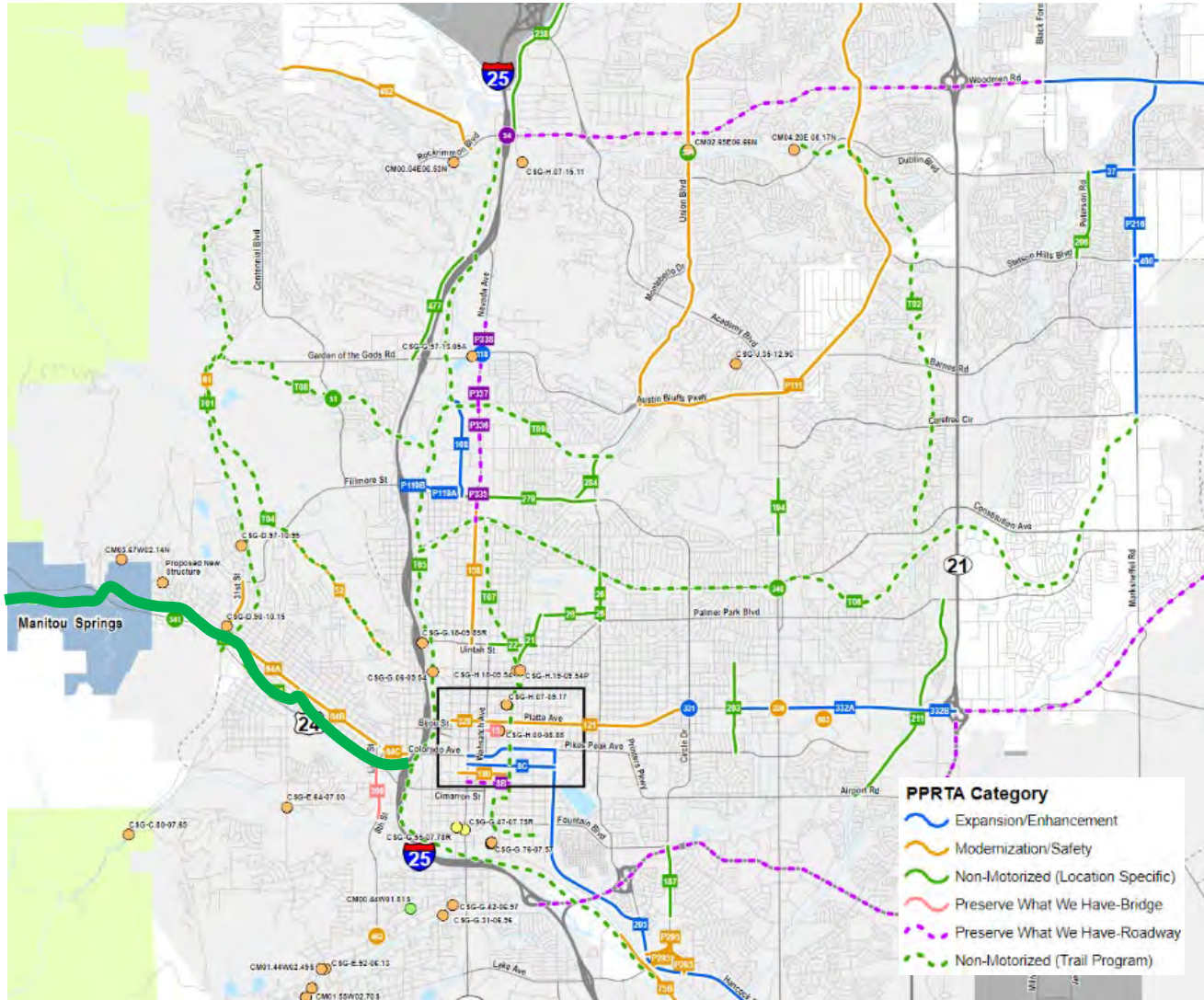
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FOR MORE INFORMATION



- pprta.com
 - General Info, Committee and Board Meeting and member Info
- coloradosprings.gov/project/pprta-3-potential-projects
 - List of all PPRTA III potential projects, priority, descriptions and total project budget, and map

THANK YOU



East Woodmen Trail, Molly Mckenna

URBAN TRAILS RANGER TEAM (UTRT) UPDATE



Brief update and overview of the UTRT

7/11/2024

Scott Abbott - RPTOS

UTRT FULLY STAFFED



Kyle Wilson – Senior
Park Ranger

Raymond Polak – Park
Ranger I

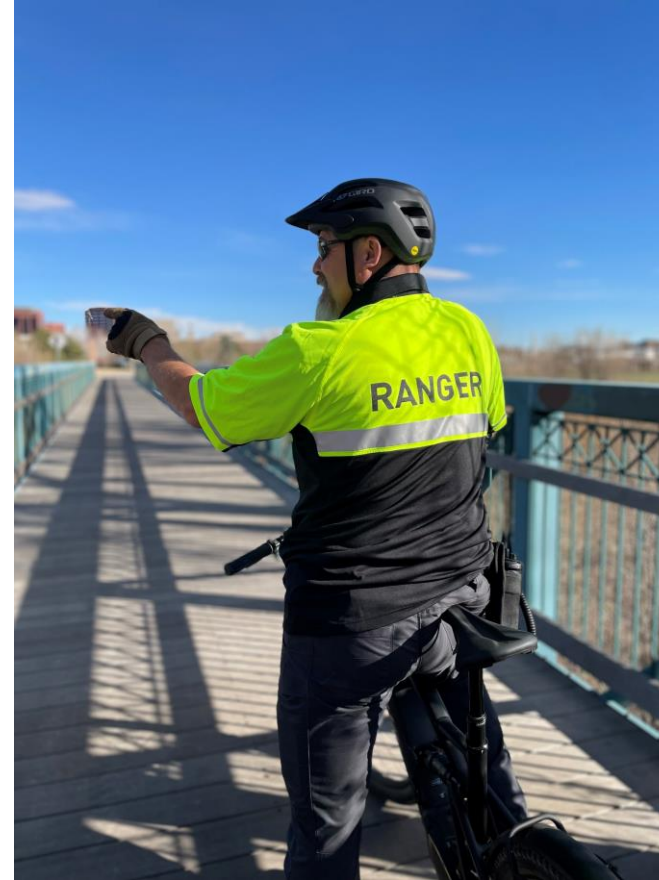
Duncan Skinner – Park
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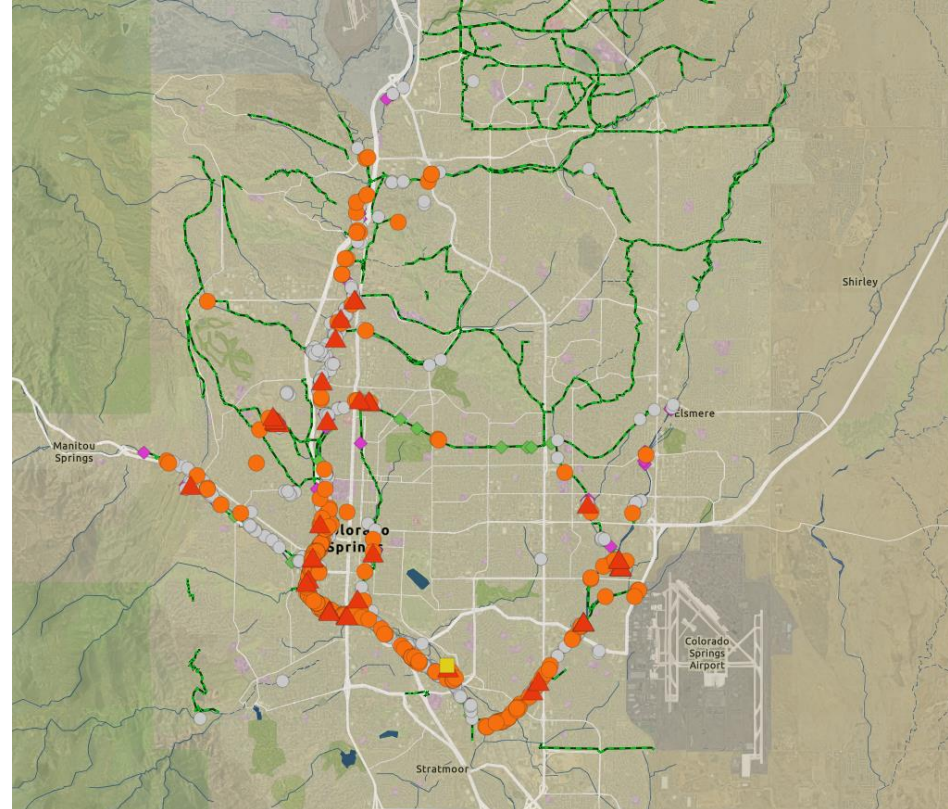
PRESENCE ON TRAILS

- UTRT operates 7 days a week, with two Rangers on Saturday and two on Sunday
- UTRT conducts vehicle and bicycle patrols along our City's urban trails
 - Rangers have covered over 300 miles of trails, open spaces and parks on bicycles
- UTRT provides presence at our high trafficked parks and open spaces
- UTRT make public contacts, manage trail hazards, complete trail maintenance and remove trash

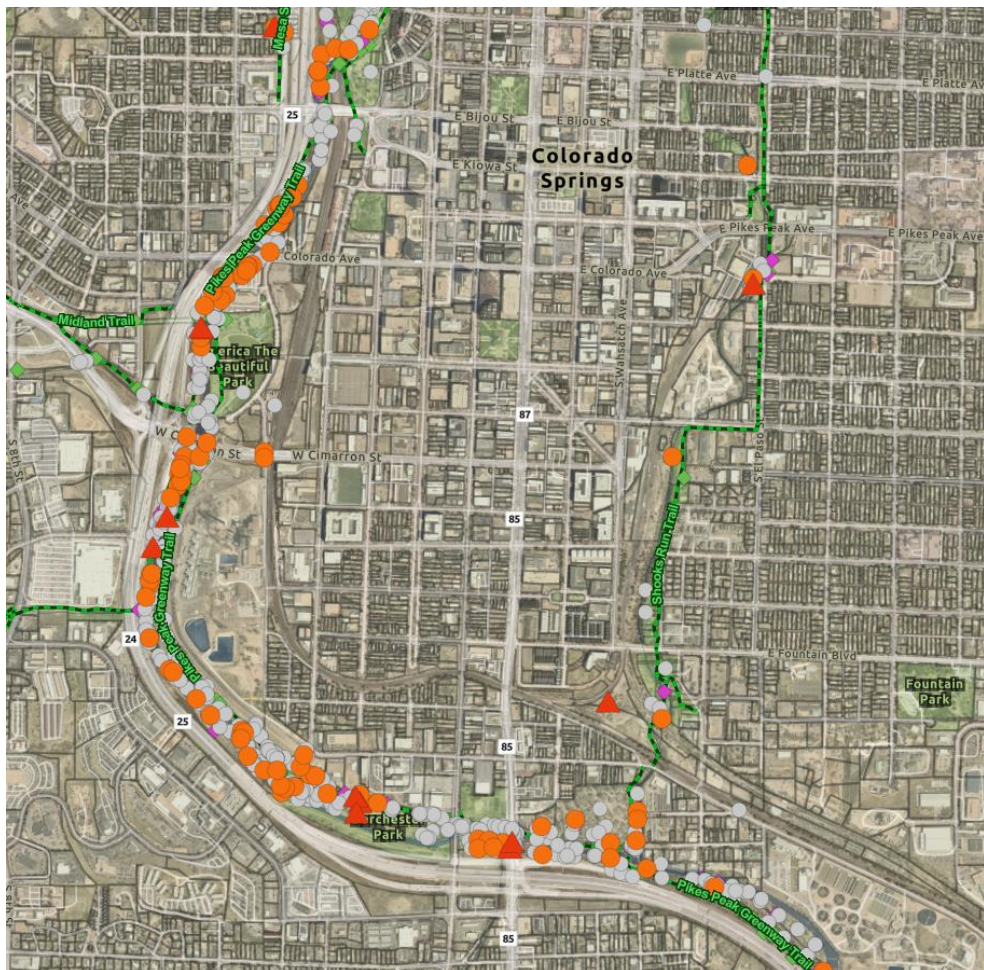


MAPPING ILLEGAL CAMPS AND TRASH LOCATIONS

- UTRT utilizes ArcGIS to identify and map the locations of illegal camps along our urban trails and within parkland
- Approximately 1400 illegal camps have been identified since July 2023
 - Currently there are approximately 260 active/uncleaned up camps
- Approximately 400 homeless associated trash locations have been identified since July 2023
 - Currently over 170 have been cleaned up.



MAPPING ILLEGAL CAMPS AND TRASH LOCATIONS CONT.



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COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS



- UTRT collaborates with various City entities such as CSPD Homeless Outreach Team, CSFD Homeless Outreach Program, and Neighborhood Services – Quality of Life Team
- UTRT partners with Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful to assist with camp clean ups
- Attend monthly meetings with numerous government and non-profit organizations who specialize in homelessness related issues



QUESTIONS?

