

2025 Year End Summary and Updates. By PACOG/MPO 1/6/2026

The purpose of this document is to highlight the multi-modal infrastructure that is being planned, designed, and constructed in the PACOG region. This year we have also highlighted some other great projects, activities, and events that our community did that demonstrate the wonderful outdoor amenities we have. If we may have missed a project or an item, please let us know. MPO Staff

ADA Commission Updates:

- Installation of ADA accessible restroom pods at Dutch Clarke Stadium
- Acquisition of Assistive Listening Device for Pueblo County Emergency Service Center
- A New ADA accessible parking space, ramp, and sidewalk was installed that goes to the pavilion located southwest of the roundabout in City Park.
- Continue to conduct walk audits for accessibility improvements.



ADA accessible restroom at Dutch Clark Stadium



City Park



Joe Martinez Trail

Pueblo West Parks and Recreation:

- Joe Martinez Trail, connecting from South McCulloch Blvd to Purcell Blvd, is fully completed. The trail is a 10 ft wide asphalt trail. ADA curb ramps and crosswalks were installed at street crossings.
- Civic Center Phase I is fully designed. This trail will connect the existing Civic Center Park Trail along the pickleball courts and playground to the Joe Martinez Trail. Construction to start in mid-2026
- Purcell Trail, a 10ft wide, asphalt trail, to run parallel along the westside of Purcell Blvd from Hahns Peak to Liberty Point, is fully designed. Construction is at 10%.



Joe Martinez Trail with new ADA curb ramps

Pueblo County Parks and Recreation:

- New playground added at McHarg Park
- ADA access at McHarg and Pueblo County Park
- Pleasant View Middle School tennis courts repaved for pickleball.

Pueblo County Public Works:

- Medal of Honor Boulevard is expected to be opened middle of February.
- Pueblo County received the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. This grant will provide Medal of Honor Multi-use concrete trail and multimodal trailheads, mobility hub development to expand access to public transit and access to the new Pueblo Board of Waterworks River Park. Design for the east/west portion is at 90% complete, while design is at 30% complete for the north/south section. They are still working the Inter-governmental Agreement with CDOT and FHWA.
- Installation of Interim Traffic Improvements at Purcell Blvd and Industrial Blvd Intersection. Interim improvements include signal retiming and the installation of protected left-turn phases on all sides of the



New playground at McHarg Community Center in Avondale



ADA access to Pueblo County Parks and Recreation office



Medal of Honor Boulevard

Pueblo City Parks and Recreation:

- Paved trail around Lake Minnequa into a 10ft concrete trail. Trail has been renamed Hobson Trail in honor of retired Department of Planning and Community Development Director, Scott Hobson
- Pueblo River Trail Signage: This City is working with Pueblo Conservancy District, Palmer Land Conservancy, and Fountain Creek Watershed District to create clear, consistent signage throughout the entire river trail system. Designs and locations of signs expected to be complete in February of 2026, with installation planned for Summer of 2026.
- Arkansas River Master Plan has gone out for public feedback and is in the process of being finalized before its expected adoption in February 2026. Once adopted, it will be posted on the City's Park and Recreation page.
- Solar lights will be installed along the Arkansas River Trail and Levee Trail from Wildhorse Creek to Runyan Lake. Installation will begin in February. This project is part of a much larger grant that will also provide lighting at four other parks: J.J. Raigoza, Plaza Verde, St. Anne's and Portland Parks.
- The outdoor basketball courts on Elizabeth Street Parkway, also known as "The Slab" was renovated with new post-tension concrete, court surfacing, striping, new basketball posts and hoops, benches, ADA accessible sidewalks and the replacement of the court lights with new, energy efficient LED lights.



City of Pueblo's City Park and Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan will be adopted February 2026.



Solar light plan along the Arkansas River and Levee Trail from Wildhorse Creek Trail to Moffat Trailhead.

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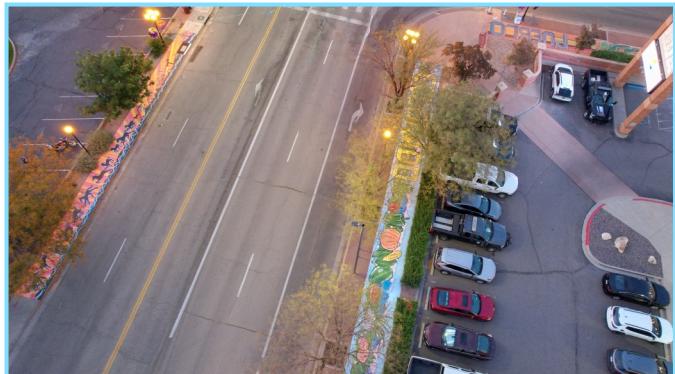
- Installation of Asphalt art along City Center Drive from Grand Ave to Santa Fe, and at Ray Aguilera Park along Northern Ave.
- Finishing Design of Wild Horse Trail, This 10 foot trail will be mostly gravel with concrete trailheads runs from 18th street to 24th street.
- Orman and Lake Roundabout design complete, construction planned for summer 2026.
- Eagleridge and Dillon Roundabout: Design complete, still acquiring Right of Way, so no construction date set.
- Mesa and Berkley Roundabout: Design is complete. But additional funding is needed to start construction.
- Haaff Elementary School, Safe Routes to School – Fully Designed with construction expected to start in 2026
- Sun Mountain Blvd 90% design. Roundabouts were initially considered accounting for future capacity, however due to fiscal constraints, a stop controlled intersection will be built instead.
- 24th Street Bridge has contracted for design, expected date of completion is To-Be-Determined. Look out for upcoming public meetings for the project.
- Monument SRTS - Fully Designed with construction expected to start in 2026. This project will add protected bike lanes from 12th to 7th Street on Monument. The City of Pueblo paved Monument this year in preparation for this new infrastructure. ADA curb ramps, curb ramps and a bump out on 10th Street will also be constructed.
- The City is still in the process of acquiring an Intergovernmental Agreement for its 2024 SS4A Grant. The grant will include a safety analysis for the Northern Avenue Corridor.
- City of Pueblo, in partnership with Pueblo County, completed and adopted its Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, which built out and ranked projects across the City and County that would provide cost-effective safety enhancements to the region's High-Injury Network.
- Concrete and Repaving work was done on these corridors along the region's Bike Network:
 - Bonforte Boulevard ([Constitution to CO 47](#))
 - Monument Avenue([7th to 12th](#))
 - Lakeview Avenue and Carteret Avenue
 - St Clair Avenue Phase 1 (Pueblo Blvd to Alpine Ave)
 - Lehigh Avenue ([Northern Ave. to Pueblo Blvd](#))
 - St Clair Avenue Phase 2 (Airlane to Prairie Ave)



Lake Minnequa Trail System—also known as The Hobson Trail



City's sidewalk art project on Union Avenue near the El Pueblo Museum



Bird's eye view of the sidewalk art project on City Center.

CDOT Region 2:

- Major progress continues on I-25 & US50 B interchange, construction expected to be complete in 2027.
- New lights at Mirror Ave, 25th Lane, Pete Jimenez, a safety study at Hwy 50B & C is being conducted.

Pueblo Conservancy District:

- **Saving lives with life jacket loaner stations along the Arkansas River:** This is a joint project with Pueblo City Parks and Recreation to install life-jacket loaner stations along the Arkansas River Trail
 - Five sponsors helped the Pueblo Conservancy District create and install life jacket loaner stations on the banks of the Arkansas River. The locations are at the: Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center, the north and south shores of the WaterWorks Park, Pillars Park and the 5th one will be installed after the parking lot has been resurfaced at Moffat Street trailhead.
 - The five very generous donors were the EM Christmas Fund, Chamberlain Fund, Southern Colorado Community Foundation, Kerry and Dan DeRose Family and Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority.
 - The life jackets with the PCD logo will be added to the stations in the spring in time for the warm weather and the hundreds of visitors to the Arkansas River.
- Moffat Street Trailhead: Pueblo Conservancy District has released an RFP for a contractor



Pueblo Urban Renewal sponsored life jacket loaner station at Pillars Park



Large sign installed at the Main Street and Corona trailhead. This sign provides locations for all the access points on the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek. This signed was funded by Bob and Doris Johnston Foundation.



Life jacket loaner station on the northside of Waterworks Park.

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River (PFAR):

- Hosted 10 monthly river cleanups
- Hosted educational events about birds and fly fishing
- Installed stations along the river trail for a storybook walk.
 - **StoryWalk® on the Arkansas River Trail Walk.**
Read. Discover. Enjoy Pueblo's new StoryWalk® along the Arkansas River Trail and Levee, where pages of a children's picture book guide you on a short walk from the S. Main Street Trailhead (640 S. Main St.). New stories will be installed 4 times a year - inviting families to come back often, get moving, and explore our river corridor together. This project was made possible with generous donations and in-kind aid by Black Hills Energy, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, Pueblo Conservancy District, Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River (PFAR), Corinne Koehler, Houston Construction, an anonymous donor and Pueblo City Parks and Recreation.
- PFAR is a volunteer-run nonprofit working to protect and enhance our river corridor. To get involved or support future projects, contact Corinne Koehler – cor_koehler@yahoo.com.

Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG)/ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

- The MPO completed its Roundabout Education Campaign. This campaign ended with:
 - Three educational videos covering roundabout navigation, use, and signal etiquette
 - Share-able printouts that give the do's and don'ts of roundabouts
 - Artistic representations of all existing and designed roundabouts
- Bike and Pedestrian Masterplan Update: The MPO has awarded Bohannan Huston to update its 2020 Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, this update is expected to be completed by September 2026
- Work is underway on the MPO's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, their comprehensive planning document that outlines the region's transportation goals, policies, and strategies for the next 20+ years. Draft chapters have been published on the project's website, pacogmovestheregion.com. Public comments will be received until March 1, 2026. The plan is expected to be adopted in April 2026.
- The MPO submitted an application to update it's Bicycle Friendly Community Ranking (Currently Bronze with the hope to be moved to Silver). Application is still under review at this time.



Volunteers with Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River cleaned up Phelps Creek in November 2025.

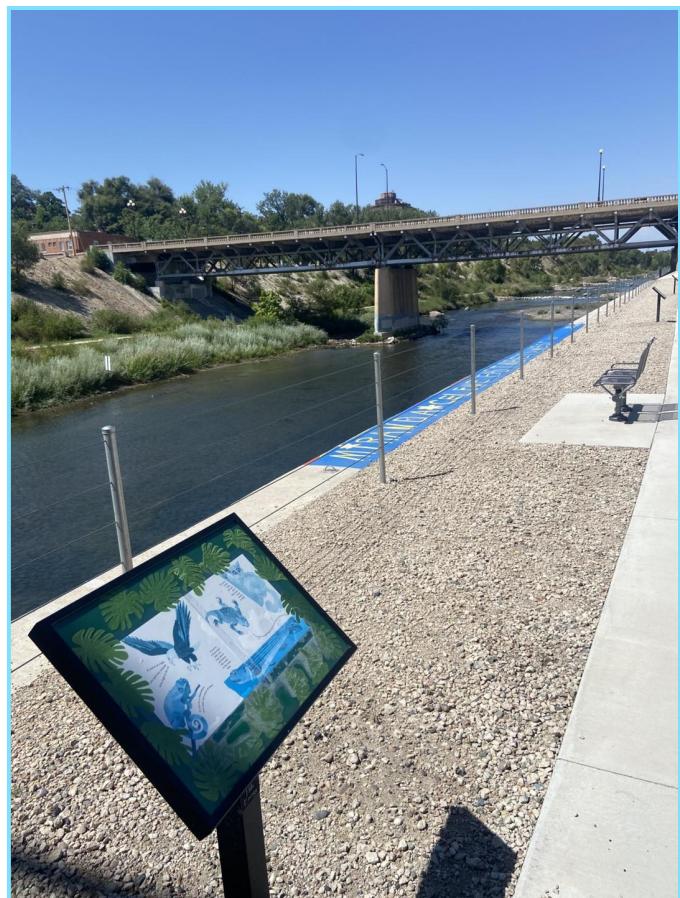


Image of a station for the *StoryWalk®* on the Levee Trail.

Pueblo Transit:

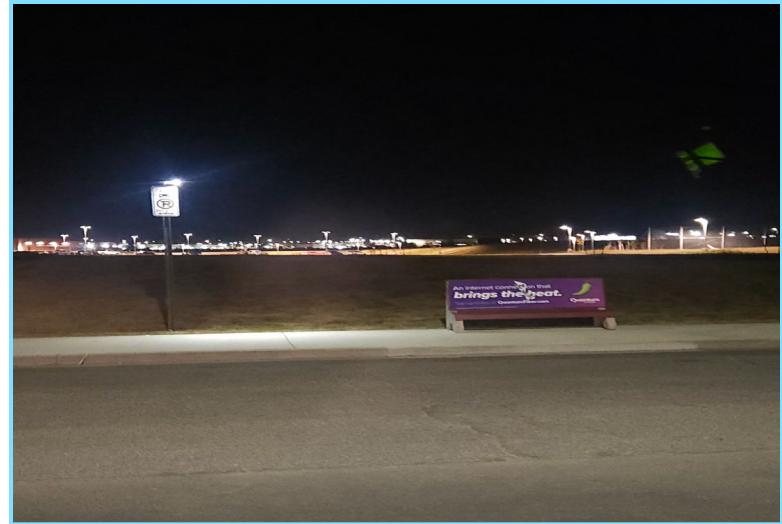
- Installation of Solar Lights at 45 bus stops across the City of Pueblo
- Continued the Youth Ride Free program and rolled out new programs for Veterans and SNAP users to ride free.
- Recently acquired a \$15.7M federal grant to replace old diesel buses with hybrid buses. It is expected that it will take 18 months for the buses to arrive due to the high demand?
- Finalizing development of a route planning app for phones called, MyRide, this is expected to rollout February 2026.
- As Part of the City's 2022 RAISE grant, Pueblo Transit will upgrade 56 Bus Stops in the West Side to meet ADA Standards and construct 11 new bus stops to the system. Construction to begin 2027.

Communities that Care (CTC) Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment:

Pueblo Communities That Care (CTC) strives through collaborative efforts to decrease youth substance use by strengthening protective factors and increasing access to positive, pro-social opportunities for youth in the Pueblo community. Through CTC's Community Spaces Strategy, the team focuses on expanding access to safe, welcoming community spaces, which is shown to reduce risk factors associated with substance use. Transportation remains a key barrier for many youths in accessing these spaces, making transit-focused strategies especially important.

This year, CTC's transportation-related efforts included:

- Supporting and promoting free public transit for youth in Kindergarten through 12th grade. (If you see "YOUth Ride Free," that is a CTC initiative.)
- Receiving the Arts in Society Redline Grant to beautify four public bus stops, transforming them into vibrant, youth-informed community spaces and encouraging increased public transit use.
- Collaborating with community partners to develop a pilot safe-ride program for youth ages 16–22, planned to operate from spring break through graduation season to reduce impaired driving risks.
- Received a grant to conduct a Teen Safe Driving Campaign. CTC youth board created and designed banners and fliers that were posted throughout Pueblo County. The safety campaign focused on: distracted driving, driving under the influence, speeding, wearing seat belts and fewer passengers.



New solar light installed at bus stop on 24th Street.



Bus tail advertisement for Pueblo Youth K-12 ride free.



One of the banners that were used during CTC's Teen Safe Driving Campaign.

Board of Waterworks:

- Waterworks Park-Grand opening was May 24, 2025

City of Pueblo Outdoor Coordinator (Lindsay Martin):

- The City held the inaugural Steel City Arkansas River Festival (SCARF). The event held during July of 2025, attracted a mix of over 2500 spectators, attendees, and vendors/sponsors, generating a measurable positive impact on the local economy during its inaugural year. The festival showcased the new Waterworks Park area, as well as downstream at the Whitewater Kayak Park in downtown Pueblo. The event highlighted the city's potential as a recreational destination and fostered community pride. SCARF featured a variety of river events for all ages and abilities, as well as a river surf competition that attracted participants from all over the state, showcasing the Arkansas River as a unique and valuable asset to the community. Planning has already begun for year two of the Steel City Arkansas River Festival scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2026.



Waterworks Park during the first annual Steel City Arkansas River Festival (SCARF).



People tubing down the river during SCARF.



Roadside repair clinic held in March 2025 at City Park. Partners included City of Pueblo Parks and Recreation, Grassroots Gravel, Bicycle Colorado, and Great Divide.



Flyer for bike repair class hosted by City Parks and Rec and Grassroots Gravel.

Bike month:

- June 2025 was the second annual Bike Month.
- The theme for this year's bike month was to get everyone on bikes.
- Great Divide donated 9 bicycles that we were able to give away during Safety Jam.
- There was a choice of two different bingo cards, one for recreational riders or family riders and the other was for cyclists who ride frequently.
- 25 participants were entered into a raffle, winners received gift cards to local restaurants.
- Bike to work day featured 13 community partners; City of Pueblo Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments, UC Health, MxV Rail, Pueblo County Parks and Recreation, Pueblo City-County Library District, Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, PACOG/MPO, SRDA, Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment, and Grassroots Gravel.



2025 Bike to Work Day!



Volunteers teaching youth bicycle safety at Safety Jam 2025.

Do you want to know more about transportation projects???

Here are some ways to find out more:

- Visit our website at Pacog.net
- Attend PACE meetings : the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm, zoom only.

Please reach out to us with any questions or comments you may have!

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2025 Bike Month Bingo card

Grassroots Gravel:

- Hosted the 2025 Grassroots Gravel Festival and Race:
 - 1,200+ riders participating from 24 states & Canada with a total of 1,500+ attendees
 - Featured 15, 19, 39, 75, and 113 mile routes
 - Included 40+ vendors and 2 live bands
- Hosted year-round repair clinics with Bicycle Colorado
 - Over 200+ participants for all lessons
- Continued the Red Creek Rally: A weekly all-year, all-conditions, all-paces gravel ride
 - When: 5:30pm, every Tuesday all year (except freezing rain)
 - Where: Meet in the C&O Window & Door parking lot @ 1103 Pueblo Blvd Way, Pueblo, CO 81005
- To Come in 2026:
 - New Event on May 24th, 2026: The Farmstand 50
 - More skills clinics and rides
 - Grassroots Gravel Festival October 9th & 10th, 2026



3rd Annual Grassroots Gravel Race.



Adaptive Cyclers during the Grassroots Gravel 2025 race.

Pueblo Bike Riders:

PBR (Pueblo Bike Riders) is a community cycling advocacy group who organize events in and around Pueblo to share the joy of cycling.

Join them on Facebook for details on upcoming events:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/525000486226317>

- PRB hosted nearly 100 group rides over this year, traveling over 1000 miles and climbing over 40,000 ft of elevation.

Cruisin Pueblo:

This community ride celebrates the art, culture, and history of Pueblo during the no-drop Thursday evenings throughout the summer. They visit historic spots such as the Pioneer Cemetery on the northside, or ride along the Arkansas River Trail to view the Levee Art. They also plan tours to historic neighborhoods such Bessemer and Mesa Junction. After the ride, riders enjoy a brew from Walter's Brewery.



Pueblo Bike Riders enjoying the Arkansas River Trail.



Pueblo Bike Riders enjoying a ride at the reservoir.