



Grand Junction Local Planning Team (LPT) Meeting Minutes

930 Main St. Grand Junction, CO 81501

1/8/2022

LPT Meeting Attendees

Steven Enos-Martinez
Micah Espinoza jr.
Karen Pramenko
Joy Hudak
Myra Brown
Brian Bretton
Mona Highline
Dan Rubenstein
Cody Kennedy
Elizabeth Hicks
Paula Mattas
Shay Boe
Erik Borrell
Micah Espinoza
Martha Amos
Janet Rowland

Agenda Items Discussed

Welcome & Introductions
LPT Role, Intention of Meeting & Group Agreement
Prep-Work Debrief- Small Group Discussion
Transforming Safety- History and Current Status
Importance of Building Evidence- Office State Planning & Budget
Grand Junction Geographic Boundaries for Transforming Safety
Primer Discussion on Priority Area(s)

Action Items from the Meeting

The LPT members were highly engaged with diverse community perspectives that provided a rich discussion. In addressing the boundary selection for the Transforming Safety project, there was a strong, unified and clear desire by the LPT to include all of Grand Junction and all of the unincorporated areas of Mesa County. Effectively, this would only exclude the incorporated portions of Fruita, Palisade, Collbran and Debeque.

The LPT thoughtfully chose to define the boundary this way because;

1. Grand Junction acts as a hub for services throughout the county, particularly for citizens that live in unincorporated areas of Mesa County where services are otherwise not available.
2. Defining the unincorporated area smaller would render services to citizens who likely need them the most ineligible.
3. Including all unincorporated areas was the original intent of the people from Grand Junction who worked on the legislation.

The LPT did discuss narrowing the unincorporated areas but it did not make sense to any member to do this for several reasons including;

1. It would ignore the needs experienced by citizens in unincorporated areas that currently come to Grand Junction for services.
2. The concept and rationale for limiting the boundary applies an urban approach that is not useful, effective or rational in a rural community.
3. This is counter to the best interest of citizens in rural communities and disjointed from the current approaches and practices employed by the Grand Junction community.

Therefore, the LPT's recommendation for the Transforming Safety boundary in Grand Junction, as it currently stands, is; ***"The Grand Junction Transforming Safety boundary is defined as the city of Grand Junction and the unincorporated areas of Mesa County"***.

Next Steps

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2022 at 3:00pm via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to;

- (1) Respond to feedback obtained from DOLA regarding the LPT's desired definition of the Grand Junction Transforming Safety boundary.
- (2) Finalize the boundary definition.
- (3) Begin discussing the approach to defining the Transforming Safety priority area(s) for Grand Junction.