

Meeting Summary

Date: December 12, 2025

29 Road Interchange at I-70, NEPA/1601 Project

Meeting Name: 29 Road Interchange at I-70 NEPA Next Steps for FHWA review

Meeting Date: November 20, 2025 (held virtually)

Invitees:

Invitee	Organization	Attended?	Invitee	Organization	Attended?
Alex Pulley	FHU	X	Jen Klaetsch	CDOT	X
Amanda Cushing	FHU	X	Dave Cesark	CDOT	X
Lindsay Edgar	FHWA	X	Troy Halouska	CDOT	X
Julian Gonzalez	FHWA	X	Scott Mai	Mesa County	X
Elizabeth Cramer	FHWA	X	Daniel Larkin	Mesa County	X
Trent Prall	City of Grand Junction	X			

Discussion

- ▶ The project is approaching the end of the current contract, and the City will be releasing an RFP for final design of 29 Road and preliminary design of the interchange & finalizing NEPA. Due to design needs that have not been determined at this time, FHU is proposing to prepare the following for the current contract:
 - ▶ Prepare a NEPA template document and only include the Affected Environment as well as the Alternatives development and public and agency involvement (to this point) in this version of the NEPA template document.

The next contract will address:

- ▶ Environmental Consequences (Proposed Action and No Action Alternatives)
- ▶ Mitigation Commitments



- ▶▶ The alternatives development and final public and agency involvement will also be included in the NEPA document.

This approach will help set a clear line between the two contracts.

- ▶ FHU previously met with CDOT to discuss the approach described above, and they approved of the approach; however, it was stated that FHWA will have the final decision. FHU also agreed to initiate the preparation of the draft NEPA Determination Letter and attachments. FHWA stated that, as soon as they receive the determination letter, the NEPA template document and the subsequent decision document must be completed within a specific timeframe.
- ▶ CDOT stated that, due to the project potentially being an EA, CDOT Environmental Programs Branch (EPB) must also review the tech memos following CDOT Region 3's review. Region 3 stated that they approved of FHU sending the tech memos to EPB.
- ▶ FHWA pointed out that identified funding was not yet identified in the State Transportation Improvement Plan for the project. (Note: The project is included in the Grand Valley Long Range Transportation Improvement Plan.)
- ▶ Additionally, FHWA stated that the project must meet fiscal constraint requirements before they can sign the NEPA decision document.
- ▶ Furthermore, with funding being unknown and the specific timeframes, it was recommended that FHU hold off on preparing the CDOT NEPA Determination Letter.

Conceptual Plans

The conceptual design plans were not discussed during the meeting. However, the plans are attached to this summary.

Decisions Made

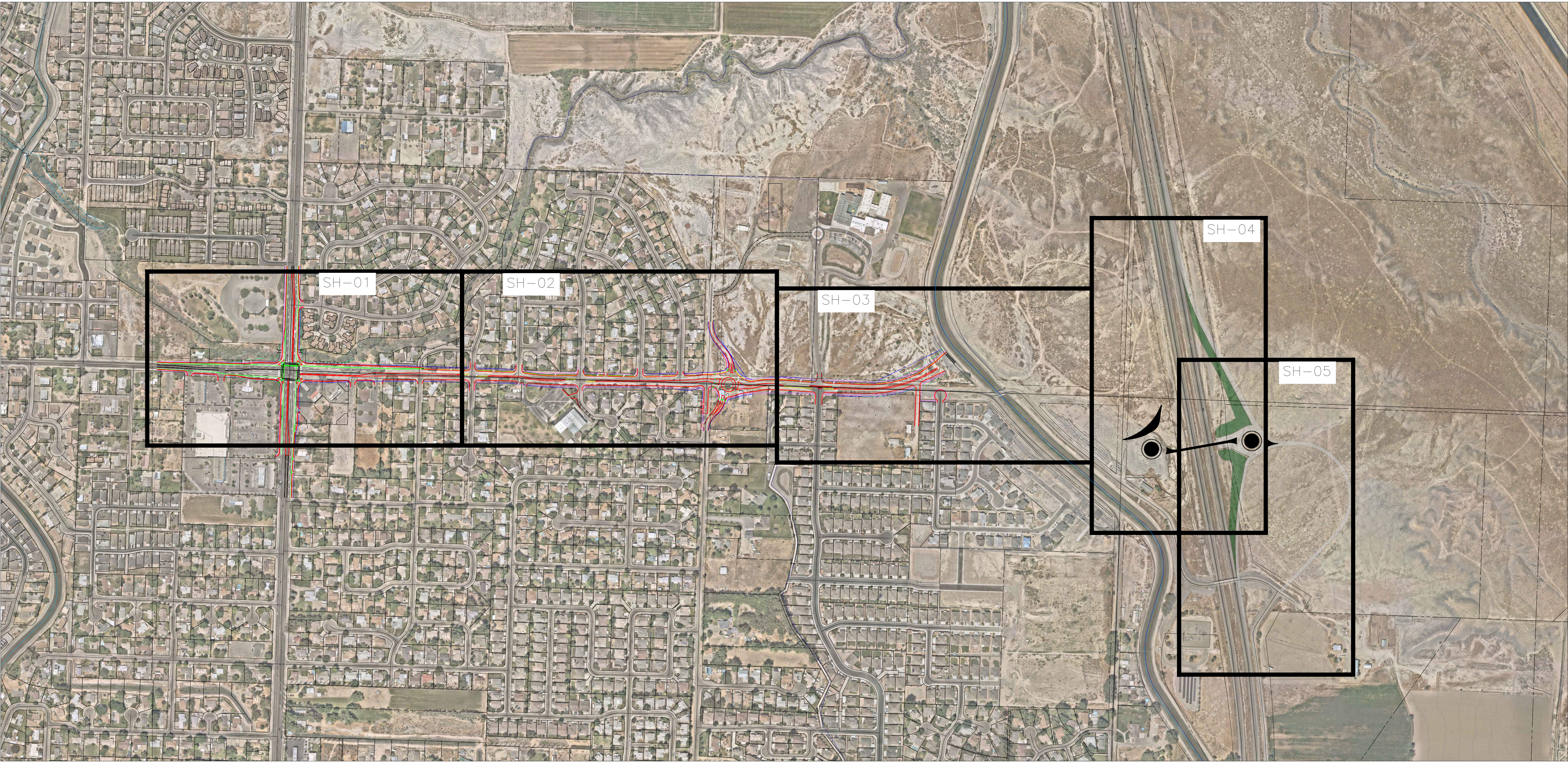
- ▶ CDOT and FHWA approve of the NEPA Template document approach of including only Affected Environment as well as the Alternatives development and public and agency involvement to date.

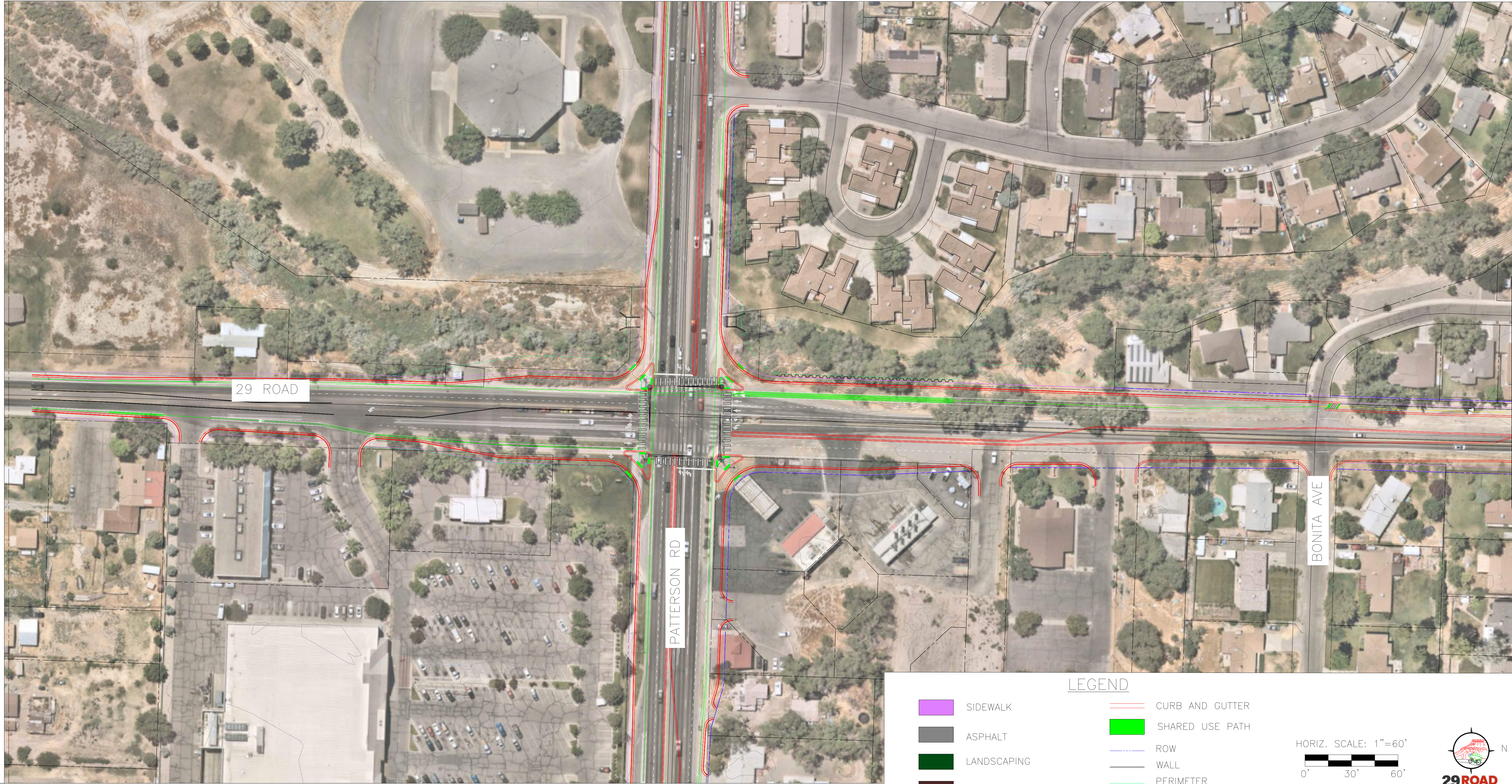
Meeting Summary

Next Steps

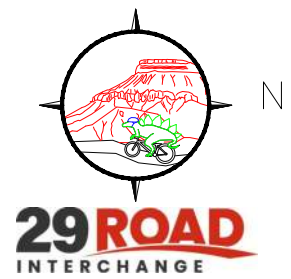
- ▶ Submit the previously reviewed tech memos for a backcheck of edits to Region 3. FHU will also submit the tech memos to CDOT EPB.
- ▶ Complete the Template NEPA document by Summer 2026 with a FONSI goal of late Fall 2026.







MATCHLINE
SH-02





MATCHLINE
SH-02

MATCHLINE
SH-04

I:\121072-01 29 ROAD\L-70 INTERCHANGE\13_CAD\EXHIBITS\PUBLIC MEETING NO 2\SHARED USE PATH_ SHEETS.DWG



