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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: APRIL 1, 2016  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## **Tuesday's City Council Meeting**

Tuesday's meeting includes two public hearings on a conditional use permit for Helsinki Customs and Repair and a second reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 17.07 of the Land Use Code. I had a great meeting with the Vanlandingham's who are continuing their hearing due to a couple of opportunities they are looking into.

## **Election Day**

Tuesday is Election Day and ballots continue to stream in. The Civic Center lobby will be open during the Council meeting and after to await the results when our City Clerk and Deputy Clerk who will take the ballots collected at 7pm to the County to be tallied. They will call us to let us know the unofficial results to be announced.

## **GOCO Grant Great News & Trail Updates!**

We received word from GOCO today that our \$2 million grant request for the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail in the first step (Concept Letter) was chosen to move the final step in a full application. GOCO received eighteen 2016 Connect Initiative grant requests totaling \$23.5 million. They have \$10 million to award and selected nine finalist projects to proceed (asking for a total of \$16 million). Below is a chart of all projects invited to continue in the process. Unfortunately, the Palisade Plunge did not make it this year.

Little Salt Wash Trail construction progresses and we are still shooting for an end of May/early June completion for this 10 ft. wide trail that connects North and South Fruita along the wash and under the Highway, Rail Tracks and the Interstate connecting with the State Park. They are prepping for road base this week and finishing out work with the box culverts.

Our third project with trails is the partnership with COPMOBA, BLM, Over the Edge Sports, Colorado Backcountry Biker and Hot Tomato to add 6 miles of trails at Mack Ridge is also progressing. We facilitated bids from firms to complete necessary environmental studies before construction and COPMOBA selected and contract with Olsson Associates who will complete the work for just under \$10,000 in April. Then BLM will do their part and then work to construct will come next. COPMOBA paid for \$7,500 of the studies, while the businesses shared the remaining cost. CBB made it easy with a fund raiser that put \$2,000 toward the project. We have some

great partners! We are also supporting a grant that COPMOBA submitted to REI to help with construction costs.

### **Old Sewer Lagoons and No More Smell**

I am proud of our Public Works crews for working so hard to mitigate the smell at the old lagoons. They turned over as I mentioned in an earlier weekly update and caused a common foul smell that lingered much longer than a typical turnover. After working with circulating river water to help and still having the smell, they rigged up contraptions to spread chlorine in ponds one and two to help. After doing this the smell went away. We can't say it was this or not, but we will continue to monitor while seeking long-term solutions. Remember we have a grant request in to help with a redevelopment plan for this property.

### **TID BITS:**

- Grants, grants, grants....we have been working hard on grants the past month or so.
  - Today we submitted a \$1.2 million request to DOLA through the Energy and mineral impact program. Fingers crossed!
  - I presented to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District Wednesday on our \$25,000 grant request for downtown phase 2 design.
  - We are awaiting word on the \$5,000 request from AGNC.
  - City Shops phase 2 is progressing quickly that is funded by a DOLA Energy Impact Grant.
  - We requested an extension on our DOLA grant for designing the gateway—we are now at a point to select a firm to help produce the conceptual design for the entire gateway plan and hopefully engineering design for the roundabouts.
  - Little Salt Wash Trail—currently under construction— is funded by CDOT and GOCO.
  - The design of the Kokopelli trail is progressing and is funded by CDOT.
- Tomorrow morning the Mayor and I with local business owners will host Honey Stinger who is here on a staff retreat and we will promote Fruita for business expansion.
- Sunday I will be going with Jen Zeuner to tour a company she works with to see Greenway Business Park.
- Municipal Court Judge interviews were scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- The storm drain work on J.2 Rd was completed this week.
- Mulberry sewer is wrapping up.
- Officer Bomar and Mark Angelo are working with the High School to clean out the adjacent forest.
- PD will be conducting the Drug Take Back Program again on April 30 where prescription drugs can safely be discarded.
- The Bus Routes in Fruita are being looked at changing. See below for more detail and ability to comment.
- Pro V is changing our phone system over this weekend to Fiber.
- The street sweeper is finally back up and running cleaning the streets.
- GVIC fills the irrigation canals on April 5 and the City will turn our system on the week of April 11.
- Video surveillance signage for Council Chambers and the court is on order.

## FRUITA IN THE NEWS (or related news to the area):

- City of Fruita investing in the mountain biking community TV spot:  
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/374226641.html>
- Fruita tries to eliminate odors from idle lagoons:  
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/pungent-ponds-a-problem>
- Forbes—New Women-only Mountain Bike Vacations:  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/allisonolms/2016/03/29/new-women-only-mountain-bike-vacations/#926c8517fb10>
- Chicago Tribune—Epic mountain biking for women only:  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/travel/sc-trips-women-colorado-bike-travel-0329-20160324-story.html>
- Stormwater bills to be distributed this week:  
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/stormwater-bills-to-be-distributed-this-week>
- Decades-long tradition continues before dawn on Easter Sunday:  
<http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/373676911.html>
- Fruita LDS congregation inspired by joy, service of its missionaries:  
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/sent-out>

**UPCOMING EVENTS** *(When an RSVP is required I will include the information. I also ask that you let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you.):*

- **Tomorrow, Friday, March 25** City offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday.
- **April 7** from 4-7 pm is the Chamber Business Expo at the Community Center.
- **April 8** is the Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament at Adobe Creek Golf Course at 9 am.
- **April 11** are Council interview with Municipal Judge applicants from 6-8:30 pm.
- **April 15** at 7 pm we will have a movie in the park at Reed Park and gather input from the public on how to improve the park.
- **April 16** from 9 am – 1 pm is the annual Electronics Recycling Event in the Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot in partnership with Waste Management. All cords, cables, laptops and cell phones will be collected at no cost. All other electronics will have a nominal fee.
- **Arbor Day Celebration** at 4pm at the Police Department.
- **April 23-34** is the Gear Up Festival in Downtown and Mountain Film at the FCC. More info at [www.gearupfestival.com](http://www.gearupfestival.com).
- **April 23-24** is Rumble at 18 Road. More info at <http://www.madracingcolorado.com/events/rumble-at-18-road-2015/>.
- **April 27** is the City Arbor Day Celebration. Location TBD.
- **April 28-May 1** is the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Fat Tire Festival in Downtown. More info at <http://fruitafattirefestival.com/>
- **April 28** is the State Demographer Presentation at the City of Grand Junction Auditorium at 3 pm.
- **Saturday, April 29** is the Family Health West black tie event Rockin' Elegance featuring the Drifters at the Avalon Theatre in GJ.
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2015** Events Information is also available online at: <http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

CC: Department Directors

2016 Connect Initiative Concept Paper List				
Projects Recommended for Application				
April 7, 2016				
Applicant	Project Title	County	Request Amount	Total Project Cost
City of Aurora	Triple Creek Trail Construction	Arapahoe	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,670,000.00
City of Fruita*	Kokopelli Connection of the Riverfront Trail	Mesa	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,300,000.00
Clear Creek County*	Clear Creek Greenway Idaho Springs to Tunnel 5 Segment	Clear Creek	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,907,000.00
Douglas County	East West Regional Trail	Douglas	\$2,000,000.00	\$5,951,112.00
Eagle County*	Horn Ranch Trail	Eagle	\$2,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00
Jefferson County*	Peaks to Plains - Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment	Jefferson	\$2,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00
South Suburban Park and Rec. District *	Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail - Union to Oxford (segment of South Platte Trail)	Arapahoe	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,165,000.00
Summit County*	Summit County Extension of the Fremont Pass Recreational Path	Summit	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Town of Castle Rock*	East Plum Creek Trail Phase 5	Douglas	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
			\$16,000,000.00	\$37,993,112.00

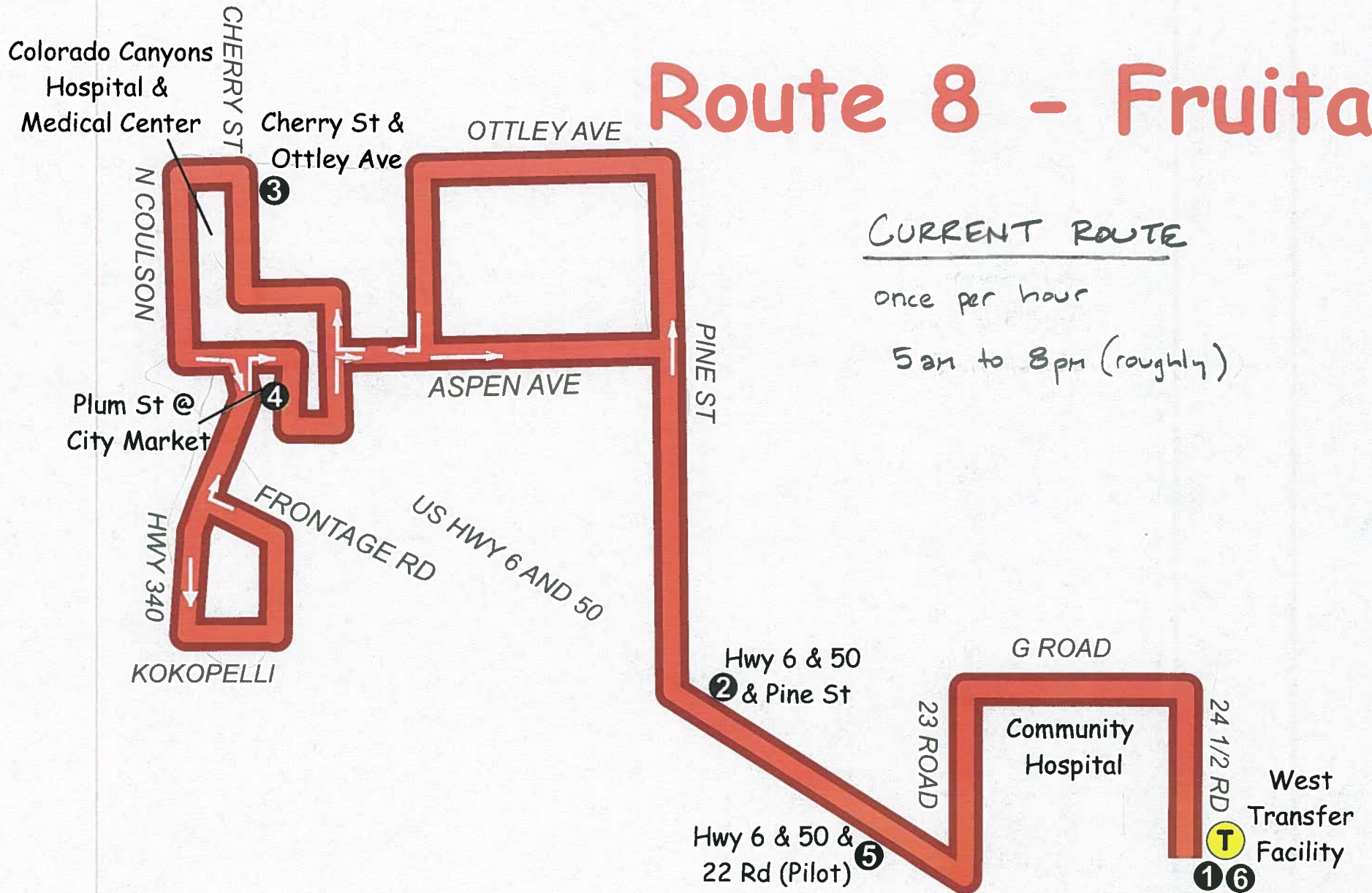
\* denotes "16 in 16" designation (6)

Attached is a portion of the Grand Valley Transit Operations Route and Schedule Analysis Final Report showing two options proposed for the bus route into Fruita. Also attached is a map showing the current bus route.

No changes have been made to the bus route yet.

The full report can be seen on the Grand Valley Transit website at <http://gvt.mesacounty.us>. This website includes a link for providing feedback. Comments and questions also be directed to Dahna Raugh, Fruita City Community Development Director at [draugh@fruita.org](mailto:draugh@fruita.org)

# Route 8 - Fruita

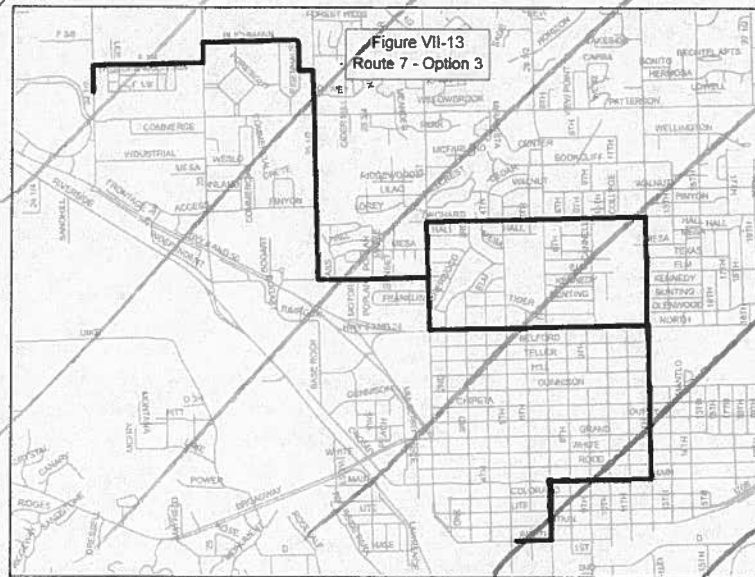


CURRENT ROUTE

once per hour

5am to 8pm (roughly)

- Cost per Passenger: \$2.68
- Passengers per Hour: 19
- Number of Vehicles Required: 1
- Number of Jobs within a ¼ Mile: 11,613
- Percent of Population in Poverty within a ¼ Mile: 21.4%
- Percent of Population with No Vehicles within a ¼ Mile: 11.5%
- Percent of Population with Disabilities within a ¼ Mile: 13.1%



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ENTIRE REPORT AVAILABLE @

www.lscs.com/projects/gvt2015/EVT Draft Report.pdf

## Route 8

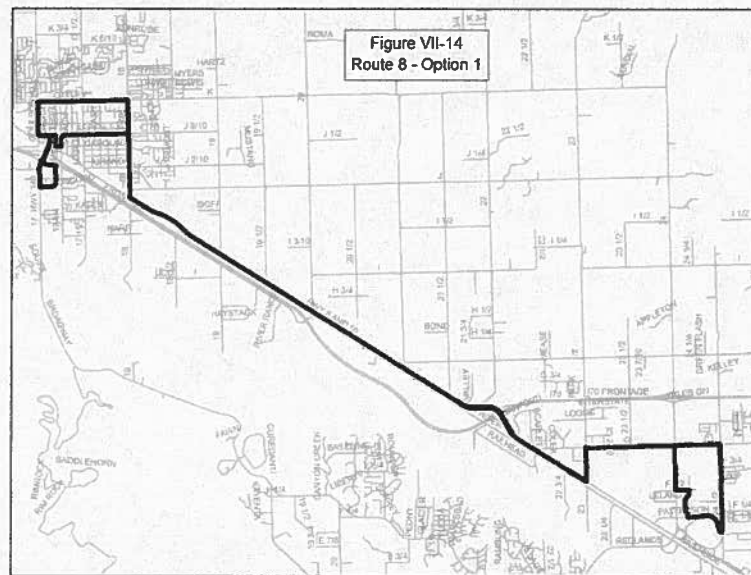
Route 8 runs between the West Transfer Facility and Fruita. There are two options for modifications to Route 8 listed below.

### Option 1

As shown in Figure VII-14, Option 1 for Route 8 maintains a very similar route structure as the status quo system. In Fruita, Option 1 provides a straightened route structure that heads west along K Road on the outbound trip, and then east along Aspen Avenue on the inbound trip. Additionally, the end of the route has been modified to provide access to the stores on Market Street and to the Mesa Mall.

- Annual Operating Cost: \$321,187
- Annual Ridership: 17,141

- Cost per Passenger: \$18.74
- Passengers per Hour: 4
- Number of Vehicles Required: 1
- Number of Jobs within a ¼ Mile: 4,639
- Percent of Population in Poverty within a ¼ Mile: 9.6%
- Percent of Population with No Vehicles within a ¼ Mile: 2.6%
- Percent of Population with Disabilities within a ¼ Mile: 9.5%



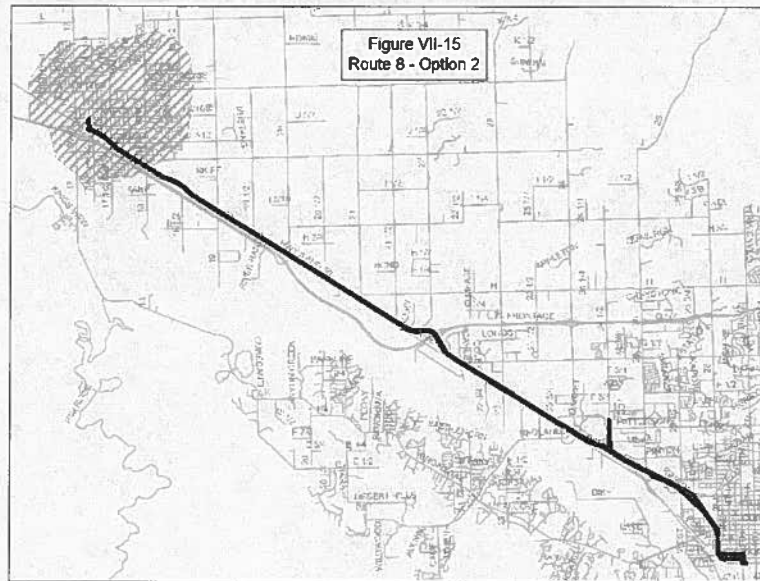
### Option 2

Option 2 for Route 8 is an express route that departs from the Downtown Transfer Facility, has a midpoint stop at the West Transfer Facility, and ends by the City Market in Fruita before reversing and repeating the same route for the inbound trip. Since this option has only one stop in Fruita, a Dial-A-Ride service like the Redlands service would need to be implemented to provide coverage within Fruita and the surrounding area. Option 2 for Route 8 is shown in Figure VII-15.

- Annual Operating Cost: \$518,455
- Annual Ridership: 42,775
- Cost per Passenger: \$12.12
- Passengers per Hour: 5
- Number of Vehicles Required: 2
- Number of Jobs within a ¼ Mile: 4,899



- Percent of Population in Poverty within a ¼ Mile: 16.1%
- Percent of Population with No Vehicles within a ¼ Mile: 4.6%
- Percent of Population with Disabilities within a ¼ Mile: 10.8%



### ~~Route 9~~

~~There is only one option for route modifications for Route 9. This option maintains the existing route structure of Route 9, but runs every 30 minutes rather than every 60 minutes due to high demand and ridership numbers.~~

- Annual Operating Cost: \$496,026
- Annual Ridership: 195,221
- Cost per Passenger: \$2.54
- Passengers per Hour: 21
- Number of Vehicles Required: 2
- Number of Jobs within a ¼ Mile: 10,855
- Percent of Population in Poverty within a ¼ Mile: 23.5%
- Percent of Population with No Vehicles within a ¼ Mile: 9.3%
- Percent of Population with Disabilities within a ¼ Mile: 15.8%