Project profile: Union Avenue Pedestrian, Parking and Streetscape Improvements
Report date: September 24, 2018

Project description and location
Union Avenue exists exclusively within the downtown Pueblo area and parallels Main Street from southwest of the Arkansas River and running northeast to City Center Drive. The Union Avenue Historic Commercial District is a century-old business district with dozens of historically designated structures fronting Union Avenue including retail shops, restaurants, civic buildings and the crossing of HARP. The stated improvements to support pedestrian activity, parking and enhance streetscaping are not defined at this time. A planning study, in partnership with the Main St. improvements, is needed to coordinate improvements with the City’s masterplans for roadway designs in the surrounding areas.

Key partners for project
Lead partner for implementation: City of Pueblo
Current land/property owner: City of Pueblo; public right of way
Long term maintenance/operations: City of Pueblo
Political or jurisdictional approvals: City of Pueblo

Project status
Design stage: study required to determine designs, then full construction documents
Entitlement approvals: required after design effort
Outside funding partner: potential funding from EDA or CDOT through City as lead
Outside funding status: tentative, not yet applied for

Implementation timeline
Planning and design: requires City to hire planning firm for study; 3+ months for study effort
Community outreach: proposed community process during study and design periods
Construction: following study/design, improvements within 12-24 months
Procurement: City procurement processes will be used

Budget and cost information
Total cost estimate: budget of $1M planned
Outside funding amount: none committed, potential after study effort
Funding required from 1A: $1,000,000 – requires final design and bidding
Explanation of costs: study costs, design, and soft and hard costs of construction
Long term maintenance: City of Pueblo
Supporting documents: none

Next steps for project
Political: establish IGA for funding with City, coordinate with City on intent
Legal: draft IGA terms
Design/construction: City should provide timeline and process within IGA