

## For Immediate Release

### TIGER Grant Awards Announced

#### \$20 million request for 29 Road viaduct not granted

**GRAND JUNCTION, CO February 18, 2010** – The City of Grand Junction learned this morning that a local request submitted for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funds was not granted. The grant funds, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation, are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The City of Grand Junction and Mesa County applied jointly for \$20 million to be used for the 29 Road viaduct project.

Grand Junction Mayor Bruce Hill states, “This grant application process was a significant undertaking on the part of many people and we are appreciative of Mesa County’s partnership through it all. While this is disappointing news, this is a high-priority project and we will move forward with it.”

City Manager Laurie Kadrich adds, “The 29 Road project is vital to our economy and to our community. Local contractors can expect a bid to be going out for the work in approximately four weeks.”

The 29 Road and I-70B Interchange is a key component in the transformation of the 29 Road corridor into a major link in the Riverside Parkway transportation network. The joint City and County project will construct a viaduct to extend 29 Road over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and I-70B.

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