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NEWS RELEASE

City begins design work for improvements to county roads 250 and 251

Durango, CO: The city of Durango, with funding support from La Plata County, has issued a contract to Bohannan Huston of Englewood, Colo. to design improvements to county roads 250 and 251. The project will begin on E. 32nd St. (CR 251) just before Holly Avenue and extend to the intersection with County Road 250 (E. Animas Road) and Metz Lane.

"This stretch of roadway is considered a main arterial and experiences some of the higher traffic volumes in Durango," said Owen Tallmadge, project manager. "As a result, the community has considered the benefit of improving it with more urban city street amenities to improve traffic safety, aesthetics and accommodations for pedestrians, cyclists and multimodal traffic."

The proposed design will maintain a single lane of traffic in each direction, while adding bike lanes, a shared-use path adjacent to the road and a center landscaped median. The design includes improved landscaping and installation of streetlights. Pedestrian crossings will also be enhanced, and left turn lanes will be added where appropriate.

The design project is funded by the Durango and La Plata County Joint Sales Tax Fund. The cost is \$139,920 and a construction date has not yet been established. Eventual construction costs will be based on the final design.

To learn more about the project and submit feedback, visit at DurangoGov.org/CR250-251

