

[E4-LOVA Trial Construction from Glenwood Springs to New Castle, \\$*](#)

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Project Description:

The completion of the LOVA trail between Glenwood Springs and New Castle has been identified as a high priority for the communities and much of the preliminary engineering for this project is funded or has been completed. The project has been divided into at least two sections and each section could be further subdivide into multiple phases. The current focus is now on completing the section from the Town of New Castle to Canyon Creek. RFTA has committed 2 million dollars to the construction of the LOVA trail as part of the ITSP plan.

Project Cost Estimate:

Entire Trail- \$15,000,000

RFTA Contribution: \$2,000,000

Special Considerations:

The construction of the LOVA trail faces some difficult design and construction issues which will make this project very expensive to build. The Colorado River valley is very narrow in some sections of the project and most of the buildable terrain is occupied by the Union Pacific Rail Road or I70. The project will also require some land acquisition as well cooperation and construction and maintenance agreements between multiple government organizations and private entities will be necessary. Once completed the operation and maintenance of the trail will need to be considered and responsibility for the trail will need to be assigned to some entity and funding to keep it maintained will need to be allocated.