

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: October 17, 2006
Public Hearing: November 7, 2006

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Christina Valles, 541-4930

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 1

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System as detailed in the Map Atlas of the Plan for El Paso and its related documents as originally approved by the El Paso City Council in 1999, and as subsequently amended, to delete the proposed Camelot Heights Drive, as a minor arterial, between Stanton Street and Mesa Drive. Applicant: SBS Development Company, LLC (District 1)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

See attached report.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) – Approval Recommendation
City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approval Recommendation

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Alan Shubert

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 PROPOSED THOROUGHFARE SYSTEM AS DETAILED IN THE MAP ATLAS OF THE PLAN FOR EL PASO AND ITS RELATED DOCUMENTS AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL IN 1999, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO DELETE THE PROPOSED CAMELOT HEIGHTS DRIVE, AS A MINOR ARTERIAL, BETWEEN STANTON STREET AND MESA DRIVE.

WHEREAS, *The Plan for El Paso* was formally adopted by the City Council on April 27, 1999, pursuant to the provisions of Section 213.002 of the Texas Local Government Code as the Comprehensive Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan serves as a general guide for the future growth and development of the City to promote public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map is contained within The Comprehensive Plan and contemplates all proposed arterials; and

WHEREAS, a well planned transportation system, including any and all proposed arterials, is a key element for improving the quality of life, by balancing neighborhood concerns with provision of access for commerce and mobility for personal travel; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan was based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee following numerous public meetings and working sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Development Coordinating Committee ("DCC") now recommends a change to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map contained within *The Plan for El Paso* to provide the most beneficial relationship between the uses of land and circulation of traffic throughout the City in consideration of current municipal growth patterns; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation of the DCC was submitted to the City Plan Commission for its review, and the City Plan Commission has recommended the adoption of the change to the Year 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map as herein enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of *The Plan for El Paso* and its changes to the thoroughfare alignments as herein enumerated will have no negative impact upon the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System, as detailed in the Map Atlas of *The Plan for El Paso*, is herein amended by:

Deleting the proposed Camelot Heights Drive, a minor arterial between Stanton Street and Mesa Drive as shown in Exhibit "A."

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

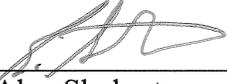
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



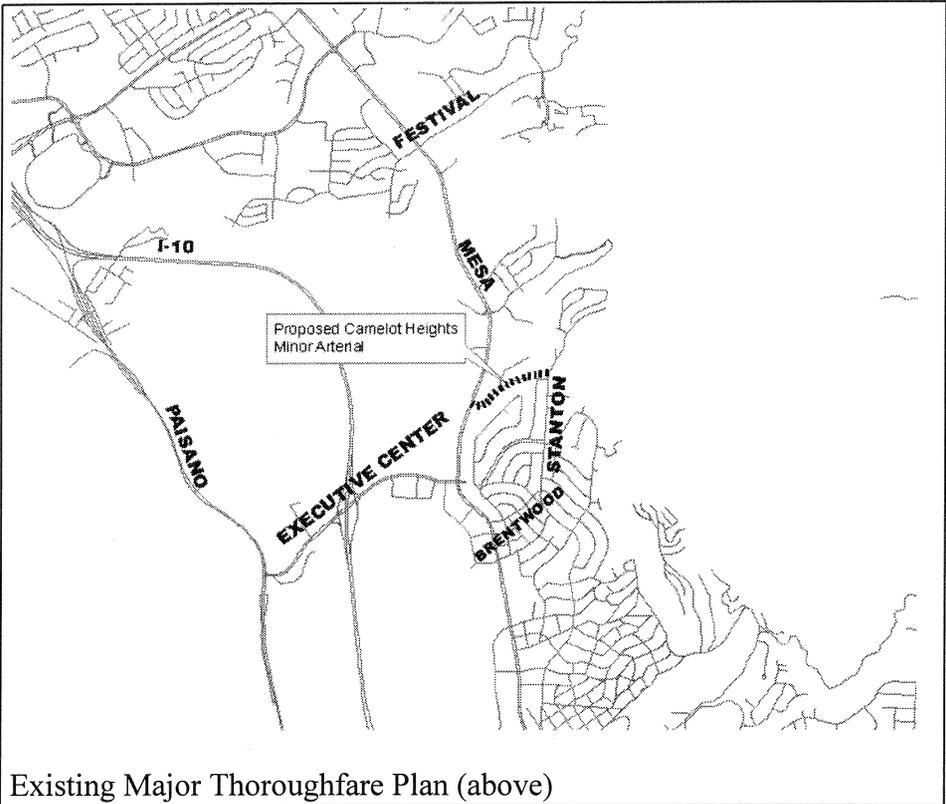
Hillary S. McGinnes
Assistant City Attorney

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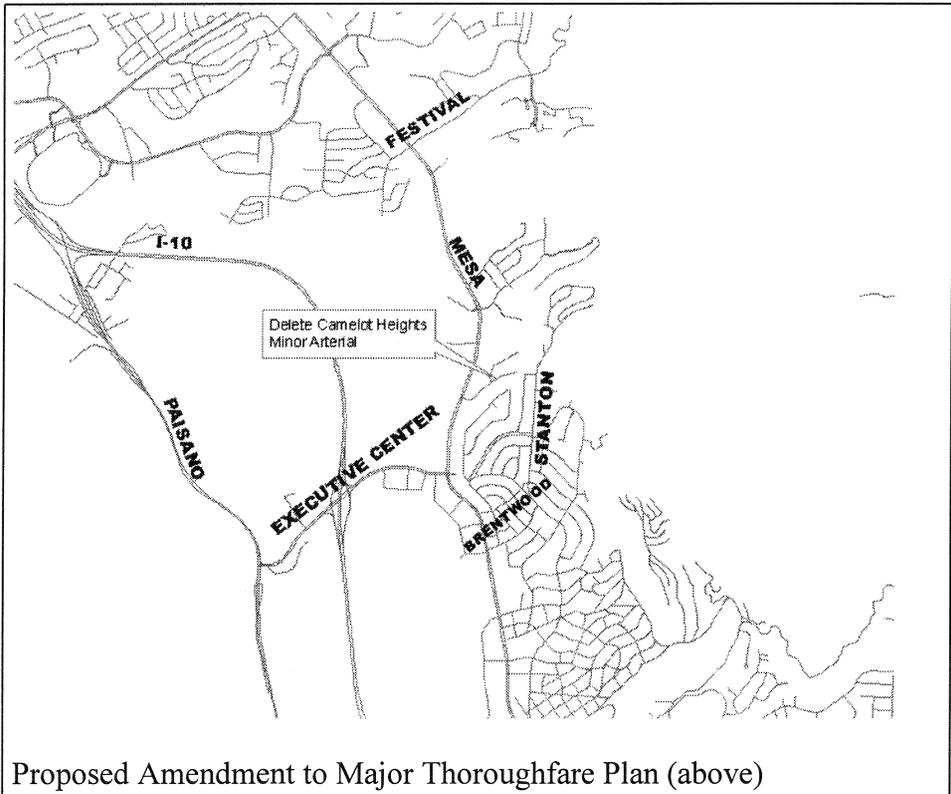


Alan Shubert
Director, Development Services

Exhibit "A"



Existing Major Thoroughfare Plan (above)



Proposed Amendment to Major Thoroughfare Plan (above)

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MAYOR

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CITY MANAGER

ALAN SHUBERT
DIRECTOR



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2006

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager

FROM: Christina Valles, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Proposed Thoroughfare amendment for Camelot Heights Drive

The City Plan Commission (CPC), on September 7, 2006, voted **(5-0)** to recommend approval of the deletion of Camelot Heights Drive as a Minor Arterial from the 2025 Master Thoroughfare Plan.

The CPC determined that this Master Thoroughfare Plan amendment is in conformance with The Plan for El Paso; and the proposed amendment protects the best interest, health, safety and welfare of the public in general.

There was no opposition to this request.

Attachments: CPC Staff Report.

City Plan Commission Backup
Major Thoroughfare Plan Amendments
Camelot Heights Drive between Stanton Street and Mesa Street.

Background:

Camelot Heights Drive is a proposed Minor Arterial indicated on the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) as running eastward from Mesa Street between Brentwood and Castellano to a Stanton Street between Buckingham and Brighton.

Request:

A request was received on behalf of SBS Development Company, LLC., through their representative SLI Engineering to consider deleting the proposed Camelot Heights Drive between Stanton Street and Mesa Street.

Analysis:

The proposed minor arterial would serve as a shortcut to Mesa Street for the residences at the top of that part of Stanton. It would also serve any additional proposed development on the site.

Travel demand models indicate that the potential demand on the proposed Camelot Heights Drive under the current MTP configuration could be as many as 3,000 vehicles per day in the year 2030. This low volume is based on a model reflecting the recent removal of the Stanton Street Extension and the proposed Arterial 1 and tunnel. The terrain is rather steep along the proposed alignment and uphill landowners have encroached onto the right of way of the arterial.

Recommendation: The DCC recommended deleting Camelot Heights Drive from the MTP as a minor arterial on the basis that the volume did not justify a minor arterial. The deletion was conditioned on the landowner retaining a 70 foot wide right of way for a street along the alignment.

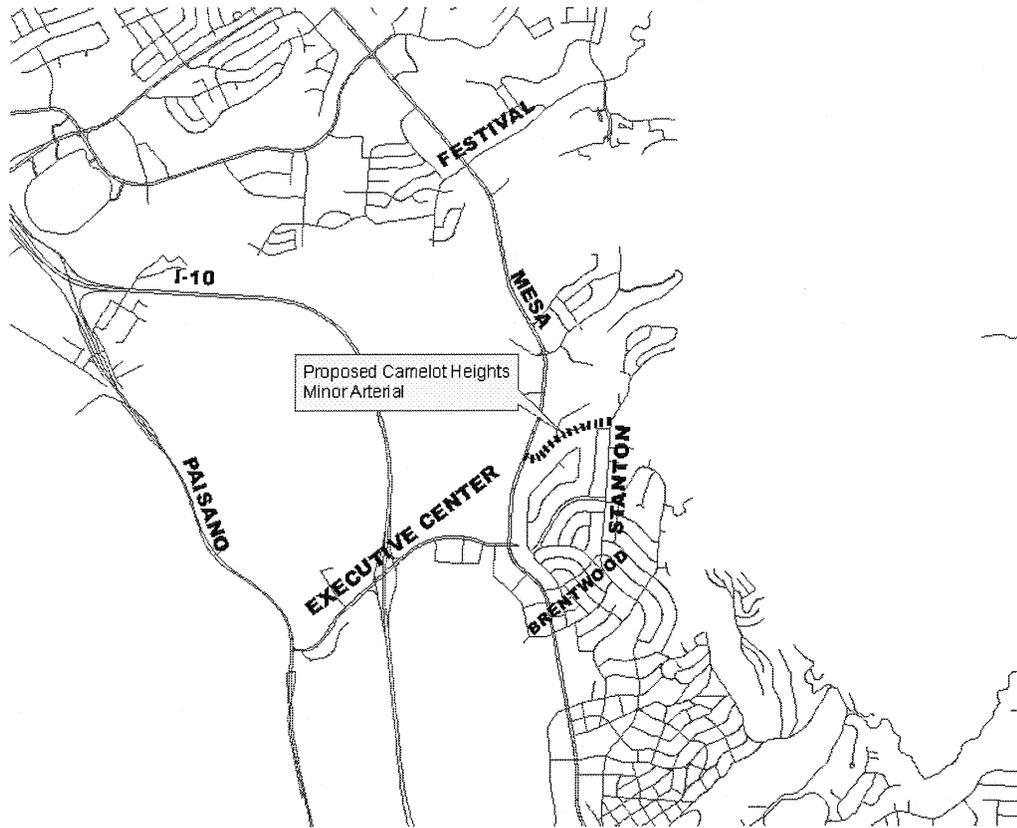


Figure 1 (above): Existing Major Thoroughfare Plan

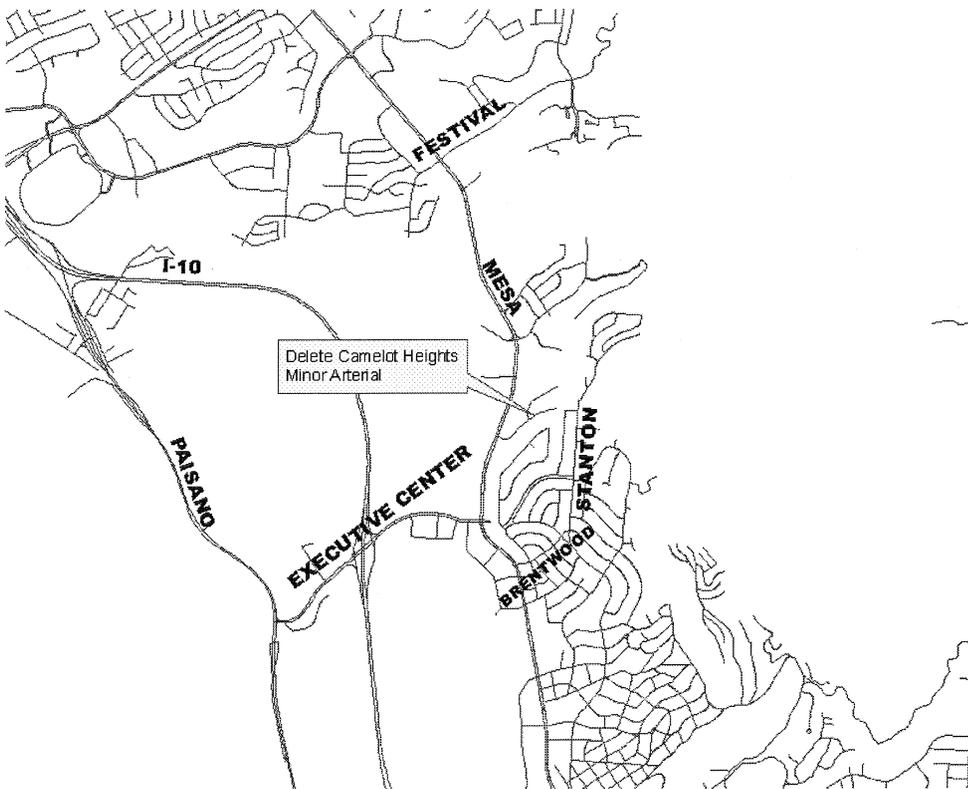


Figure 2 (above): Proposed Amendment to Major Thoroughfare Plan