

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

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Economic Development Department

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: February 21, 2012
Public Hearing: March 6, 2012

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Melissa Granado, (915) 541-4730, granadom@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 6

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 El Paso City Council in 1999, and as subsequently amended, to delete a portion of Independence Drive from Delfina Drive to Elvin Way.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Staff report attached.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) – Unanimous Approval
City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approval recommendation (3-2)

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director-Planning & Economic Development

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 EL PASO CITY COUNCIL IN 1999, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO DELETE A PORTION OF INDEPENDENCE DRIVE FROM DELFINA DRIVE TO ELVIN WAY.

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") has recommended 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 as described below and as more particularly shown in the attached and incorporated Exhibit "A".

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Mission Valley Planning Area

- Delete a portion of Independence Drive from Delfina Drive to Elvin Way.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, **2012.**

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

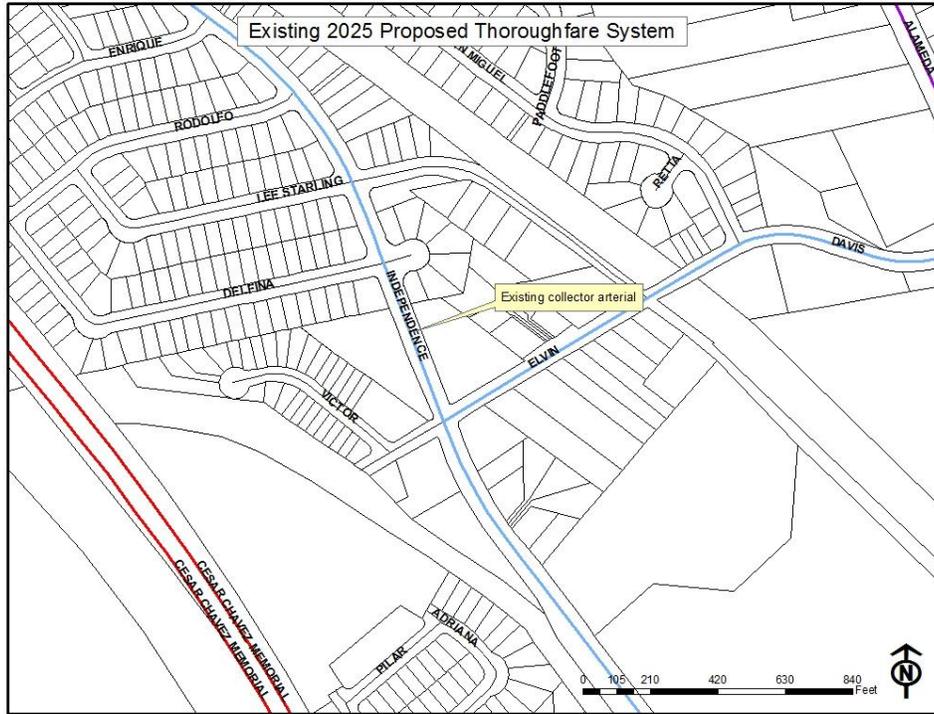
APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director of Planning
Planning & Economic Development Department

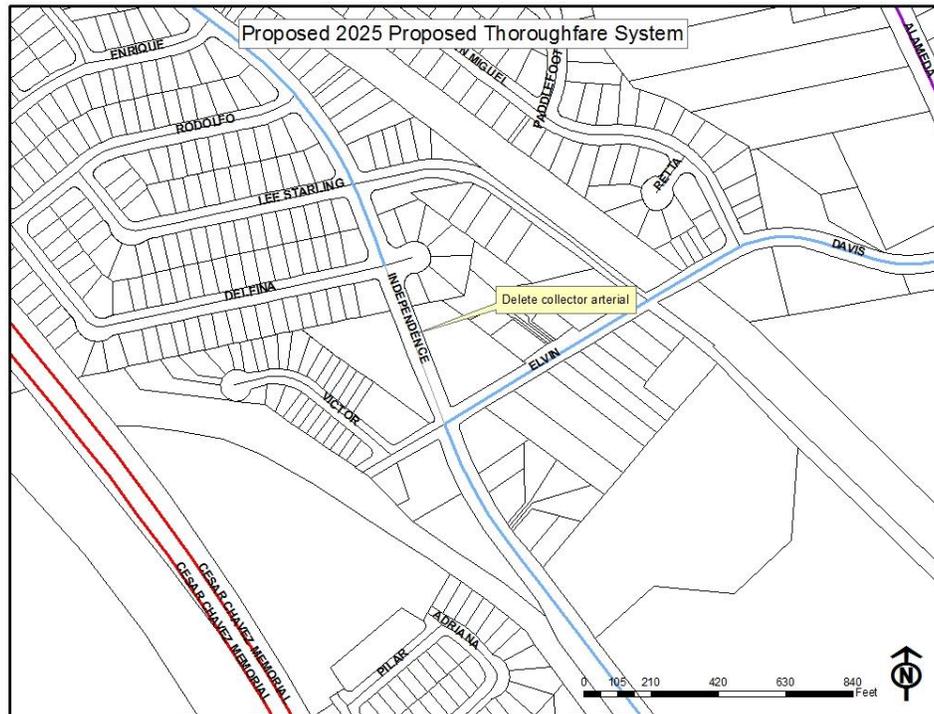
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Exhibit "A"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment



**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2012

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

FROM: Melissa Granado, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare Plan amendment for
Independence Drive.

On February 9, 2012, the City Plan Commission (CPC) voted **3-2** to recommend approval of the request to remove Independence Drive as an existing collector arterial from the Major Thoroughfare Plan.

The applicant is requesting to amend the Major Thoroughfare System Plan by removing an unimproved portion of an existing collector arterial, Independence Drive, from Delfina Drive to Elvin Way.

Staff recommends approval of the request.

Attachment: Staff report



City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Application Type: Amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System
CPC Hearing Date: February 9, 2012
Staff Planner: Melissa Granado, 915-541-4730, granadom@elpasotexas.gov

Location: North of Elvin Way, south of Delfina Drive, and west of Alameda Avenue
Representative District: 6

The Plan for El Paso Designation: Residential

Neighborhood Associations: Save the Valley 21
Representative: Conde, Inc.

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicant is requesting that the City of El Paso review and authorize an amendment to the Major Thoroughfare Plan for the area located north of Elvin Way, south of Delfina Drive, and west of Alameda Avenue. The request is to delete Independence Drive from Delfina Drive to Elvin Way. Independence Drive is identified as an existing collector arterial but is currently unimproved from Delfina Drive to Elvin Way. As per Section 19.09.030.B, a traffic impact study was provided by the applicant.

The Plan for El Paso defines the proposed street type as follows:

Collector Arterial: Collector arterials shall provide access to neighborhood commercial and residential land uses and shall distribute traffic from local streets to arterials. Collector arterial streets shall be designed to permit through traffic and access to multifamily and light commercial uses, as well as direct access to low density residential. The right-of-way width for collector arterial streets shall be 64 feet without bike lanes and 72 feet with bike lanes.

The Plan for El Paso – Transportation Goals:

Meet the current and future mobility needs of residents, businesses, and visitors with a safe, efficient, and multimodal transportation system.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Development Coordinating Committee recommends *approval*.

Department of Transportation:

Although the dedication and improvement of Independence Drive from Elvin Way to its current terminus would provide a more direct connection, the TIA provided for the MTP amendment shows that the existing network functions at an acceptable level of service without the connection. The Department of Transportation does not object to the proposed amendment with

the condition that pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure be provided. Such infrastructure shall remain accessible to the public and connect from Elvin Way to the current terminus of Independence Drive.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):

No comments received.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

No comments received.

Planning & Economic Development Department:

Planning recommends approval of the amendment to the major thoroughfare plan to delete a portion of Independence Drive from Delfina Drive to Elvin Way.

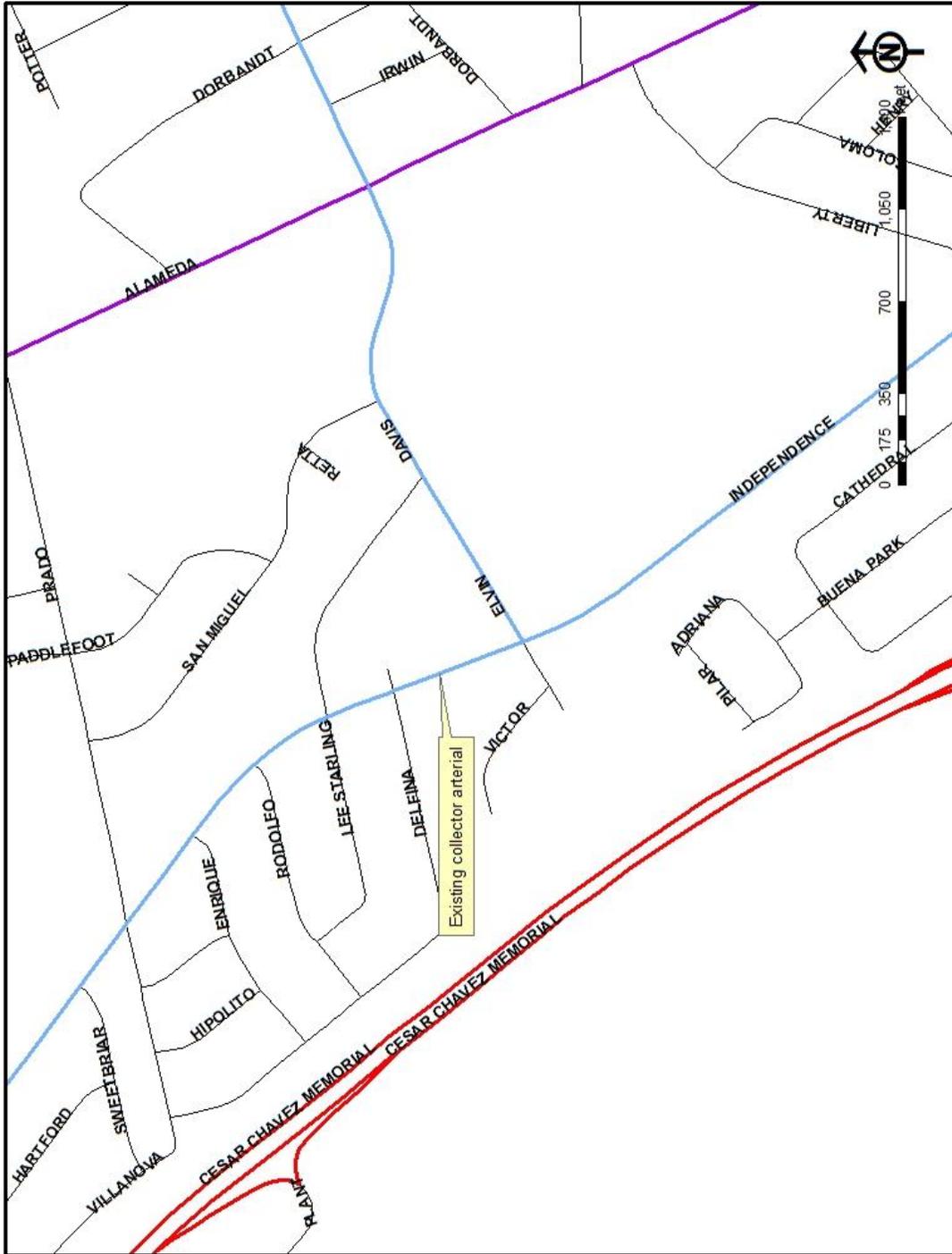
Attachments:

Attachment 1: Location map

Attachment 2: Aerial map

Attachment 3: Amendment request

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Attachment 3: Amendment request

