

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

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Economic Development, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: April 12, 2011
Public Hearing: April 19, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Ernesto Arriola, (915) 541-4723

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: East ETJ

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 realign the proposed extension of Rojas Drive, Peyton Drive, Emerald Pass Avenue and extend a proposed collector known as Nonap road. PLRG11-00004 (East ETJ)
Staff Contact: Ernesto Arriola, (915) 541-4723, arriolaea@elpasotexas.gov.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

See attached report.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) – Unanimous approval recommendation
City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approved (5-0)

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

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

_____ **DATE:** _____

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 REALIGN THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ROJAS DRIVE, PEYTON DRIVE, EMERALD PASS AVENUE AND EXTEND A PROPOSED COLLECTOR KNOWN AS NONAP ROAD.

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 Transportation Group and Development Coordinating Committee have 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 Development Coordinating Committee was upheld by the City Plan Commission, 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".

East ETJ Area

- Realign Emerald Pass Avenue by shifting the proposed minor arterial north.
- Realign Peyton Drive by shifting a section of Peyton Drive, south of the proposed Emerald Pass Avenue, east.
- Realign the proposed extension of Rojas Drive by shifting the proposed minor arterial north.
- Extend the existing proposed collector, currently part of Nonap Road, to continue the connection to Rojas Drive.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

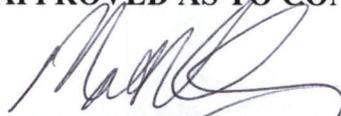
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

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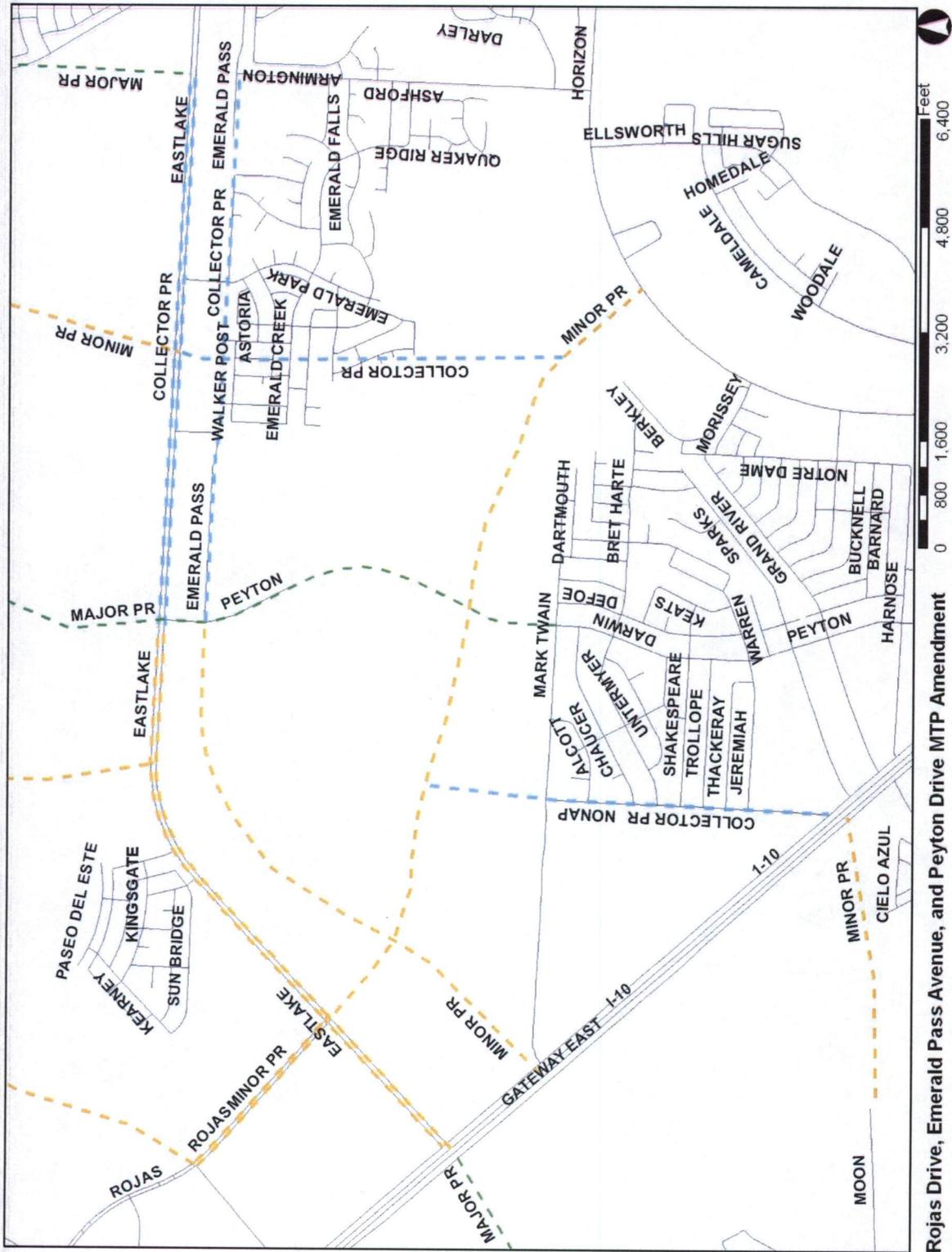
Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mathew McElroy
Deputy Director of Planning
and Economic Development Department

Exhibit "A"
Amended Major Thoroughfare Plan



#62953/PLRG11-00004 - Planning/ORD – MTP – 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare

ORDINANCE NO. _____



PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2011
TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager
FROM: Ernesto Arriola, Planner
SUBJECT: Amendment to the City's 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System

The City Plan Commission (CPC) on March 24, 2011 **recommended to approve 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 realign Rojas Drive, Peyton Drive and Emerald Pass Avenue.**

The CPC determined that the proposed amendments protects the best interest, health, safety and welfare of the public in general; and will have no negative effect on the natural environment, social economic conditions, and property values in the vicinity and the city as a whole.

There has been **no opposition** to this request.

Attachments: Staff Report



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City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Case No: PLRG11-00004
Application Type: Amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System
CPC Hearing Date: March 24, 2011
Staff Planner: Ernesto Arriola, 915-541-4723, arriolaea@elpasotexas.gov

Location: East of Interstate Highway 10, south of Eastlake Boulevard, north of Horizon Boulevard, and west of Ashford Street
Representative District: East ETJ

The Plan for El Paso
Designation: Parks and Open Space (POS), Residential Unspecified Density (RU), Light Industrial (LI), Commercial (C)
Neighborhood
Associations: None
Representative: CEA Group

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicant is requesting that the City of El Paso review and authorize an amendment to the Major Thoroughfare Plan for the East ETJ area located east of Interstate Highway 10, south of Eastlake Boulevard, north of Horizon Boulevard, and west of Ashford Street.

A proposed minor arterial on the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) has been requested to be realigned with an avenue known as Emerald Pass Avenue. Portions of Emerald Pass Avenue are identified by Emerald Park Unit 1 subdivision, with a 64' right of way (ROW), and Peyton Estates Unit 1 subdivision, with a 60' ROW.

A proposed major arterial on the MTP, which connects to Peyton Drive, has been proposed to be realigned to continue alignment with the extension of Peyton Drive. Peyton Drive is identified by Peyton Estates Unit 1 subdivision. Peyton Drive was platted as a 110' ROW.

A proposed minor arterial on the MTP, which connects to Rojas Drive, has been proposed to be realigned to continue alignment with the extension of Rojas Drive. Rojas Drive is identified by Americas Ten Subdivision with 120' ROW.

A proposed collector arterial on the MTP, which connects to Nonap Road, has been proposed to be extended to continue the connection with the proposed major arterial on the MTP currently referred to as Rojas Drive extension.

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

Major Arterial: Major arterials shall provide access to commercial and some residential land uses. Major arterials shall be designed to permit through traffic and access to multifamily and light commercial uses and shall move traffic within a community. No direct access to low density residential shall be allowed. The total right-of-way width for major arterials shall be 110

feet without bike lanes and 120 feet with bike lanes.

Minor Arterial: Minor arterials shall be designed to permit through traffic and access to multifamily and light commercial uses and shall move traffic from one neighborhood to another. No direct access to low density residential shall be allowed.

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:

No objections to the proposed amendment to the Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):

No objections were submitted.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

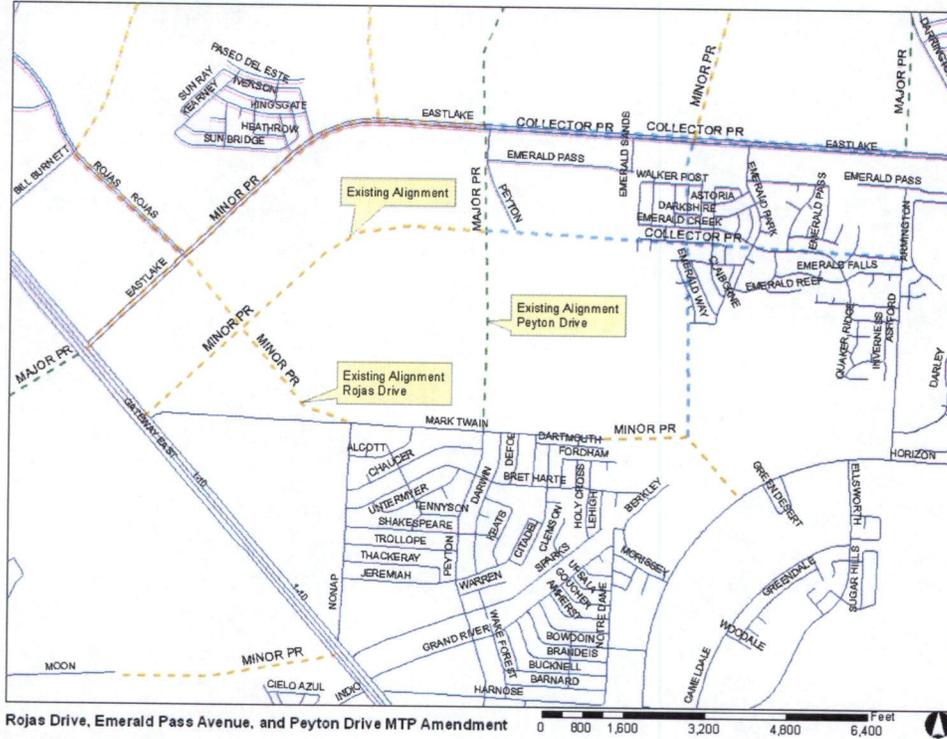
MPO is not opposed to this change in the City's MTP.

Planning & Economic Development Department:

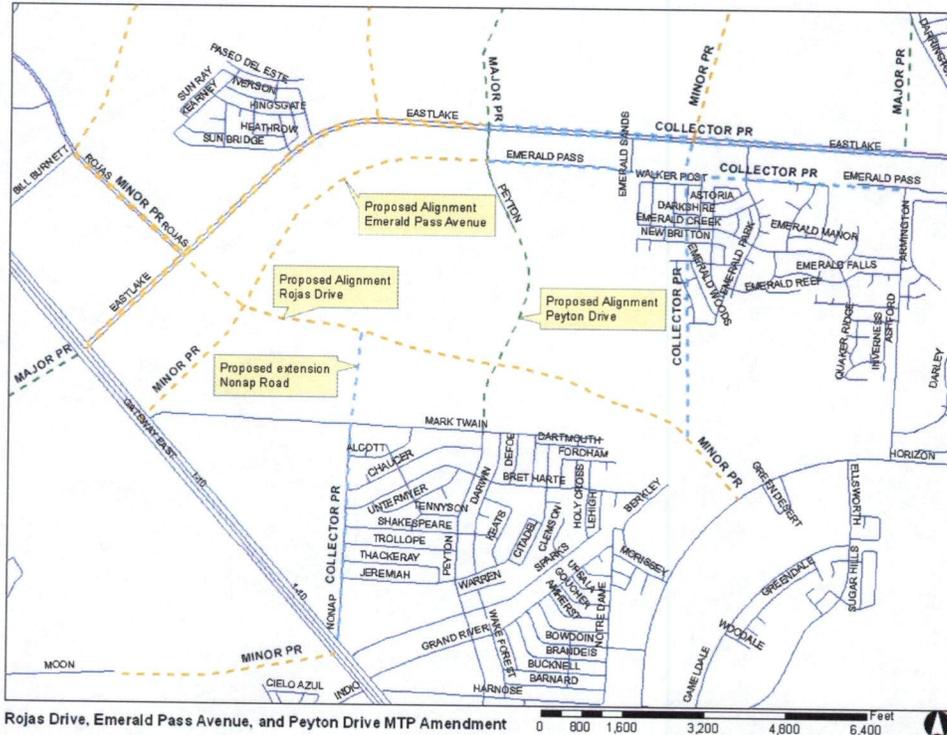
Recommends approval of the request to realign the proposed major arterial for the proposed extension of Emerald Pass Avenue, realign the proposed major arterial for the proposed extension of Peyton Drive, realign the proposed major arterial for the proposed extension of Rojas Drive, and extend the proposed collector arterial from Road to the proposed extension of Rojas Drive.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Location map
- Attachment 2: Existing MTP map
- Attachment 3: Proposed MTP map
- Attachment 4: Proposed Ordinance



Attachment 3: Proposed MTP map



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