

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

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: May 18, 2010
Public Hearing: May 25, 2010

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Melissa Granado, (915) 541-4029, granadom@elpasotexas.gov

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 El Paso City Council in 1999, and as subsequently amended, to delete the proposed Stanton Street, as a minor arterial, north of the existing terminus located north of Excalibur Drive. Applicant: Brock & Bustillos, Inc. **(District 1)**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

N/A

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) – Approval Recommendation (4-0)

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____



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 THE EXTENSION OF STANTON STREET AS A MINOR ARTERIAL NORTH OF THE EXISTING TERMINUS LOCATED NORTH OF EXCALIBUR 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 contain 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 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".

**Northwest Planning Area.
Representative District 1**

Delete the extension of Stanton Street as a minor arterial north of the existing terminus north of Excalibur Drive

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

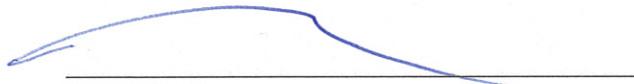
THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

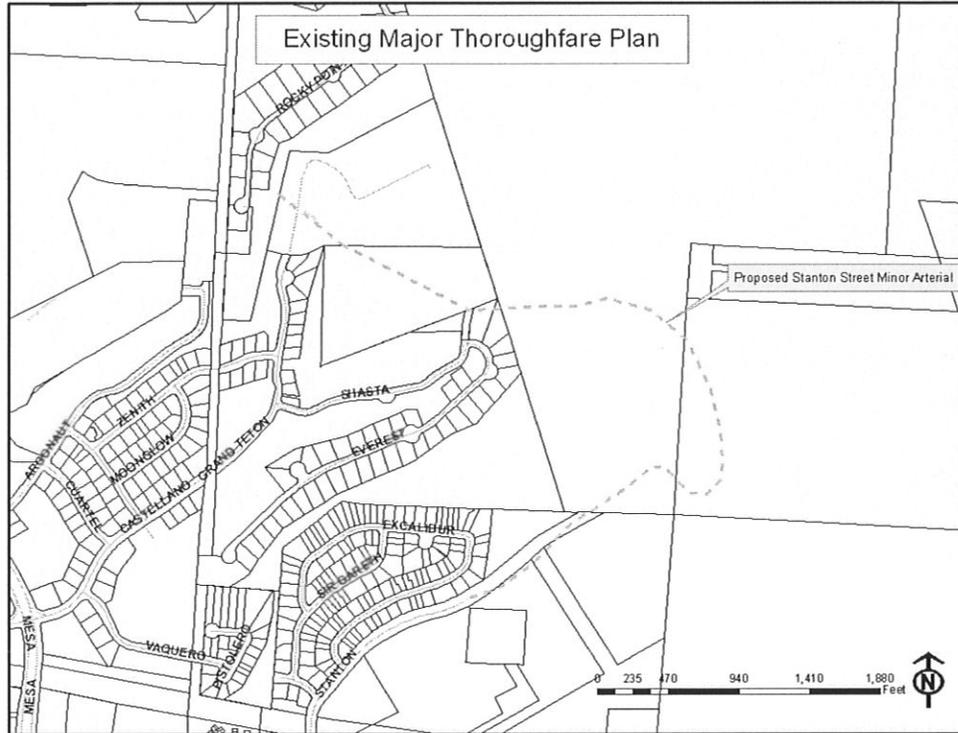
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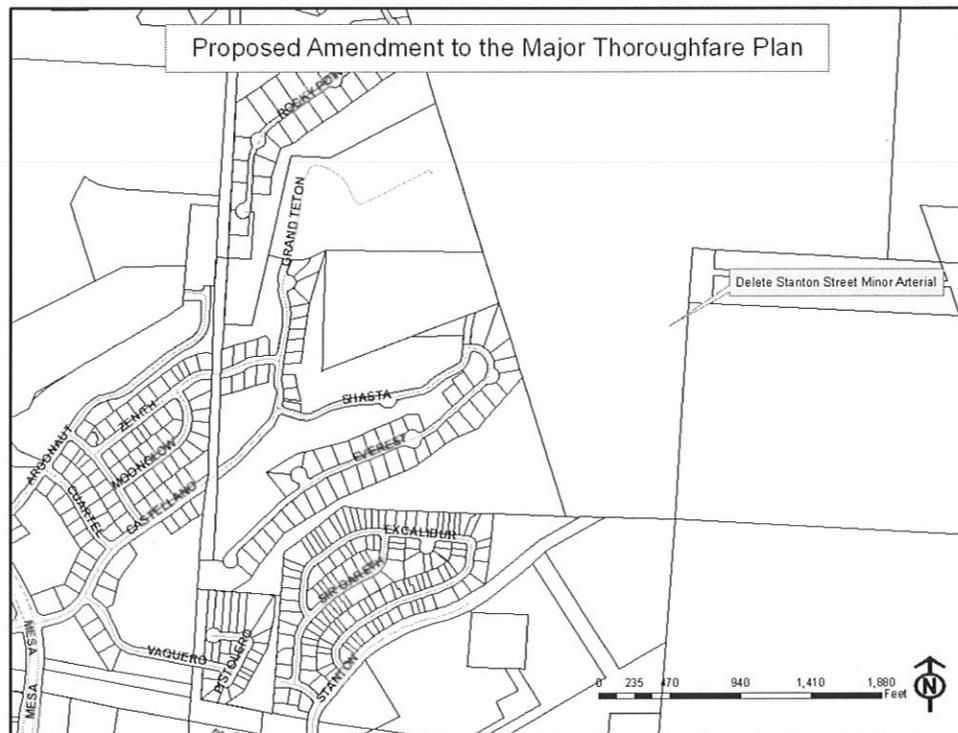
Mathew McElroy
Planning Deputy Director of
Development Services Department

Exhibit "A"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2010

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

FROM: Melissa Granado, Planner

SUBJECT: Proposed Thoroughfare amendment for Stanton Street

The City Plan Commission (CPC), on April 22, 2010, voted **4-0** to recommend **APPROVAL** of the deletion of Stanton Street as a Minor Arterial from the 2025 Master Thoroughfare Plan.

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

There was **NO OPPOSITION** to this 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: April 22, 2010
Staff Planner: Melissa Granado, 915-541-4730, granadom@elpasotexas.gov

Location: Stanton Street north of Excalibur Drive
Rep District: 1
Present Zoning: PMD (Planned Mountain Development District)
Present Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Residential, Open Space
Representative: Brock & Bustillos, Inc.

**The Plan for El Paso
Designation:** N/A

**Neighborhood
Associations:** Save the Valley, Coronado Neighborhood Association, Upper Valley Improvement Association, Mountain Arroyos Neighborhood Association, Mission Hills Association

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicant is requesting that the City of El Paso review and authorize the deletion of a proposed extension of Stanton Street located north of Excalibur Drive. This portion of Stanton Street is designated as a proposed Minor Arterial and is currently not built out. Previous amendments to the 2025 Projected Thoroughfare Plan include the deletion of Stanton Street from the intersection of Arterial 1 north to Coral Sky Lane and Arterial 1 from Mesa Street east to Alabama Street.

The current traffic count for the 4000 block of Stanton Street (at Canterbury) is 2,907 vehicle trips per day. Projected traffic flows for the proposed extension of Stanton Street in question are as follows:

Year 2015: 9,424
Year 2025: 9,580
Year 2035: 10,996

These numbers are based on the connectivity to Arterial 1 and the portion of Stanton Street from the intersection of Arterial 1 north to Coral Sky Lane. These connections were deleted from the MTP in 2005, Ordinance 16237.

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.

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

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.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Development Coordinating Committee provides the following comments:
No objections to this request.

Engineering Department – Traffic Division:

Previous MTP amendments in 2005 to delete Stanton, south of Coral Sky and Arterial 1, east of Mesa, eliminated the possibility for connectivity in this area. Additionally, San Clemente Unit 2 subdivision was approved in 2007 that blocked the proposed extension of Stanton.

Traffic has no objection to this request.

Street Department

Street Department has no objections to deleting Stanton St. from the MTP.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

No adverse comment to the classification change of Stanton Street in the major thoroughfare plan.

The El Paso MPO's position on transportation and land use compatibility, connectivity, sustainability, and overall quality of life is demonstrated, staff's recommendation is for *approval*.

Texas Parks and Wildlife

An extension of Stanton Street would not be necessary to provide public access to the park. Texas Parks & Wildlife has planned for public access to the southwestern unit of FMSP from the present terminus of N. Stanton Street at Canterbury. This trailhead would allow for pedestrian or mountain bike access to the Thousand Steps Trail. Further south, we have had very preliminary discussions with EPWU concerning future access to FMSP from Robinson Road through the Palisades Canyon property. Again, this would serve pedestrian and non-motorized vehicle users.

Development Services Department – Planning Division

Planning Division recommends approval.

Attachments:

Exhibit "A"

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