

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

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Economic Development, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: June 14, 2011
Public Hearing: June 21, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Todd Taylor, (915) 541-4114

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 add Plexxar as a north-south Collector Arterial with Bike Lanes, connecting the extensions of La Mesa Avenue and Hoover Avenue, across Trans Mountain Road, east of Resler Drive and west of the extension of Paseo del Norte Road. PLRG11-00012 (District 1)
Staff Contact: Todd Taylor, (915) 541-4114, taylortc@elpasotexas.gov

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

See attached report.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 29, 2011, the City Council voted to direct the City Manager to add Plexxar to the Master Thoroughfare Plan as part of its discussion and action on the proposed West Transmountain Loop 375 project by the Texas Department of Transportation.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) – Unanimous **Approval** recommendation
Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) – **Denial** recommendation (4-0)
City Plan Commission (CPC) – **Approval** recommendation (6-0)

*****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 THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL IN 1999, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO ADD PLEXXAR AS A NORTH-SOUTH COLLECTOR ARTERIAL WITH BIKE LANES, CONNECTING THE EXTENSIONS OF LA MESA AVENUE AND HOOVER AVENUE, ACROSS TRANS MOUNTAIN ROAD, EAST OF RESLER DRIVE AND WEST OF THE EXTENSION OF PASEO DEL NORTE 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 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".

Northwest Planning Area

- Add Plexxar Road as a collector arterial with bike lanes, connecting the extensions of La Mesa Avenue and Hoover Avenue, across Trans Mountain Road, east of Resler Drive and west of the extension of Paseo del Norte Road.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, **2011.**

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

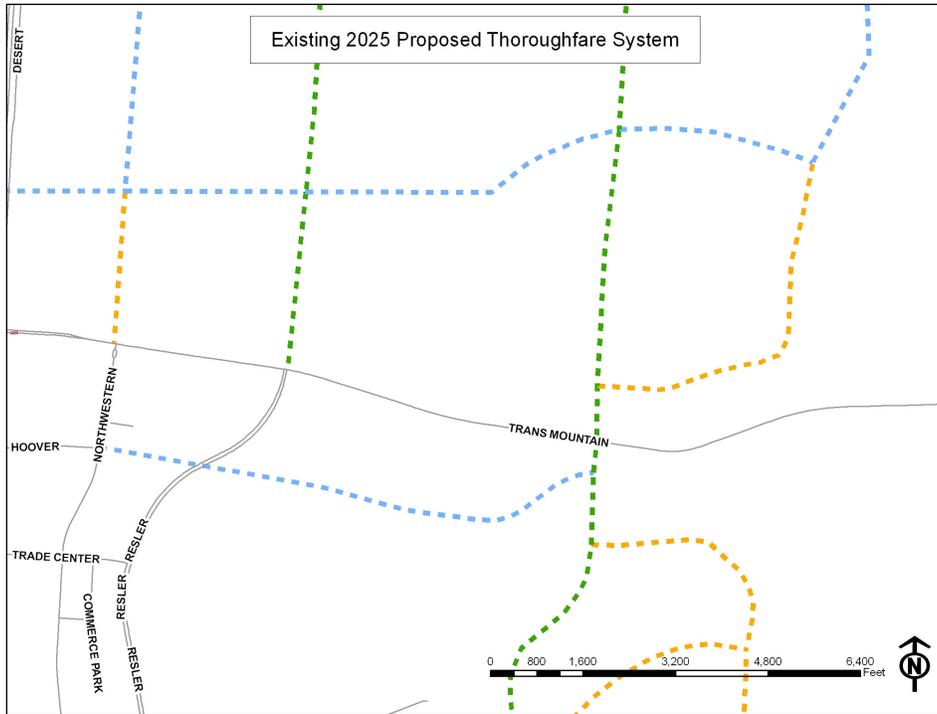
Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

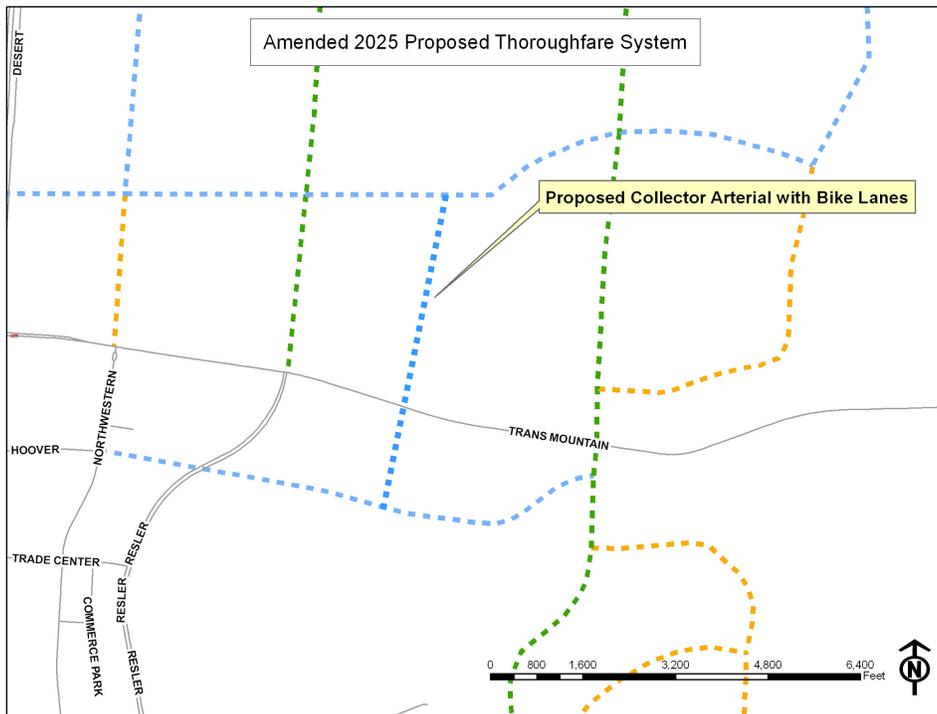
Mathew McElroy
Deputy Director of Planning
Planning & Economic Development Department

Exhibit "A"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment





PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2011

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

FROM: Todd Taylor, Planner

SUBJECT: **Amendment to the City's 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System**

The City Plan Commission (CPC), on June 2, 2011, voted to recommend **APPROVAL** of an ordinance amending the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System, to add Plexxar as a north-south collector arterial with bike lanes, connecting the extensions of La Mesa Avenue and Hoover Avenue, across Trans Mountain Road, east of Resler Drive and west of the extension of Paseo del Norte Road.

The CPC found that this Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) 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.

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB), on May 25, 2011, voted to recommend **DENIAL** of the amendment unless Paseo del Norte is removed from the MTP.

There has been no opposition to this amendment received from the public.

Attachments: Staff Report



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City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Application Type: Amendment to the 2025 Major Thoroughfare Plan
CPC Hearing Date: June 2, 2011
Staff Planner: Todd Taylor, 915-541-4114, TaylorTC@elpasotexas.gov

Location: East of Resler Drive, crossing Trans Mountain Road
Representative District: 1

The Plan for El Paso
Designation: Mixed Use

Neighborhood
Associations: Save the Valley, Coronado Neighborhood Association, Upper Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association, Upper Valley Improvement Association
Representative: City-initiated

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The City Council on March 29, 2011 directed the City Manager to add Plexxar to the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP). The city-initiated request for a Major Thoroughfare Plan amendment would add Plexxar as a north-south collector arterial with bike lanes, connecting the extensions of La Mesa Avenue and Hoover Avenue, across Trans Mountain Road, east of Resler Drive and west of the extension of Paseo del Norte Road.

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 (DCC):

The Development Coordinating Committee recommends *approval*.

Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB):

The Open Space Advisory Board recommends *denial* unless Paseo del Norte is removed from the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Department of Transportation:

The Department of Transportation recommends that Plexxar be designated on the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan as a collector arterial with bike lanes.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):

TXDOT is not opposed to this change in the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

MPO is not opposed to this change in the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Planning & Economic Development Department:

Recommends approval to amend the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan to add Plexxar as a north-south collector arterial with bike lanes.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Location map

Attachment 2: Aerial map

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