

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

DEPARTMENT: El Paso Department of Transportation

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: June 25, 2013
Public Hearing: July 2, 2013

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Kevin Smith, (915) 346-1787

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 2 and 8

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System, as incorporated into Plan El Paso, to delete a portion of Van Buren Avenue from Alabama Street to Dyer Street currently designated as a minor arterial and collector arterial, to delete a portion of Monroe Avenue from Alabama Street to Dyer Street currently designated as a minor arterial and collector arterial, to delete a portion of Raynor Street from Van Buren Avenue to Pierce Avenue currently designated as a collector arterial, to add River Bend Drive as a collector arterial from Frontera Road to Sunset Drive, to delete a portion of Mills Avenue from Oregon Street to San Francisco Street currently designated as a minor arterial and to delete a portion of El Paso Street from San Francisco Street to the northerly intersection with San Antonio Avenue currently designated as a minor arterial. **(Districts 2 and 8)**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City of El Paso is requesting an amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System in order to reclassify a portion of Van Buren Avenue, Monroe Avenue, and Raynor Street in conjunction with the reconstruction and 2-way conversion of Van Buren Avenue and Monroe Avenue.

The City of El Paso is requesting an amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System in order to reclassify River Bend Drive in order to accommodate proposed multi-modal improvements to the roadway.

The City of El Paso is requesting an amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System in order to reclassify a portion of Mills Avenue and El Paso Street to allow for a downtown pedestrian plaza.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 11, 2008, City Council directed staff to initiate vacation of vehicular interest for a portion of Mills Avenue. City Council subsequently approved the vacation request on May 27, 2008.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Transportation Technical Committee – Pending Recommendation
City Plan Commission (CPC) – Pending Recommendation

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A _____

FINANCE: (if required) N/A _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager
Transportation and Public Works

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 PROPOSED THOROUGHFARE SYSTEM, AS INCORPORATED INTO PLAN EL PASO, TO DELETE A PORTION OF VAN BUREN AVENUE FROM ALABAMA STREET TO DYER STREET CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS A MINOR ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR ARTERIAL, TO DELETE A PORTION OF MONROE AVENUE FROM ALABAMA STREET TO DYER STREET CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS A MINOR ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR ARTERIAL, TO DELETE A PORTION OF RAYNOR STREET FROM VAN BUREN AVENUE TO PIERCE AVENUE CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS A COLLECTOR ARTERIAL, TO ADD RIVER BEND DRIVE AS A COLLECTOR ARTERIAL FROM FRONTERA ROAD TO SUNSET DRIVE, TO DELETE A PORTION OF MILLS AVENUE FROM OREGON STREET TO SAN FRANCISCO STREET CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS A MINOR ARTERIAL AND TO DELETE A PORTION OF EL PASO STREET FROM SAN FRANCISCO STREET TO THE NORTHERLY INTERSECTION WITH SAN ANTONIO AVENUE CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS A MINOR ARTERIAL.

WHEREAS, *Plan El Paso* was formally adopted by the City Council on March 6, 2012, 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 City's 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 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map as herein enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of *Plan 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 incorporated in *Plan El Paso*, is herein amended as described below and as more particularly shown in the attached and incorporated Exhibits “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, and “F”.

That the following changes shall be made to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System, as incorporated in *Plan El Paso*:

- Delete a portion of Van Buren Avenue from Alabama Street to Dyer Street currently designated as a minor arterial and collector arterial;
- Delete a portion of Monroe Avenue from Alabama Street to Dyer Street currently designated as a minor arterial and collector arterial;
- Delete a portion of Raynor Street from Van Buren Avenue to Pierce Avenue currently designated as a collector arterial;
- Add River Bend Drive as a collector arterial from Frontera Road to Sunset Drive;
- Delete a portion of Mills Avenue from Oregon Street to San Francisco Street currently designated as a Minor Arterial;
- Delete a portion of El Paso Street from San Francisco Street to the northerly intersection with San Antonio Avenue currently designated as a Minor Arterial;

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, **2013.**

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

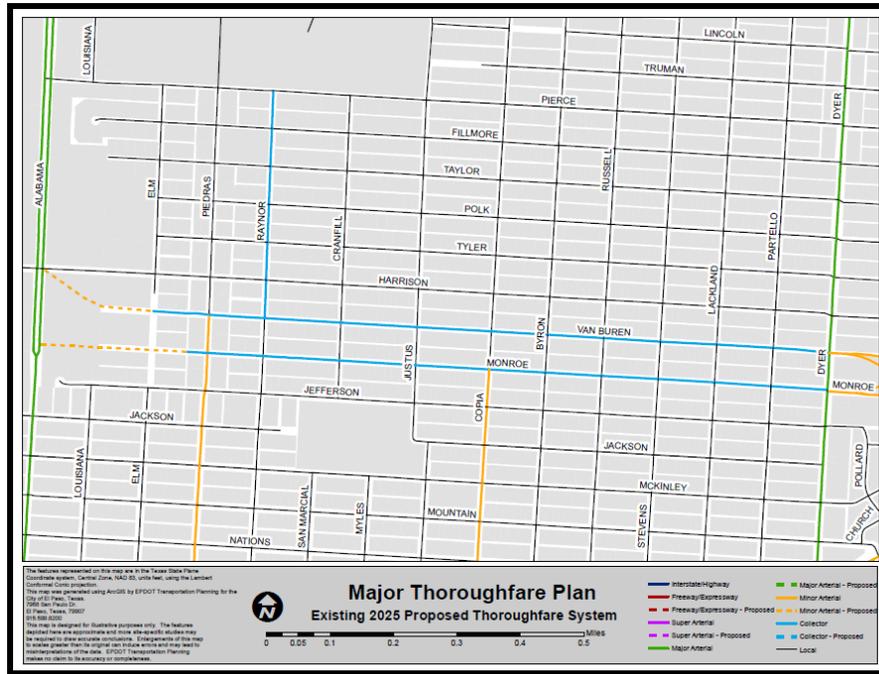
Karla Nieman
Assistant City Attorney

Jane Shang
Deputy City Manager
Transportation & Public Works

Fred Lopez
Transportation Planning Administrator

Exhibit "B"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment

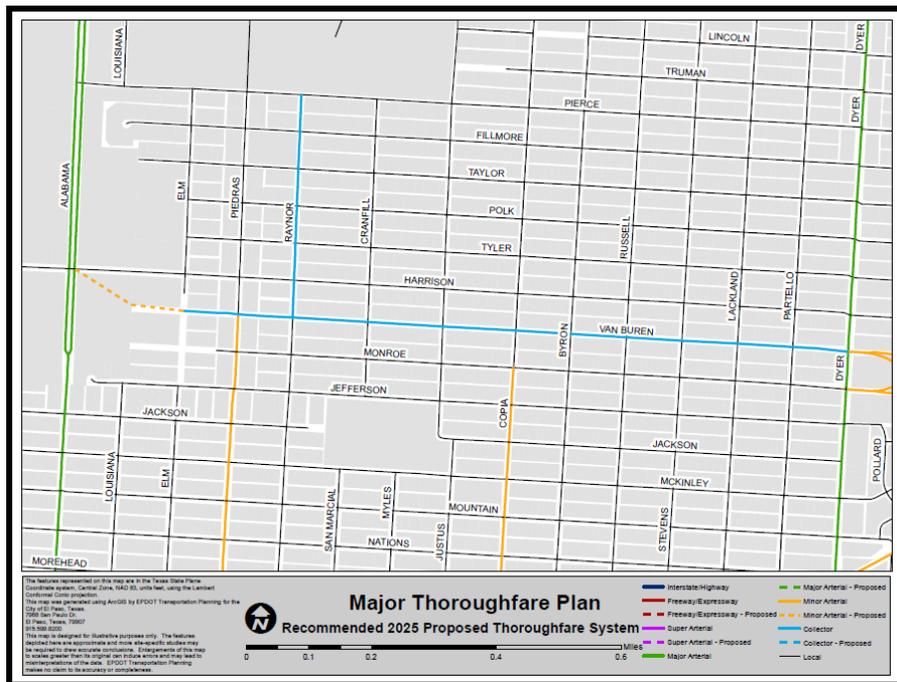
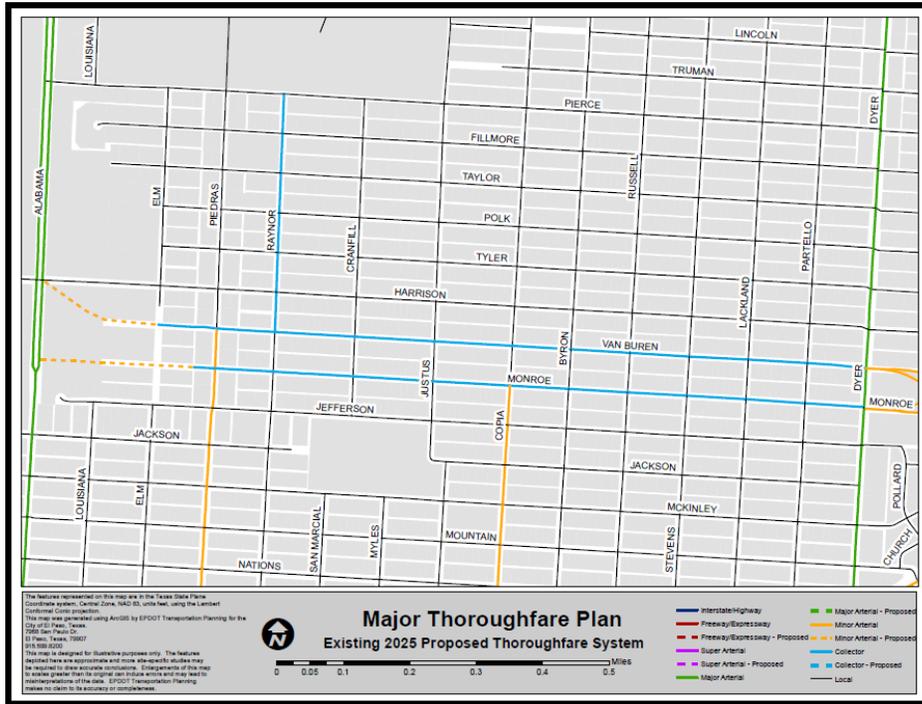


Exhibit "C"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment

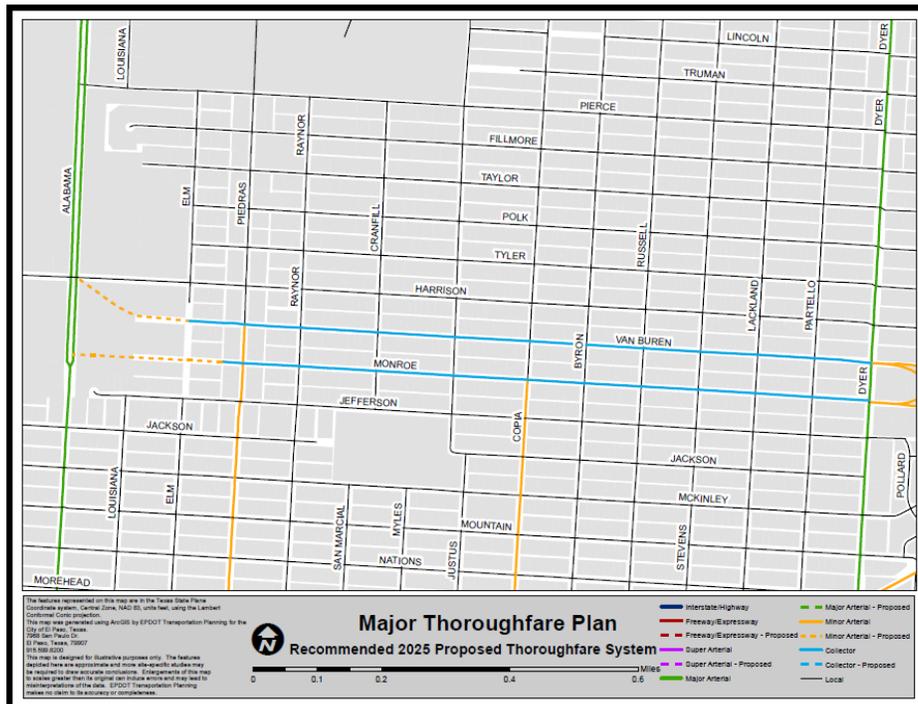
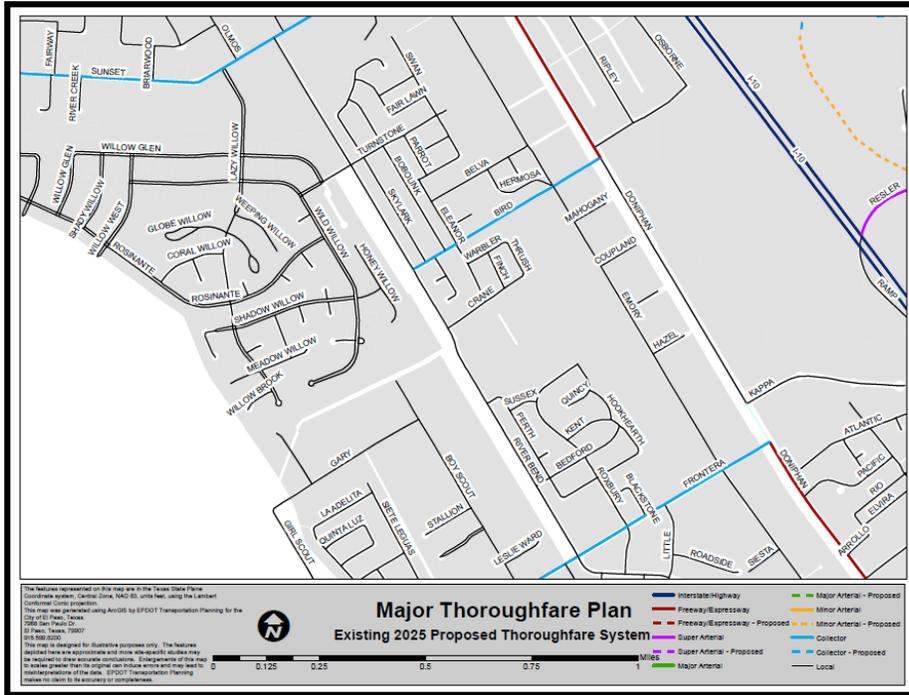


Exhibit "D"

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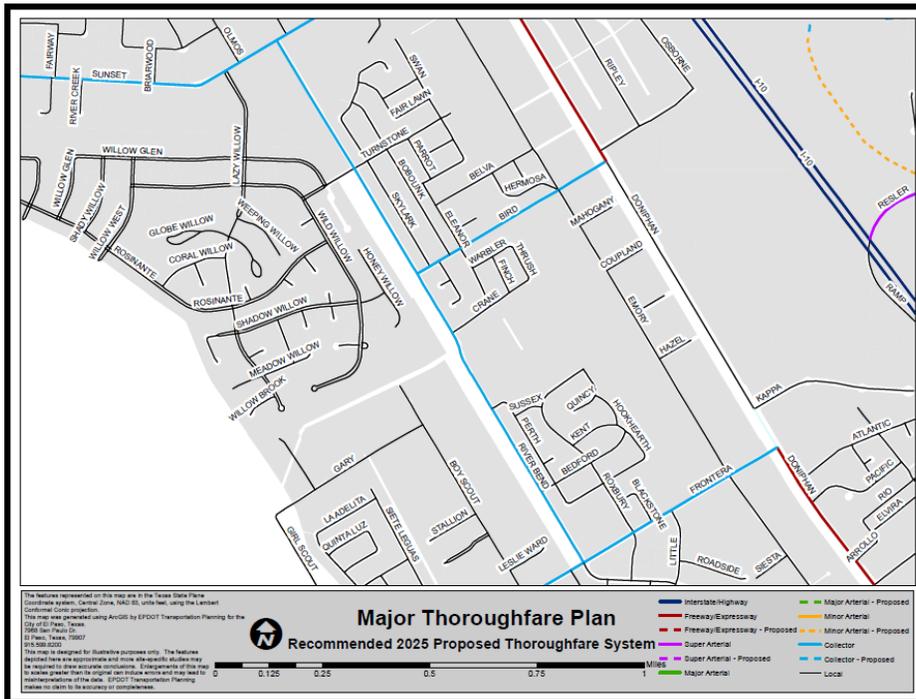
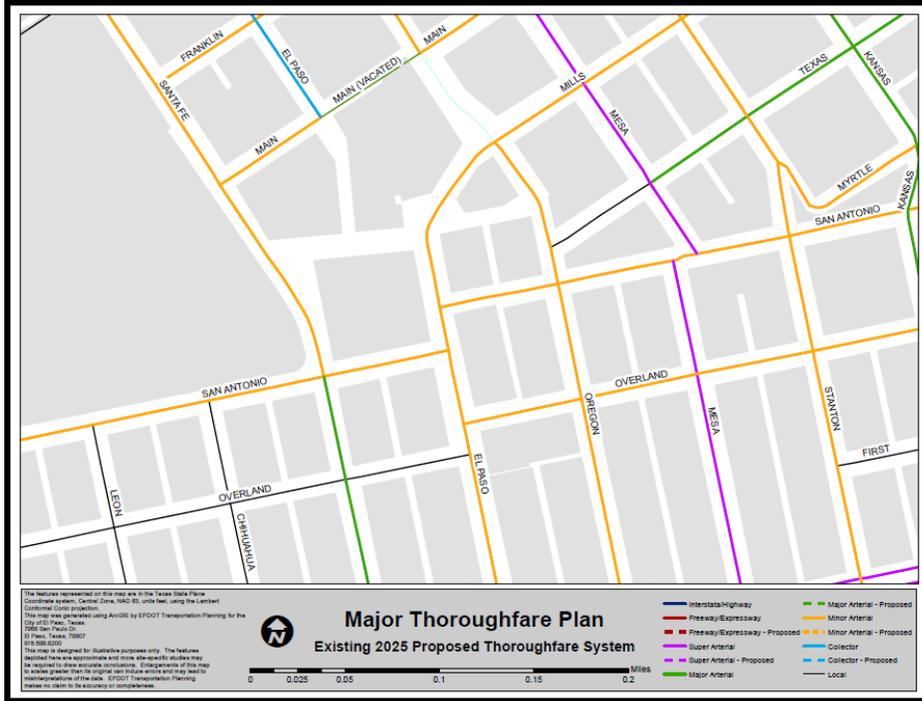


Exhibit "E"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment

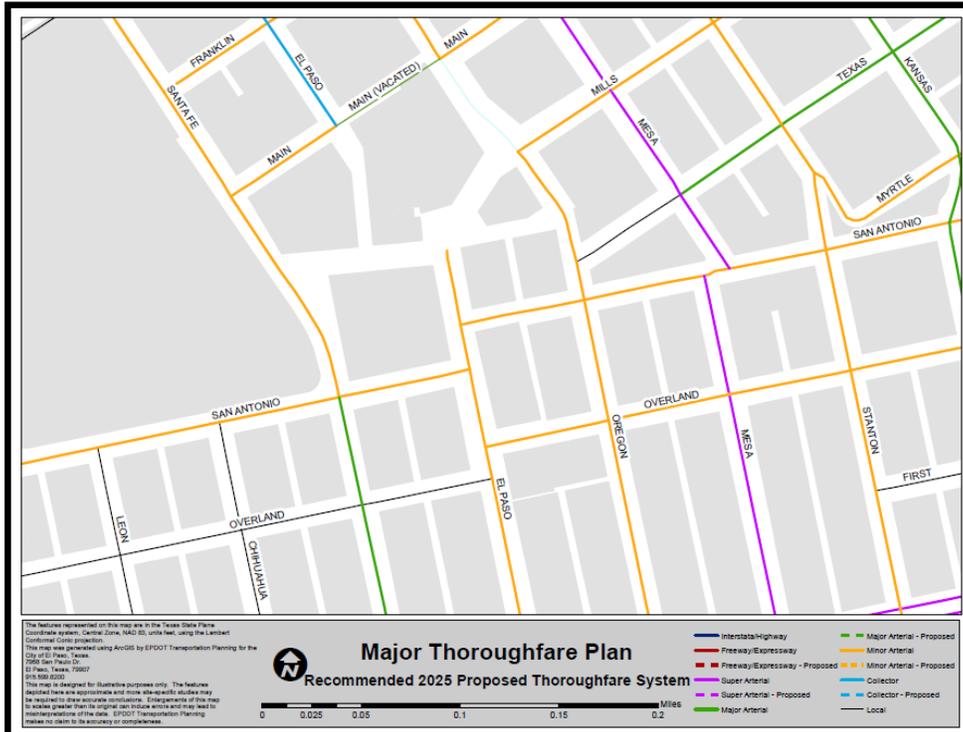
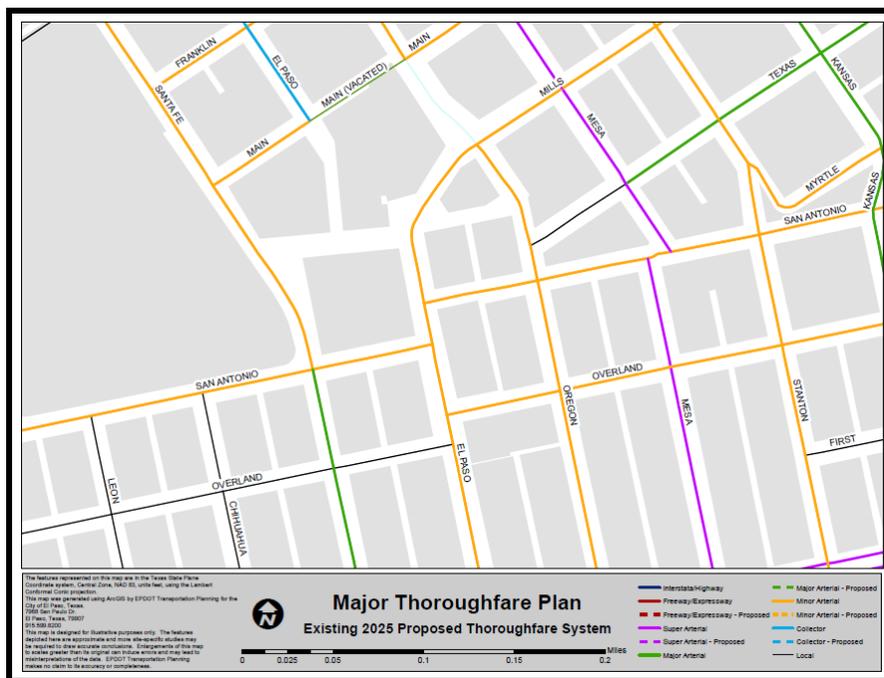
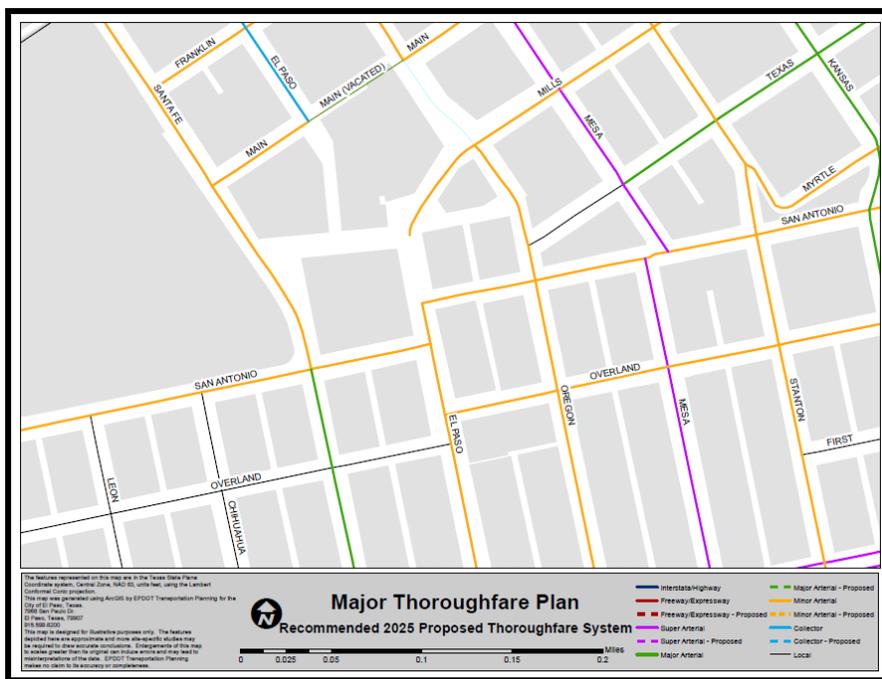


Exhibit "F"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment





MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 17, 2013

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

FROM: Kevin Smith, CNU-A, Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System Amendment for Van Buren Avenue, Monroe Avenue, Raynor Street, River Bend Drive, Mills Avenue, and El Paso Street

The City of El Paso is requesting to amend the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System as follows:

- Delete a portion of Van Buren Avenue from Alabama Street to Dyer Street currently designated as a minor arterial and collector arterial
- Delete a portion of Monroe Avenue from Alabama Street to Dyer Street currently designated as a minor arterial and collector arterial
- Delete a portion of Raynor Street from Van Buren Avenue to Pierce Avenue currently designated as a collector arterial
- Add River Bend Drive as a collector arterial from Frontera Road to Sunset Drive
- Delete a portion of Mills Avenue from Oregon Street to San Francisco Street currently designated as a Minor Arterial
- Delete a portion of El Paso Street from San Francisco Street to the northerly intersection with San Antonio Avenue currently designated as a Minor Arterial

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The City of El Paso is requesting an amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System in order to reclassify a portion of Mills Avenue and El Paso Street to allow for a downtown pedestrian plaza.

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S E R V I C E S O L U T I O N S S U C C E S S



- Transportation Planning – Approval Recommendation
- Transportation Technical Committee – Pending Recommendation
- City Plan Commission (CPC) – Pending Recommendation

No opposition to this request has been received as of June 17, 2013.

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City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Application Type: Amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System
CPC Hearing Date: June 27, 2013
Staff Planner: Kevin Smith, 915-346-1787, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov

Location: West of Oregon Street, north of San Antonio Avenue, and east of Santa Fe Street

Representative District: 8
Plan El Paso Designation: G1 – Downtown and O1 – Preserve

Neighborhood Associations: El Paso Central Business Association

Applicant: City of El Paso
Representative: Mills Plaza Promenade, LLC

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Review and adoption of amendment to the City of El Paso’s 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System for the area located west of Oregon Street, north of San Antonio Avenue, and east of Santa Fe Street. The request is to amend the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System as follows:

- Delete a portion of Mills Avenue from Oregon Street to San Francisco Street currently designated as a Minor Arterial
- Delete a portion of El Paso Street from San Francisco Street to the northerly intersection with San Antonio Avenue currently designated as a Minor Arterial

The City of El Paso is proposing this change to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System in order to allow for a downtown pedestrian plaza. A vacation request has been submitted concurrently with this request.

Plan El Paso defines the applicable street types as follows:

Arterials are intended to provide the highest level of service at suburban speeds for the longest uninterrupted distance with some degree of access control. Arterials, therefore, provide higher levels of vehicle mobility and lower levels of land access.

Plan El Paso – Transportation Goals:

Goal 4.2: El Paso’s thoroughfares will form a well-connected network of complete streets that support driving, walking, bicycling, and public transit.

Policy 4.2.4: In Compact Urban area, walkability will be prioritized with wide sidewalks, shade, alleys, and street-facing access to adjacent land uses.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Transportation Technical Committee recommendation is *pending* of the proposed amendments to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

Transportation Planning:

Transportation Planning recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

El Paso Department of Transportation:

No comments received.

City Development Department:

No comments received.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):

No comments received.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

No comments received.

Sun Metro:

No comments received.

Attachments:

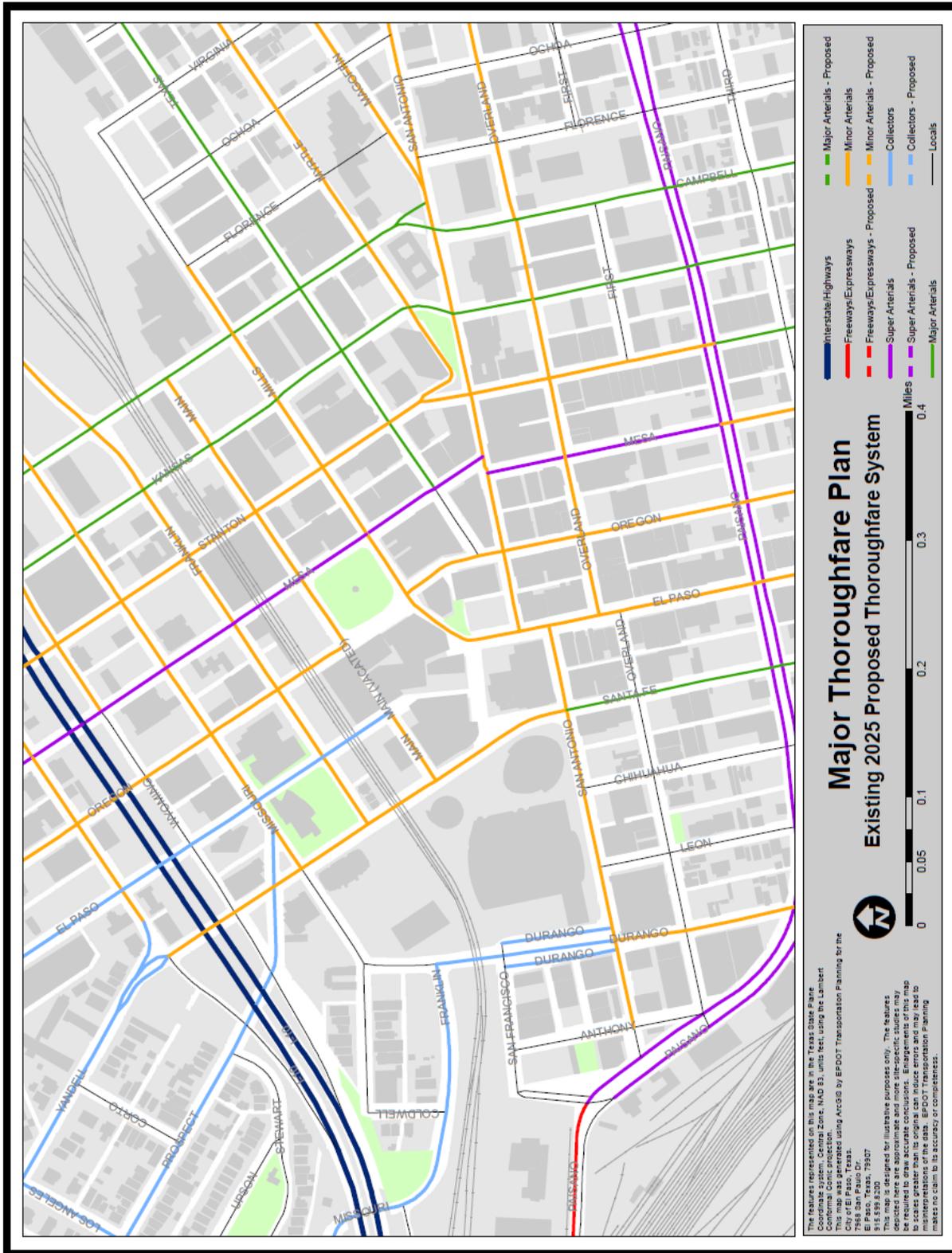
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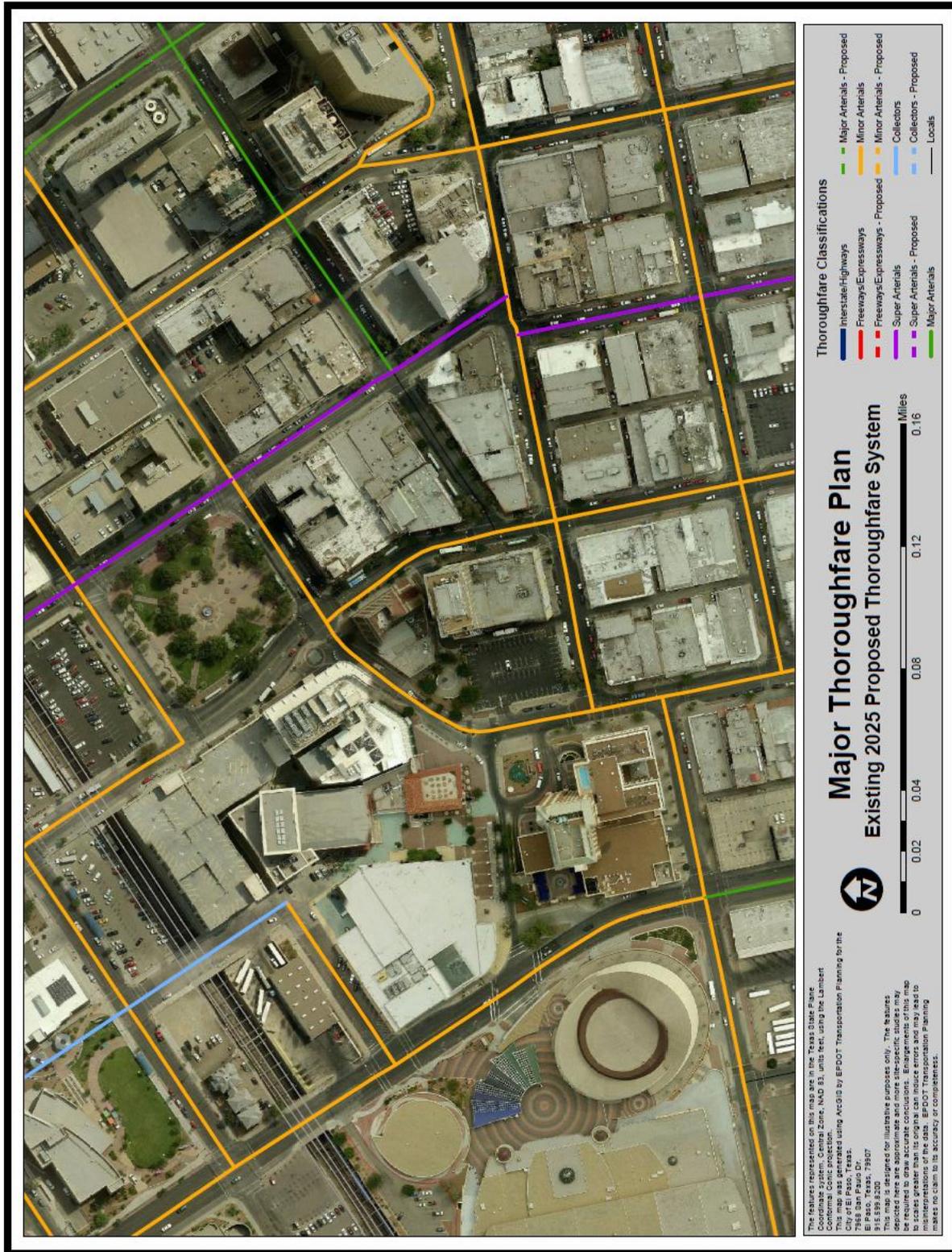
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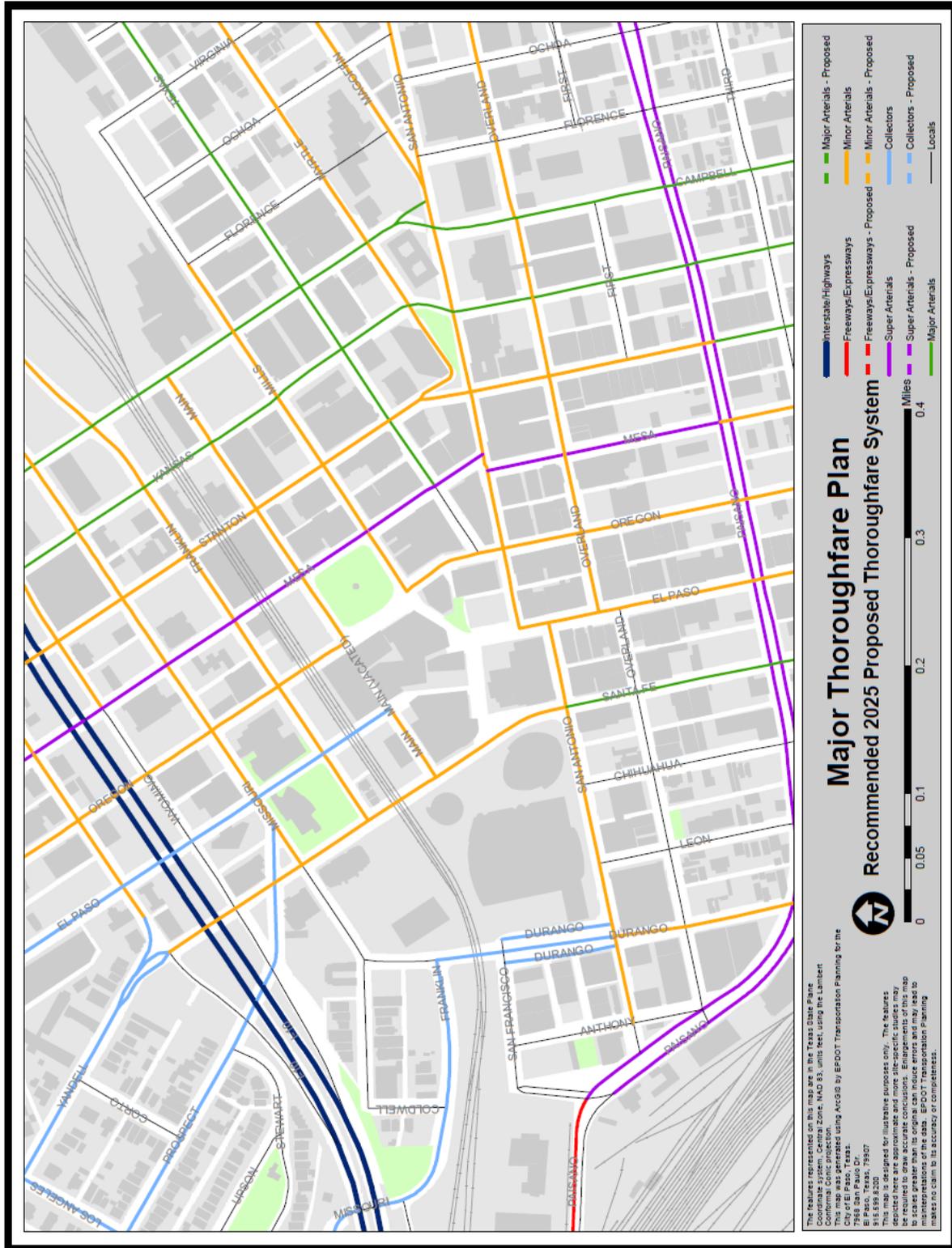
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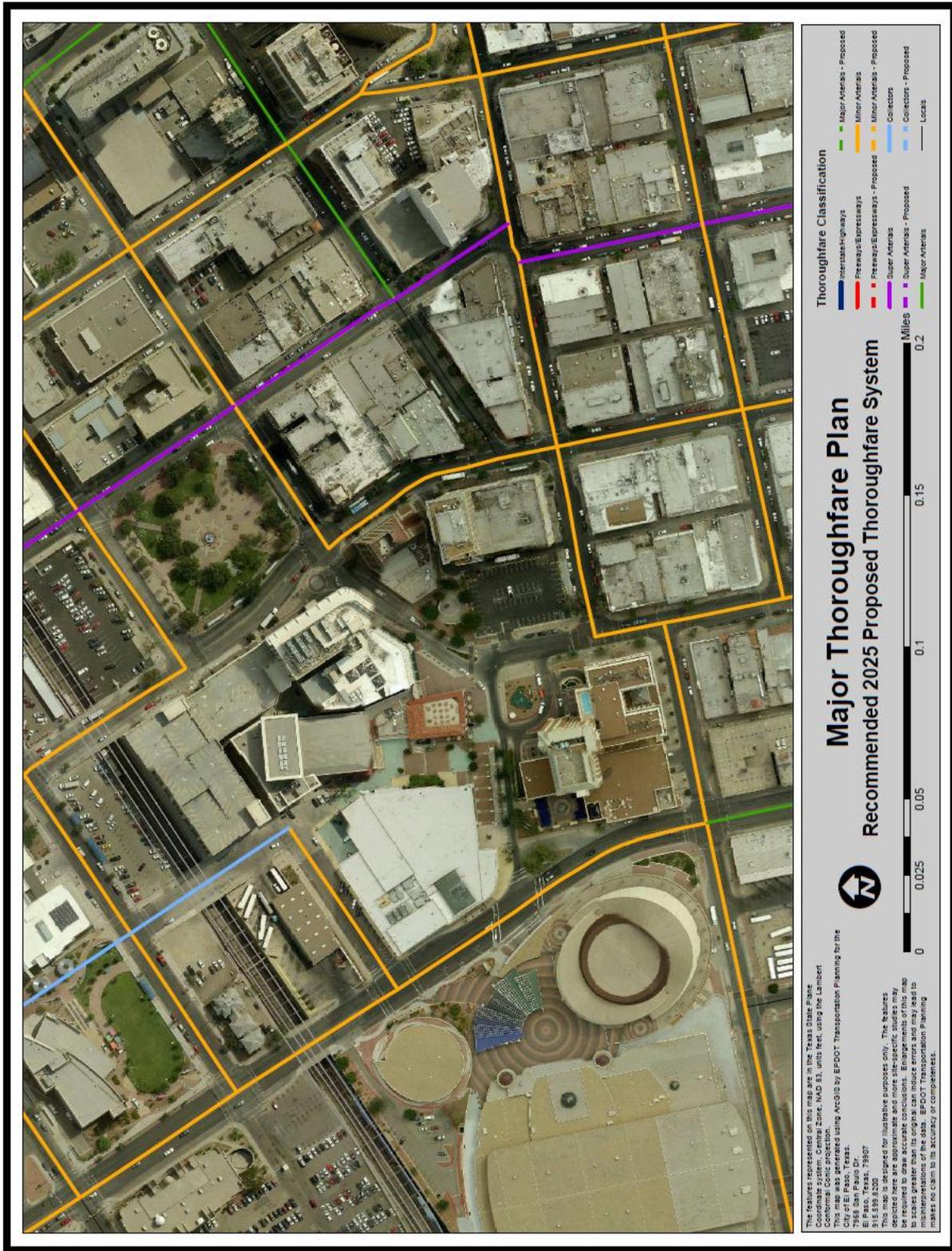
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CPC Hearing Date: June 27, 2013
Staff Planner: Kevin Smith, 915-346-1787, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov

Location: West of Dyer Street, south of Pierce Avenue, and east of Alabama Street

Representative District: 2
Plan El Paso Designation: G2 – Traditional Neighborhood and O1 – Preserve

Neighborhood Associations: Central Neighborhood Association
El Paso Central Business Association

Applicant: City of El Paso
Representative: City of El Paso

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Review and adoption of amendment to the City of El Paso's 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System for the area located west of Dyer Street, south of Pierce Avenue, and east of Alabama Street. The request is to amend the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System as follows:

- Delete a portion of Van Buren Avenue from Alabama Street to Dyer Street currently designated as a minor arterial and collector arterial
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Transportation Planning:

Transportation Planning recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

El Paso Department of Transportation:

No comments received.

City Development Department:

No comments received.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):

No comments received.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

No comments received.

Sun Metro:

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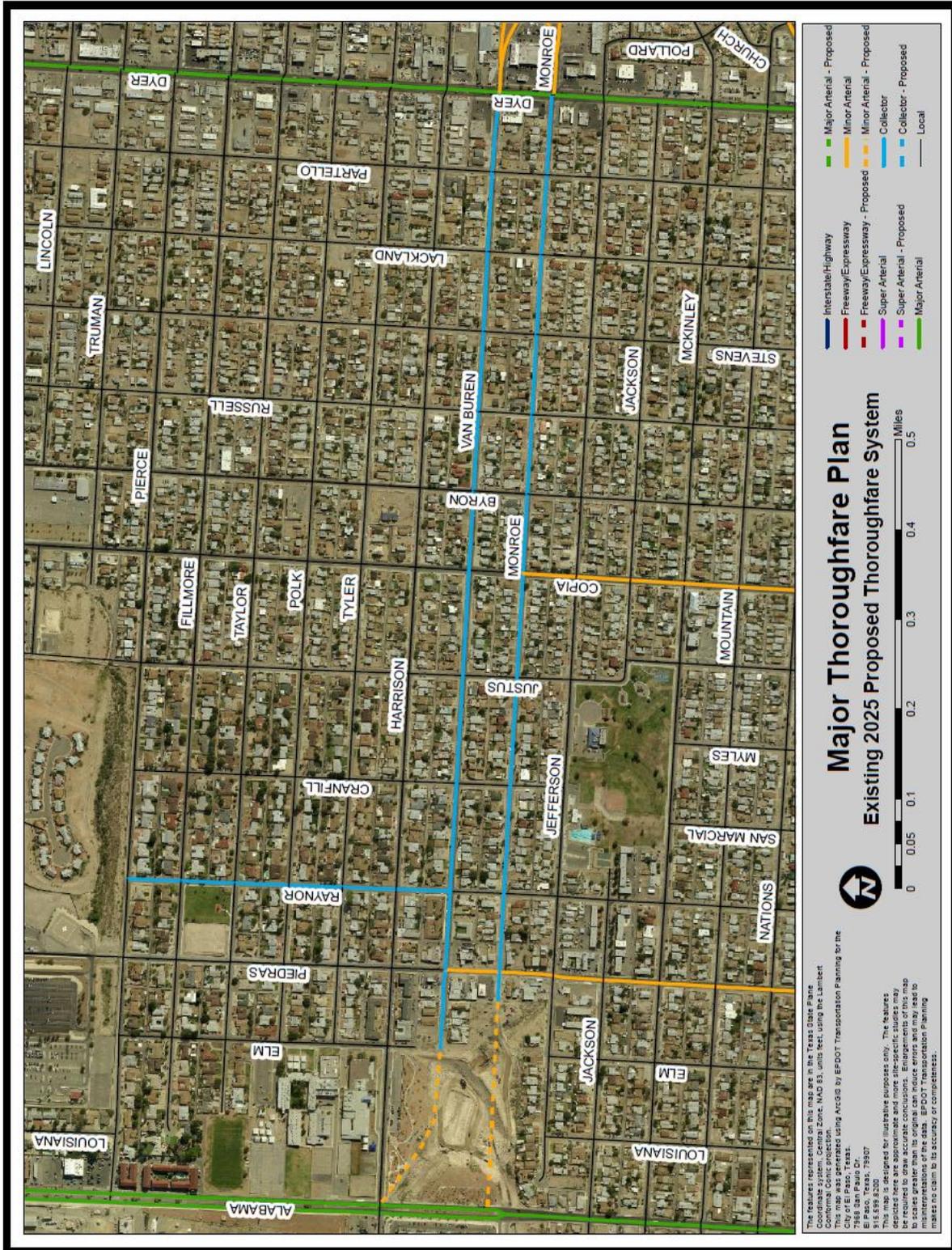
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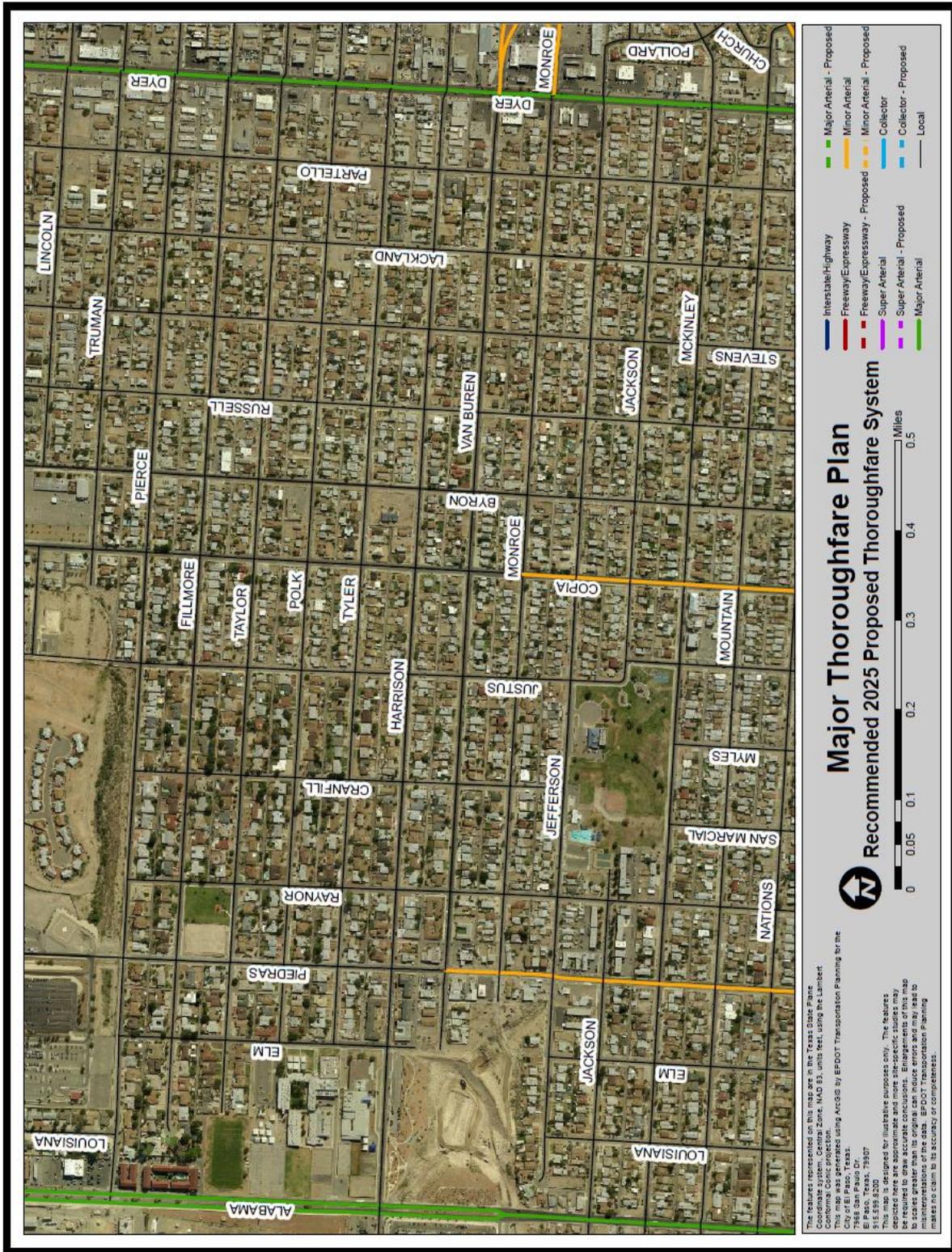
MTP amendment – Van Buren Avenue,
Monroe Avenue, Raynor Street

June 27, 2013

ATTACHMENT 3



ATTACHMENT 4



MTP amendment – Van Buren Avenue,
Monroe Avenue, Raynor Street



City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Application Type: Amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System
CPC Hearing Date: June 27, 2013
Staff Planner: Kevin Smith, 915-346-1787, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov

Location: South of Sunset Drive, west of Doniphan Drive, and north of Frontera Road

Representative District: 8
Plan El Paso Designation: G3 – Post War and O1 – Preserve

Neighborhood Associations: Coronado Neighborhood Association
Save the Valley
Upper Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association
Upper Valley Improvement Association
Upper Valley Neighborhood Association
Zach White Neighborhood Association

Applicant: City of El Paso
Representative: City of El Paso

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Review and adoption of amendment to the City of El Paso's 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System for the area located south of Sunset Drive, west of Doniphan Drive, and north of Frontera Road. The request is to amend the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System as follows:

- Add River Bend Drive as a collector arterial from Frontera Road to Sunset Drive

The City of El Paso is proposing this change to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System in order to accommodate proposed multi-modal improvements to the roadway.

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TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Transportation Technical Committee recommendation is *pending* of the proposed amendments to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

Transportation Planning:

Transportation Planning recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

El Paso Department of Transportation:

No comments received.

City Development Department:

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El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

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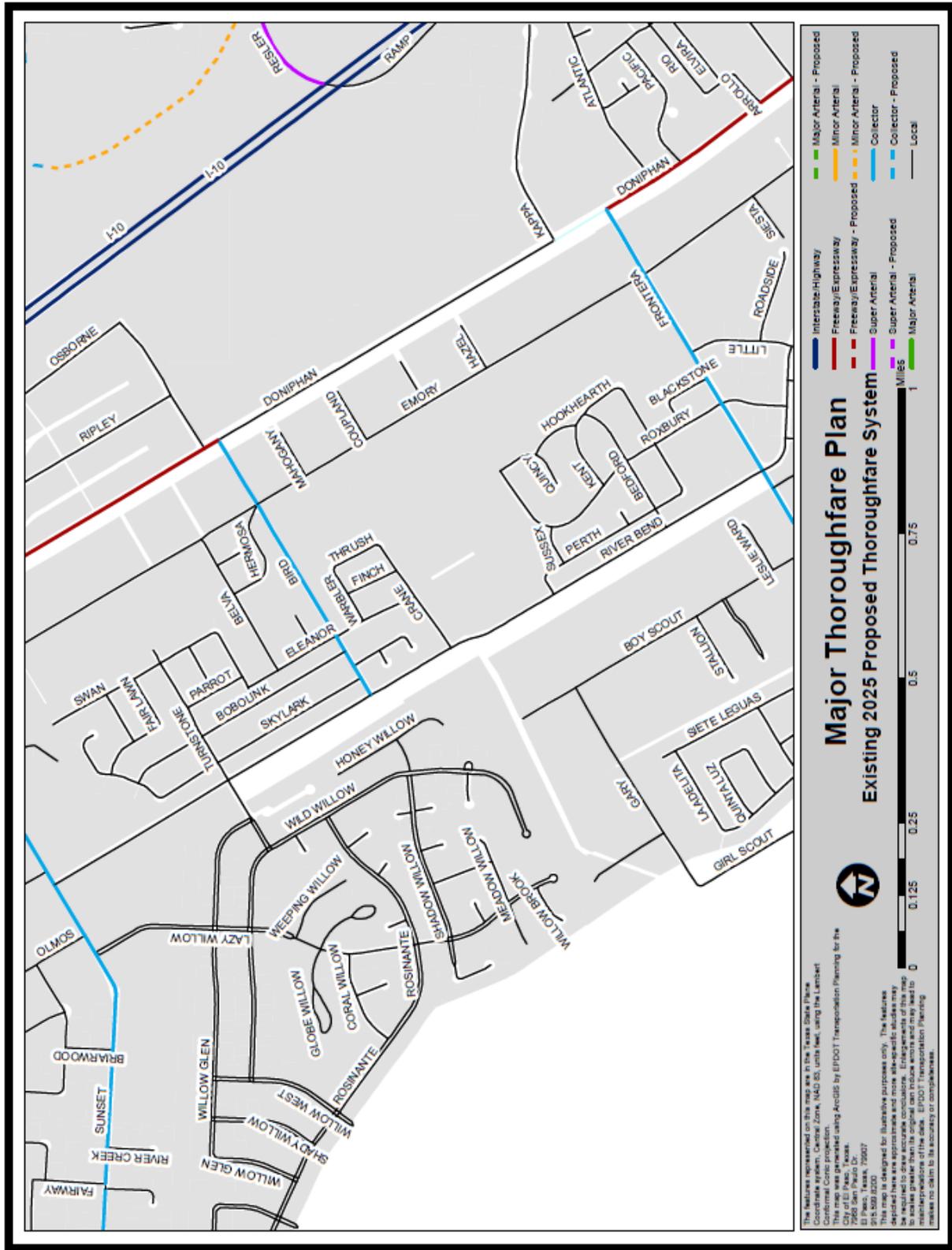
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