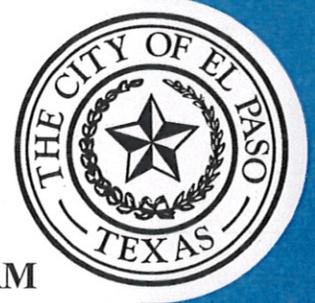


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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

AGENDA DATE: CCA Introduction: 8/24/2010 Public Hearing: 8/31/2010

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Melissa Granado – (915) 541-4730

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 downgrade Emerald Park Drive, from a minor arterial to a collector arterial, north of the proposed extension of Mark Twain Avenue and south of Eastlake Boulevard. Applicant: CEA Group (East ETJ)

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
City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approval Recommendation (5-1)

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director – Planning

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

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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 DOWNGRADE EMERALD PARK DRIVE, FROM A MINOR ARTERIAL TO A COLLECTOR ARTERIAL, NORTH OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MARK TWAIN AVENUE AND SOUTH OF EASTLAKE BOULEVARD.

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 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:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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

- Downgrade Emerald Park Drive from a minor arterial to a collector arterial north of the proposed extension of Mark Twain Avenue and south of Eastlake Boulevard.

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:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



 Lupe Cuellar
 Assistant City Attorney

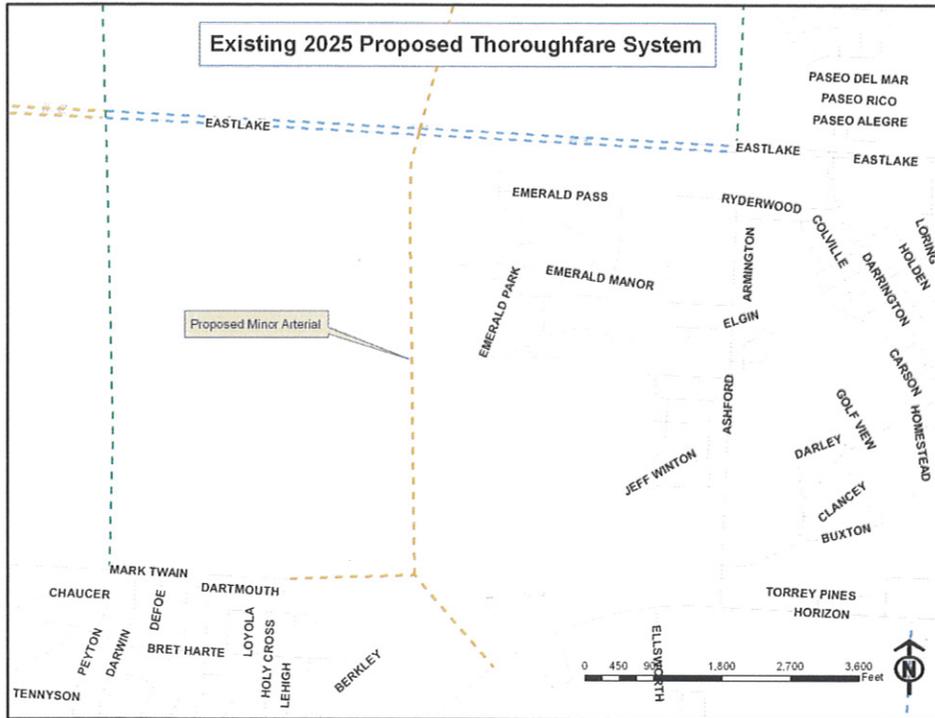


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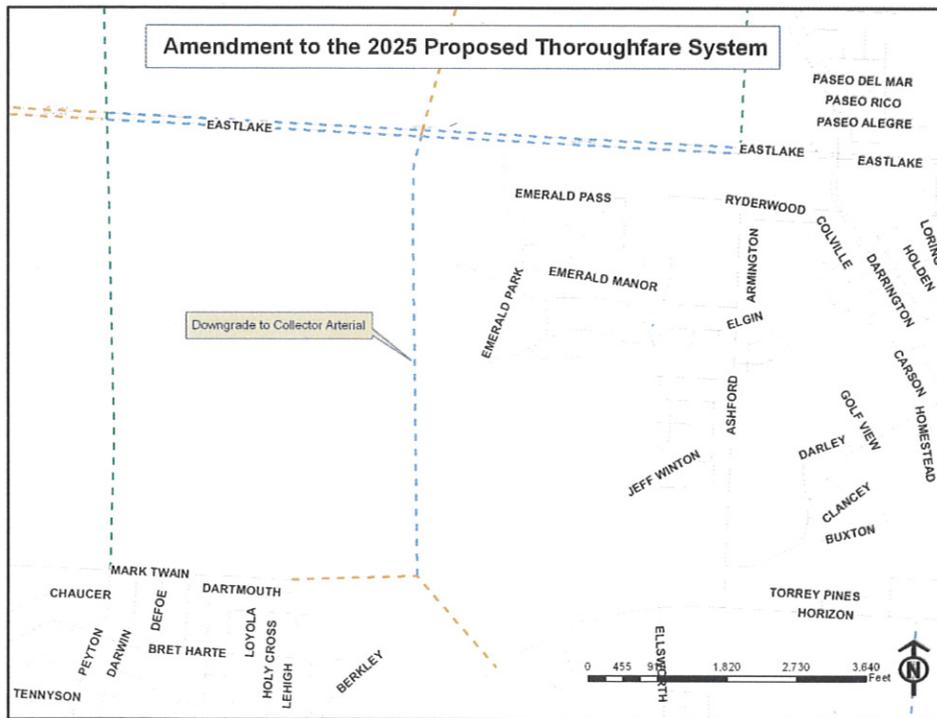
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Exhibit "A"

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



Proposed Amendment



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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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PLANNING DIVISION**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2010

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

FROM: Melissa Granado, Planner

SUBJECT: **Proposed Thoroughfare amendment for Emerald Park Drive**

The City Plan Commission (CPC) on August 12, 2010 voted **5-1** to recommend **APPROVAL** of the downgrade of Emerald Park Drive from a minor arterial to a collector arterial in the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

The CPC determined that the 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.

Attachment: Staff report



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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: August 12, 2010
Staff Planner: Melissa Granado, 915-541-4730, granadom@elpasotexas.gov

Location: Emerald Park Drive north of the proposed extension of Mark Twain Avenue and south of Eastlake Boulevard

Rep District: East ETJ
Proposed Use: Residential
Representative: CEA Group

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

**Neighborhood
Associations:** N/A

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicant is requesting that the City of El Paso review and authorize the downgrade of Emerald Park Drive north of the proposed extension of Mark Twain Avenue and south of Eastlake Boulevard. Emerald Park Drive is designated as a proposed Minor Arterial and is currently partially built out to Collector Arterial standards. The existing portion of Emerald Park Drive dedicated by Emerald Park Units 1 and 3 and Emerald Estates Unit 3 is built out to a 64-foot right-of-way.

The applicant is requesting the downgrade of Emerald Park Drive from a Minor Arterial to a Collector Arterial based on existing conditions and future proposed residential development.

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.

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:

Approval.

Engineering Department – Traffic Division:

Regarding the above referenced item, the Traffic Division does not object to the proposed reclassification of Emerald Park from a minor to a collector arterial, and has the following

comments:

1. Subdivisions have been previously approved (Emerald Park Unit 3 and Emerald Estates Unit 3) with Emerald Park Drive built to the design standards of a collector arterial in the previous subdivision code (64' ROW, 44' pavement width).
2. A proposed collector arterial, if continued in the existing configuration with four driving lanes, has adequate capacity for the proposed adjacent development, and will provide north-south connectivity from Eastlake Blvd. to the future extension of Rojas.

Street Department

No comments received.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The El Paso MPO does not object to the request.

Development Services Department – Planning Division

Planning Division recommends approval.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Location map

Attachment 2: Aerial map

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