CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2008

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: R. Alan Shubert, P.E. (541-4423)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

This resolution expresses the City of El Paso's intent to create Transportation Reinvestment Zone No. 1 to finance transportation projects in support of the Comprehensive Mobility Plan for El Paso; sets the date for a public hearing on the designation of the zone and its benefits to the municipality and to property in the proposed zone; and authorizes the City Manager to publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This resolution is the first step in a very aggressive schedule to implement a TRZ in support of the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan before the end of the calendar year to set 2008 as the base year for the property values in the proposed corridor. This action does not establish the TRZ but allows the City Manager to publish notice in the newspaper on November 5th of the public hearing scheduled for November 18th at 11 AM during a regular Council meeting. Consideration of the final adoption of the ordinance creating the TRZ is scheduled for December 23, 2008, again during a regularly scheduled Council meeting as required by law.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Council endorsed the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan on July 22, 2008. The TRZ was presented as a financial component of the plan.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Advertising of the public notice will be handled through the capital budget for public notices. No other expenditures are associated with this action.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Engineering, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE CITY OF EL PASO'S INTENT TO CREATE TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1 TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE MOBILITY PLAN FOR EL PASO; SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE ZONE AND ITS BENEFITS TO THE MUNICIPALITY AND TO PROPERTY IN THE PROPOSED ZONE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE HEARING IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") has adopted a Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) for El Paso, to address the transportation needs of the city and to foster and support economic growth and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, a Transportation Reinvestment Zone ("TRZ") is an economic development tool that the City may use to finance needed transportation improvements and enhance infrastructure within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a TRZ to promote transportation projects that will cultivate development or redevelopment within the Zone; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 222.106 (the "Act"), the governing body of a municipality by ordinance may designate a contiguous geographic area within the jurisdiction of the municipality to be a TRZ (the "Zone"); and

WHEREAS, prior to the creation of the Zone, but not later than the 30th day before the date the City proposes to adopt an ordinance designating an area as a transportation reinvestment zone, the City must hold a public hearing on the designation of the Zone and its benefits to the municipality and to property in the proposed Zone; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation, not later than the seventh day before the date of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:

SECTION 1. INTENT TO CREATE TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE. The City hereby expresses its intent to create a Transportation Reinvestment Zone ("TRZ") for the purpose of financing public transportation projects. The Proposed TRZ consists of nine separate but contiguous corridors as described and depicted in **Exhibits A through I,** attached hereto and

incorporated herein for all purposes. The entire proposed TRZ is depicted in **Exhibit J**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING. Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 222.106(e), a public hearing on the designation of the Zone and its benefits to the municipality and to property in the proposed Zone is set for Tuesday November 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers, El Paso City Hall.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. The City Manager is hereby authorized to publish notice of the public hearing in the El Paso Times, or another newspaper of general circulation, not later than the seventh day before the date of the public hearing.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect on the date of passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of November 2008.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

_____
John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Cynthia Osborn
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Patricia D. Adauto
Deputy City Manager
Development and Infrastructure Services

EXHIBITS
A-J

A. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 1
B. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 1B
C. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 2
D. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 3
E. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 4
F. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 5
G. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 6
H. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 6B
I. Zone Boundary Narrative Description of Corridor 7
J. Transportation Reinvestment Zone Depiction

EXHIBIT A

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 1

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Loop 375, beginning at Interstate Highway 10 to the south and ending at the Northeast Parkway Interchange to the north.

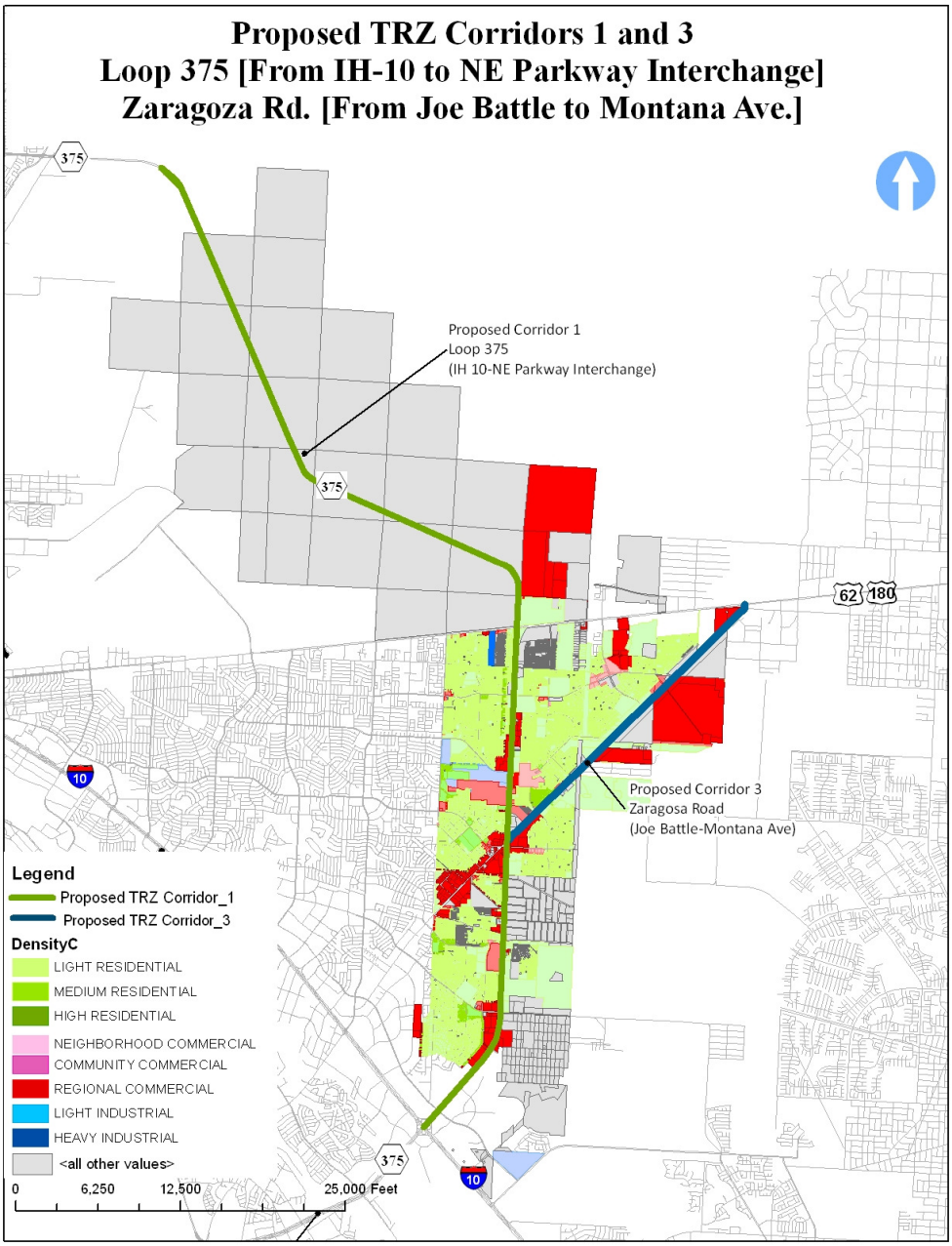


EXHIBIT B

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 1B

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of the Northeast Parkway, beginning at the Northeast Parkway Interchange to the south and ending at the New Mexico State Line to the north.

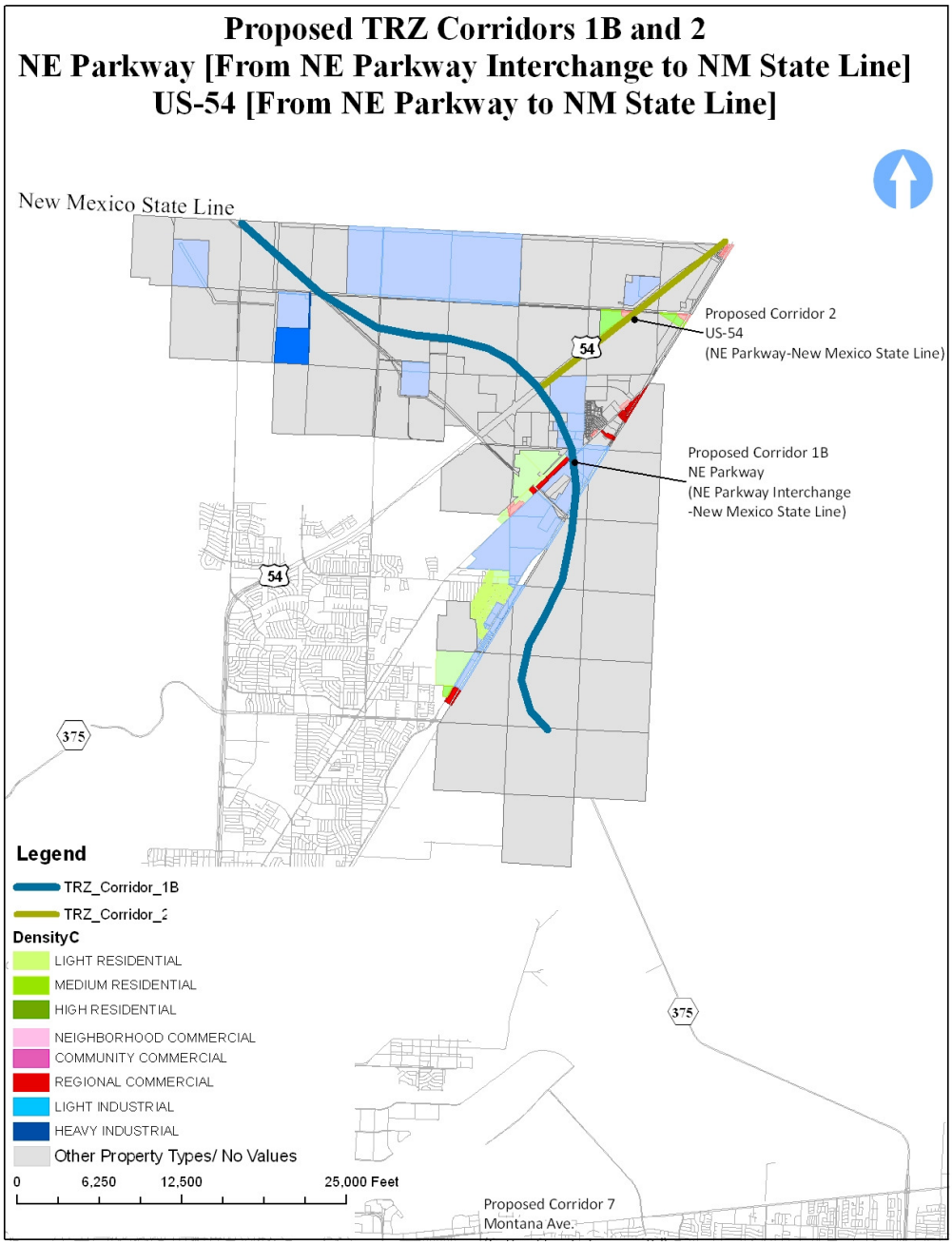


EXHIBIT C

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 2

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of US-54, beginning at the Northeast Parkway to the south and ending at the New Mexico State Line to the north.

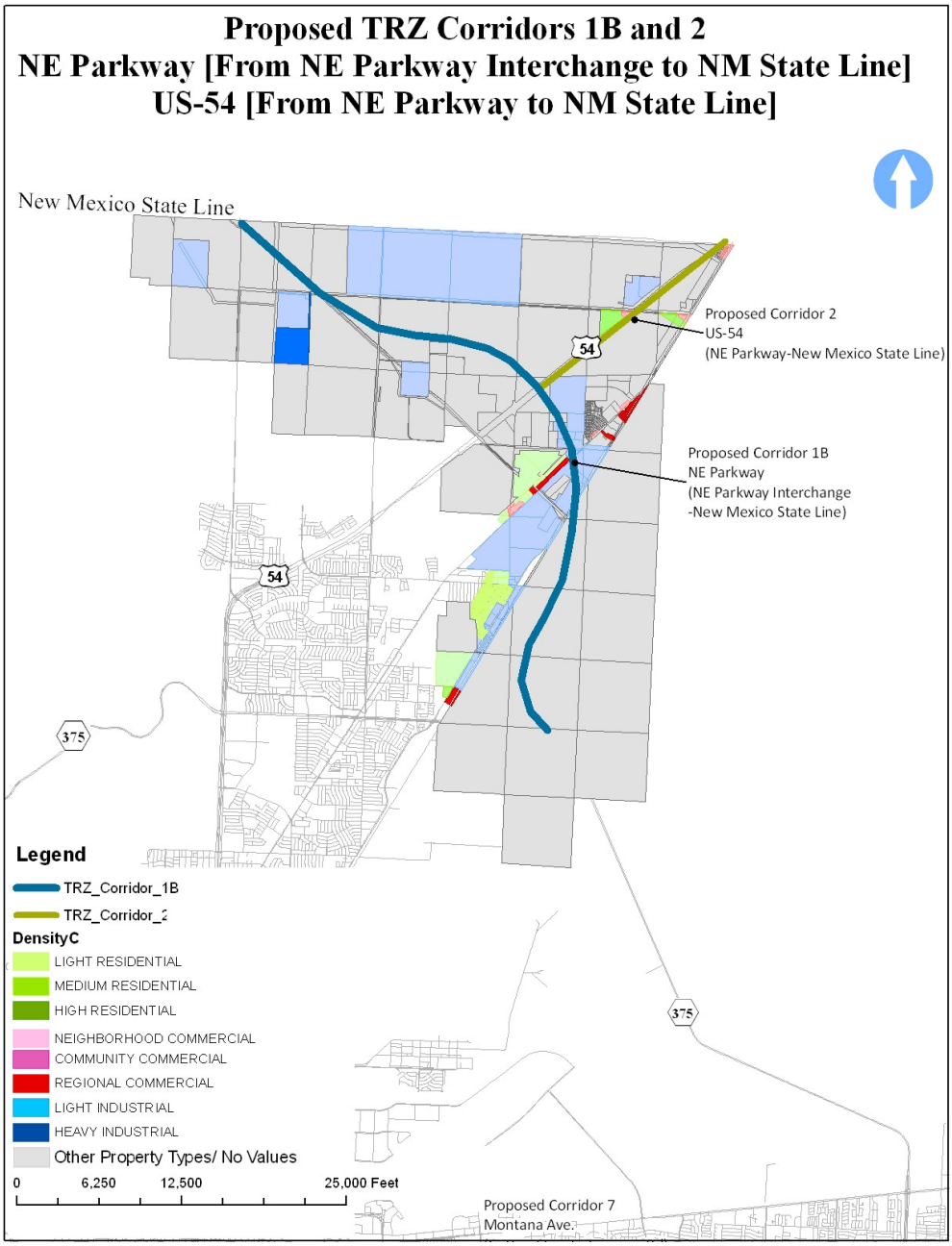


EXHIBIT D

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 3

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Zaragosa Road, beginning at Joe Battle Boulevard to the south and ending at Montana Avenue to the north.

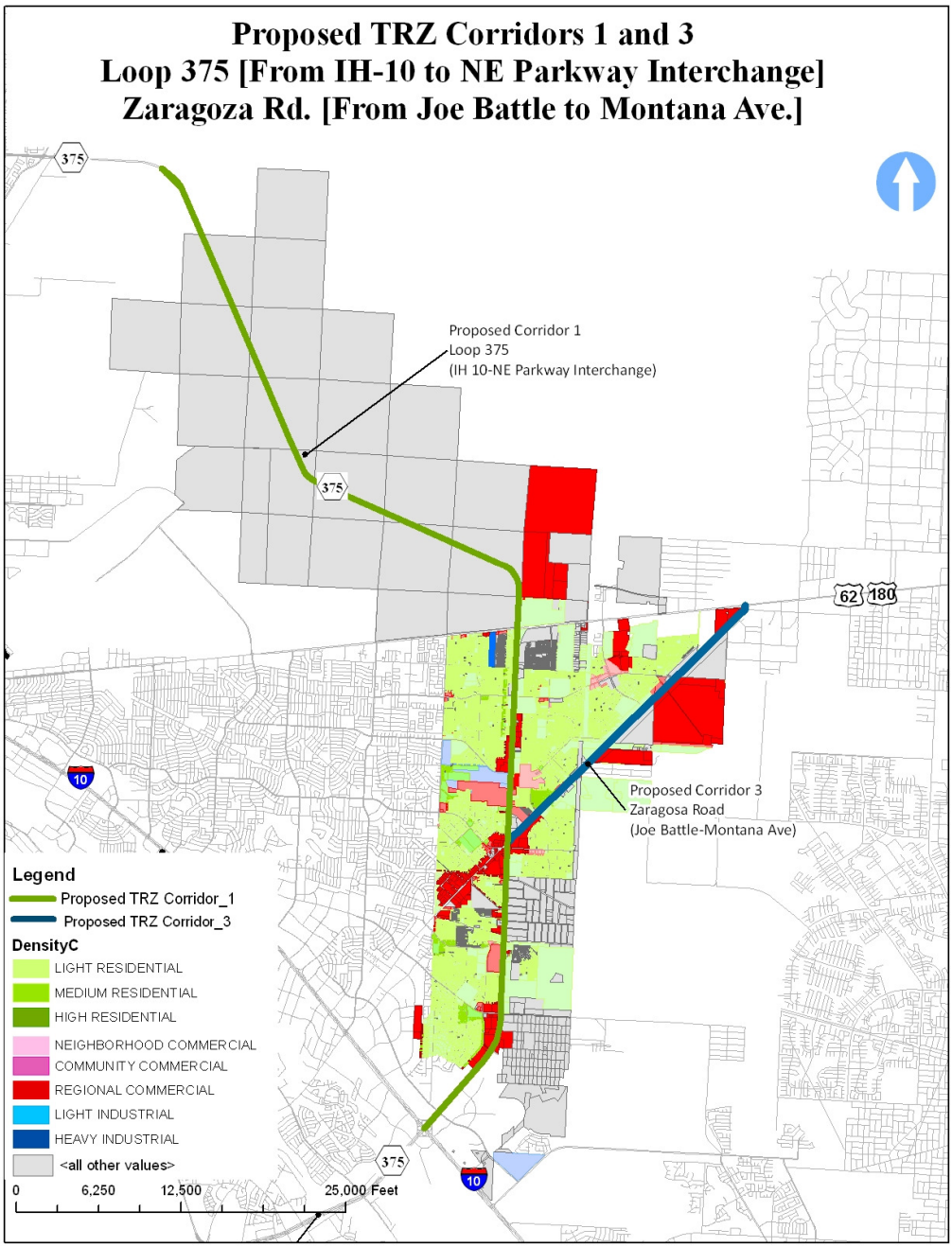


EXHIBIT E

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 4

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Loop 375 (Transmountain Road), beginning at Interstate Highway 10 to the west and ending at ~~Franklin State Park~~ the Northeast Parkway Interchange to the east.

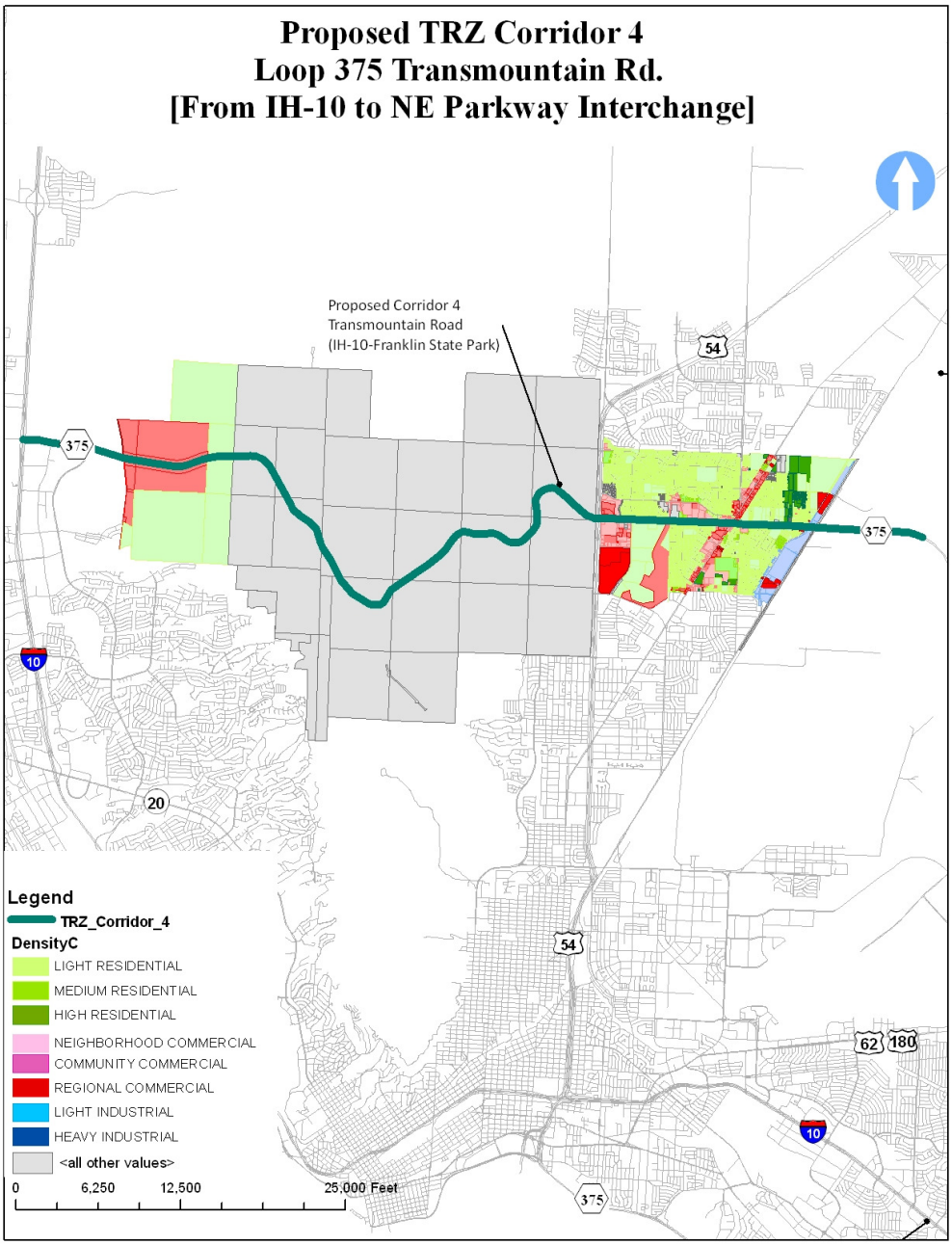


EXHIBIT F

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 5

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Loop 375 (Americas Avenue), beginning at the Zaragoza Port of Entry to the south and ending at Interstate Highway 10 to the north.

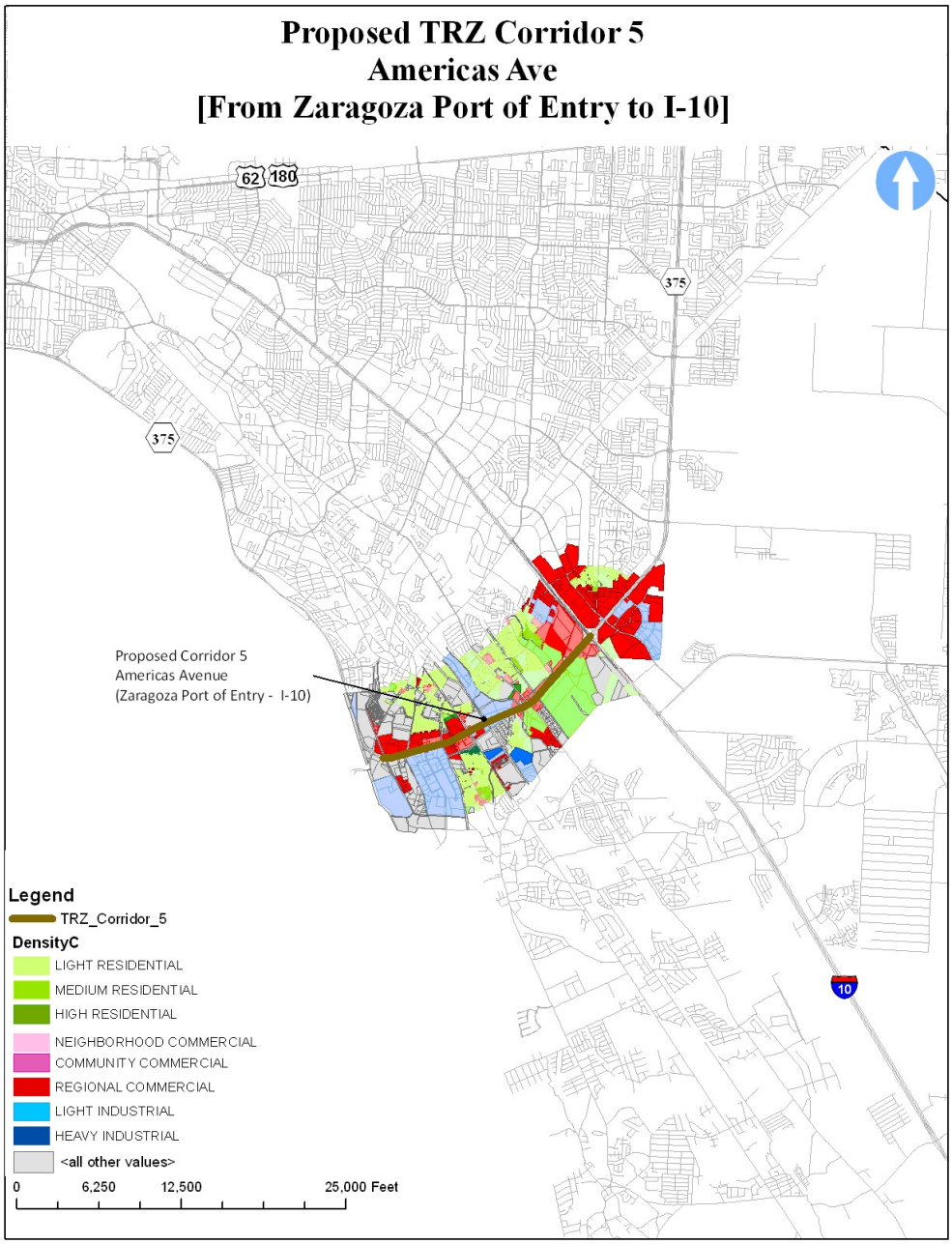


EXHIBIT G

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 6

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Interstate Highway 10, beginning at Schuster Avenue to the east and ending at Loop 375 (Transmountain Road) to the west.

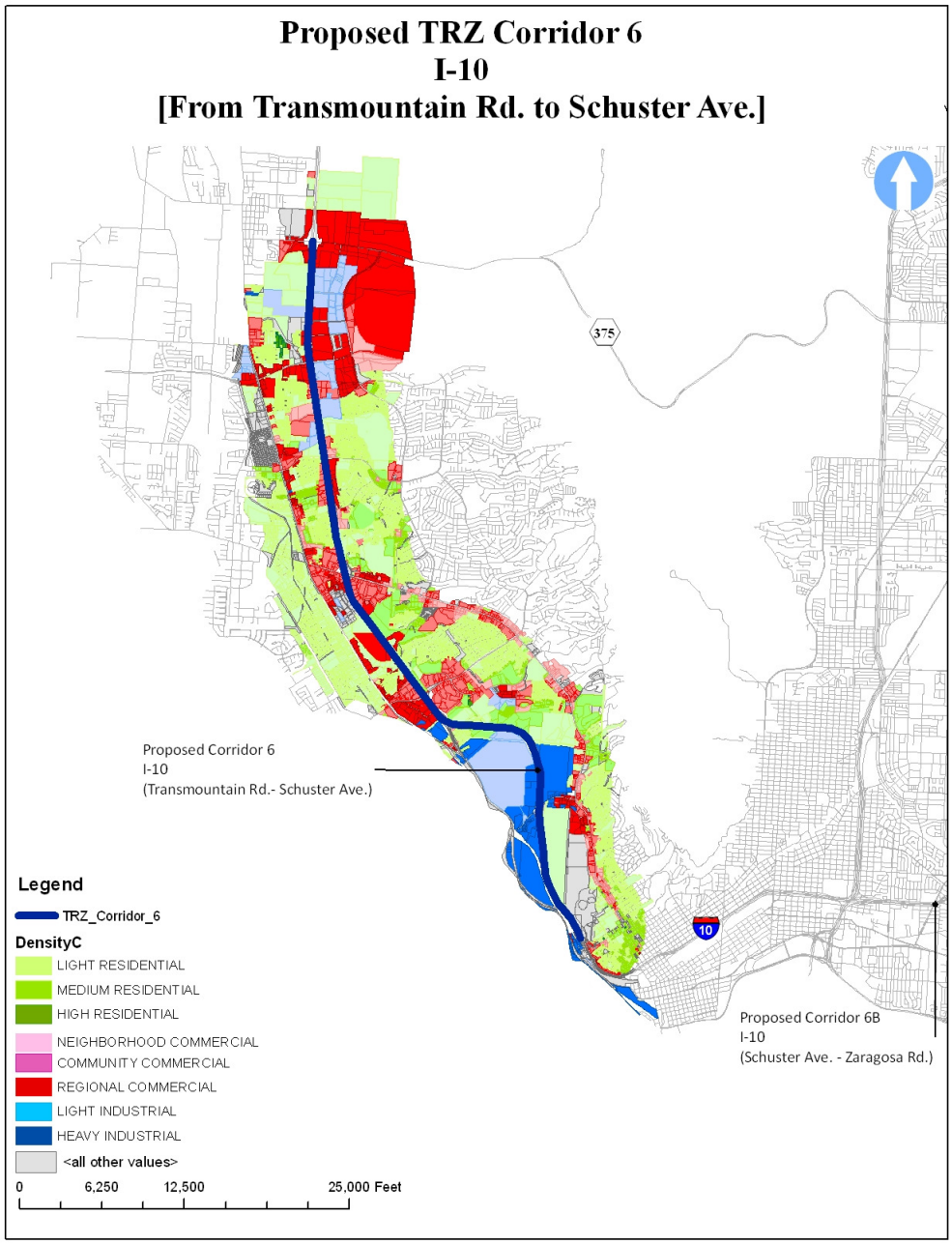


EXHIBIT H

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 6B

The Zone Boundary for Corridor 6B is from the centerline of Interstate Highway 10 to the Right of Way line for Interstate Highway 10, beginning at Schuster Avenue to the west and ending at Zaragosa Road to the east. There are no identified parcels of property within this Corridor.

EXHIBIT I

Zone Boundary Narrative Description Corridor 7

Any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one-eighth (1/8) mile of the centerline of Montana Avenue, beginning at N. Oregon Street to the west and ending at Zaragosa Road to the east, to include the following parcels, identified by Parcel Identification Number (PID):

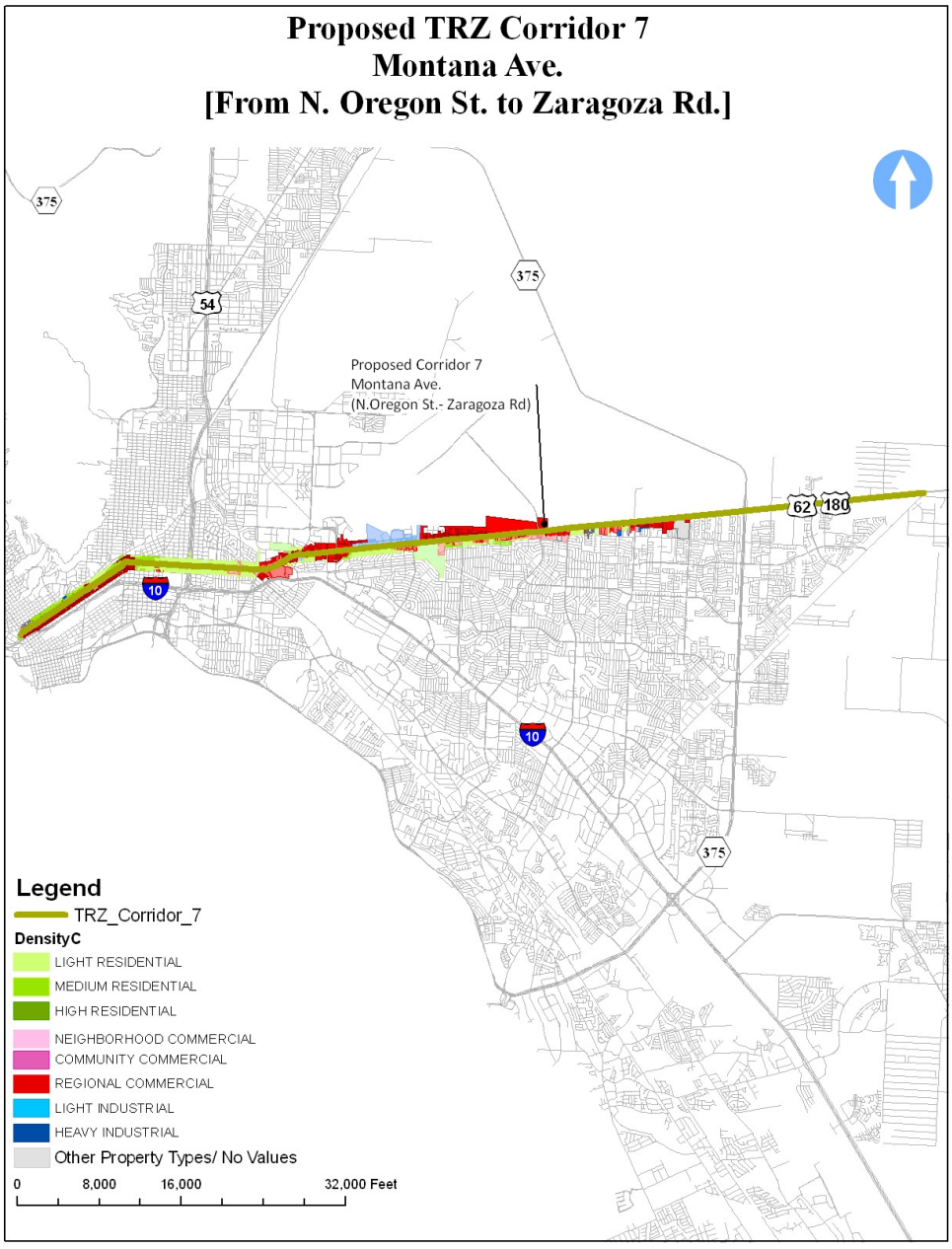
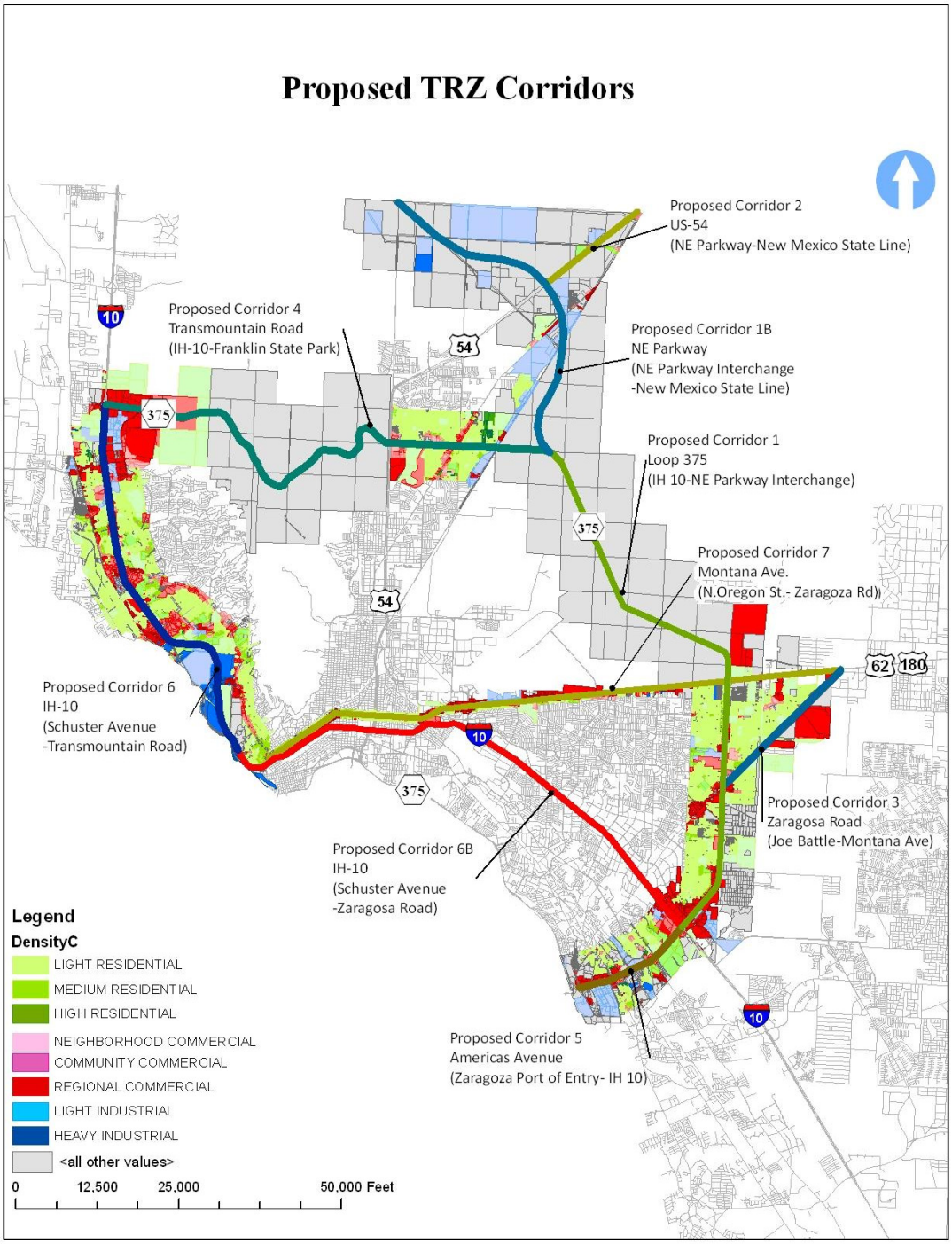


EXHIBIT J

Depiction – Transportation Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of El Paso, Texas



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008 AT 11:00 am

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EL PASO CITY HALL

TO DISCUSS ITS INTENT

TO ESTABLISH TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE #1

TO PROMOTE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE PROPOSED ZONE

This notice is provided in accordance with the requirements of Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 222.106(e) (the "Act"). Pursuant to Section 222.106(e) of the Act, notice of public hearing must be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, not later than the seventh day before the date of the public hearing.

At the public hearing, the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas, will discuss the designation of the zone and its benefits to the municipality and to property in the proposed zone.

Pursuant to Section 222.106(e) of the Act, any interested person may speak for or against the creation of the zone or its boundaries.

Description of the Proposed Boundaries for the Proposed Zone:

The proposed transportation reinvestment zone is made up of nine separate but contiguous corridors.

Corridor 1 includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Loop 375, beginning at Interstate Highway 10 to the south and ending at the Northeast Parkway Interchange to the north.

Corridor 1B includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of the Northeast Parkway, beginning at the Northeast Parkway Interchange to the south and ending at the New Mexico State Line to the north.

Corridor 2 includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of US-54, beginning at the Northeast Parkway to the south and ending at the New Mexico State Line to the north.

Corridor 3 includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Zaragosa Road, beginning at Joe Battle Boulevard to the south and ending at Montana Avenue to the north.

Corridor 4 includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Loop 375 (Transmountain Road), beginning at Interstate Highway 10 to the west and ending at the Northeast Parkway Interchange to the east.

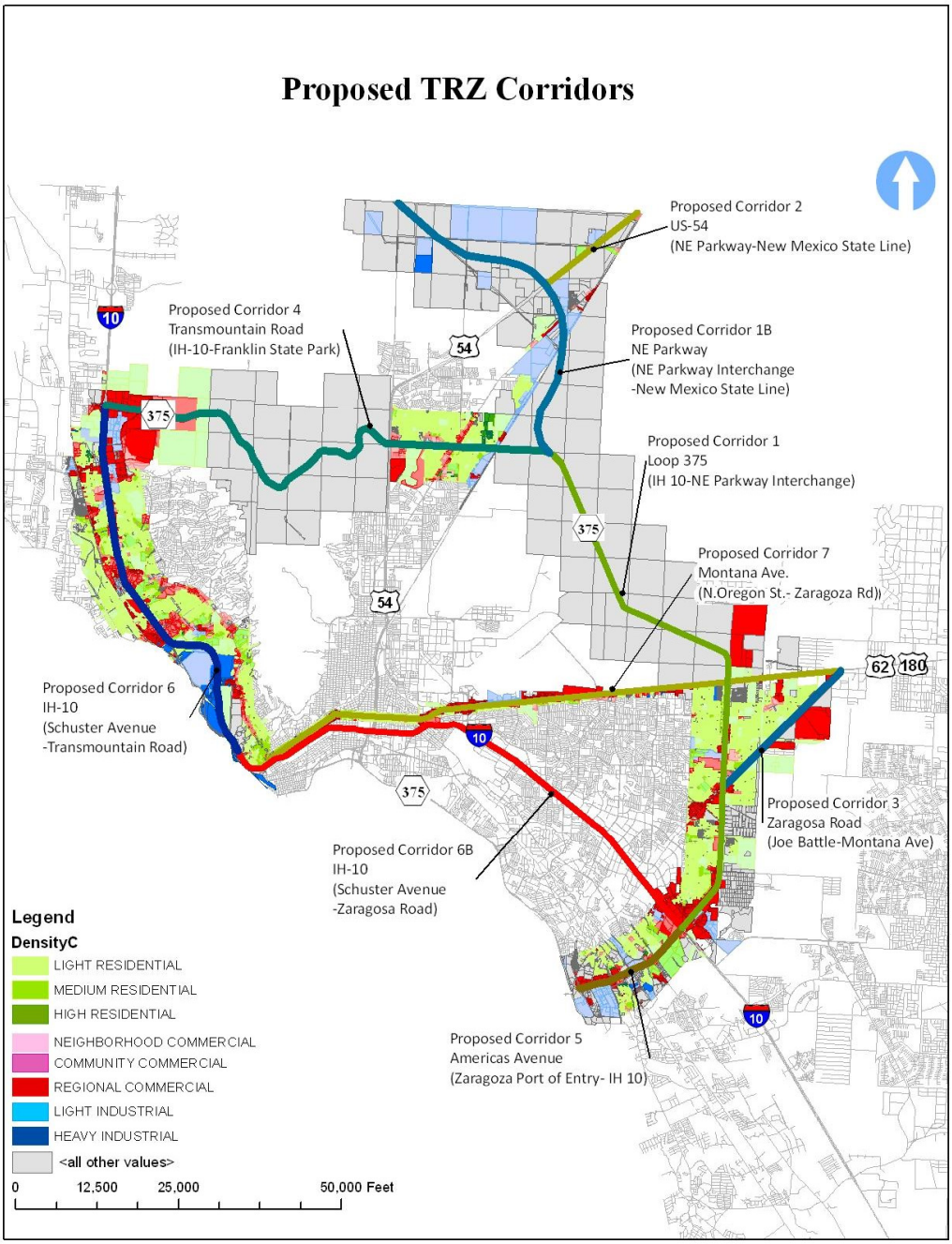
Deleted: Franklin State Park

Corridor 5 includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Loop 375 (Americas Avenue), beginning at the Zaragoza Port of Entry to the south and ending at Interstate Highway 10 to the north.

Corridor 6 includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one mile of the centerline of Interstate Highway 10, beginning at Schuster Avenue to the east and ending at Loop 375 (Transmountain Road) to the west

Corridor 6B The Zone Boundary for Corridor 6B is from the centerline of Interstate Highway 10 to the Right of Way line for Interstate Highway 10, beginning at Schuster Avenue to the west and ending at Zaragosa Road to the east. There are no identified parcels of property within this Corridor.

Corridor 7 includes any parcel of property, any portion of which is within one-eighth (1/8) mile of the centerline of Montana Avenue, beginning at N. Oregon Street to the west and ending at Zaragosa Road to the east.


Proposed TRZ Corridors
Proposed Corridor 2
US-54
(NE Parkway-New Mexico State Line)
Proposed Corridor 4
Transmountain Road
(IH-10-Franklin State Park)
Proposed Corridor 1B
NE Parkway
(NE Parkway Interchange
-New Mexico State Line)
Proposed Corridor 1
Loop 375
(IH 10-NE Parkway Interchange)
Proposed Corridor 7
Montana Ave.
(N.Oregon St.- Zaragoza Rd))
Proposed Corridor 6
IH-10
(Schuster Avenue
-Transmountain Road)
Proposed Corridor 6B
IH-10
(Schuster Avenue
-Zaragosa Road)
Proposed Corridor 3
Zaragosa Road
(Joe Battle-Montana Ave)
Proposed Corridor 5
Americas Avenue
(Zaragoza Port of Entry- IH 10)
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COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL
REGIONAL COMMERCIAL
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