

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

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department
AGENDA DATE: Introduction: November 11, 2008
Public Hearing: November 18, 2008
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Chuck Kooshian, 541-4632
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 1, 2, 3 and 8

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 The El Paso City Council In 1999, and as subsequently amended, to downgrade the following streets from Minor Arterials to Collector Arterials: Yandell from Missouri to Santa Fe; Kerbey from Kansas to Rim; Van Buren from Elm to Dyer; Monroe from Elm to Dyer; Altura from Alabama to Happer; Timberwolf from Howze to Magruder; and Sioux from Montana to Edgemere. Applicant: Engineering Department-Traffic Division (Districts affected 1, 2, 3 and 8)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

See attached report.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) – Approval Recommendation
City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approval Recommendation

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

Victor Torres, Director, Development Services Department

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 DOWNGRADE THE FOLLOWING STREETS FROM MINOR ARTERIALS TO COLLECTOR ARTERIALS: YANDELL FROM MISSOURI TO SANTA FE; KERBEY FROM KANSAS TO RIM; VAN BUREN FROM ELM TO DYER; MONROE FROM ELM TO DYER; ALTURA FROM ALABAMA TO HAPPER; TIMBERWOLF FROM HOWZE TO MAGRUDER; AND SIOUX FROM MONTANA TO EDGEMERE

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, its adoption was based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee following numerous public meetings and working sessions; and,

WHEREAS, a well planned transportation system is a key element for improving quality of life, by balancing neighborhood concerns with provision of access for commerce and mobility for personal travel; 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, and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission, after conducting a public hearing, has recommended the adoption of the changes to the Year 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map as herein presented; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of *The Plan for El Paso* and its changes to the thoroughfare alignments as herein presented 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 detailed in the attached and incorporated Exhibit "A."

Downgrade: (1) Yandell from Missouri to Santa Fe, (2) Kerbey from Kansas to Rim, (3) Van Buren from Elm to Dyer, (4) Monroe from Elm to Dyer, (5) Altura from Alabama to Happer,

(6) Timberwolf from Howze to Magruder, and (7) Sioux from Montana to Edgemere from minor arterials to collector arterials in the current *Major Thoroughfare Plan*. All details are shown in the map included in Exhibit "A."

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

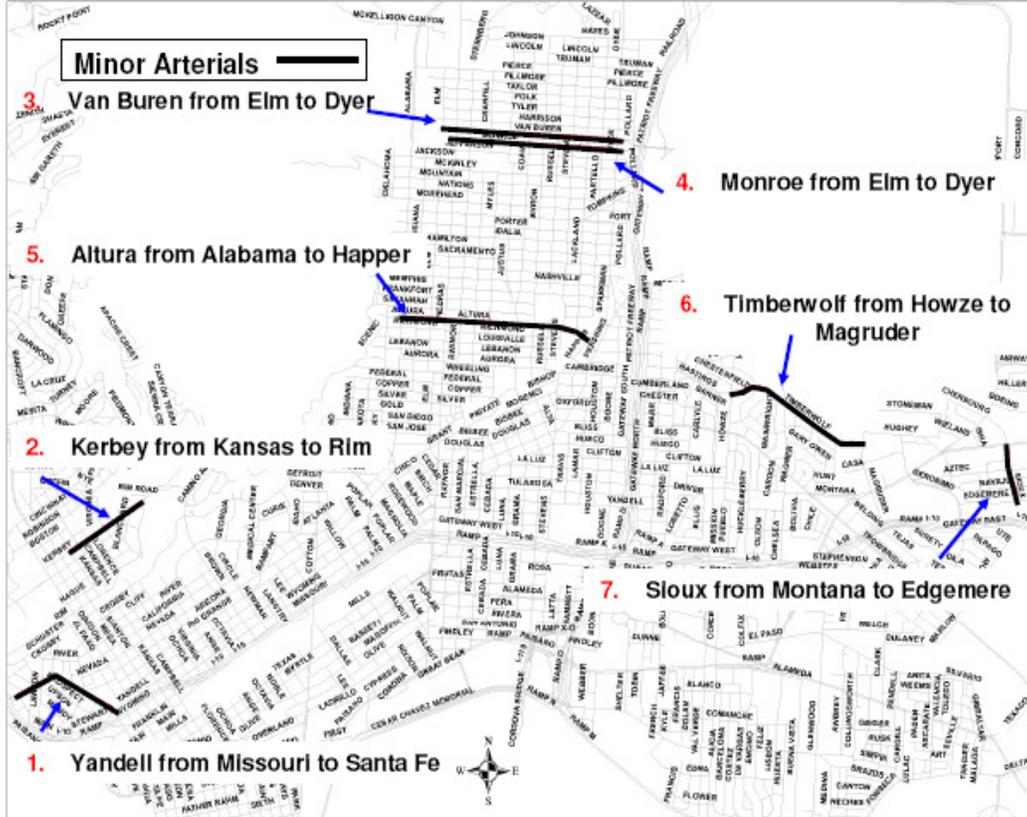
APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Patricia D. Adauto, Deputy City Manager
Development and Infrastructure Services

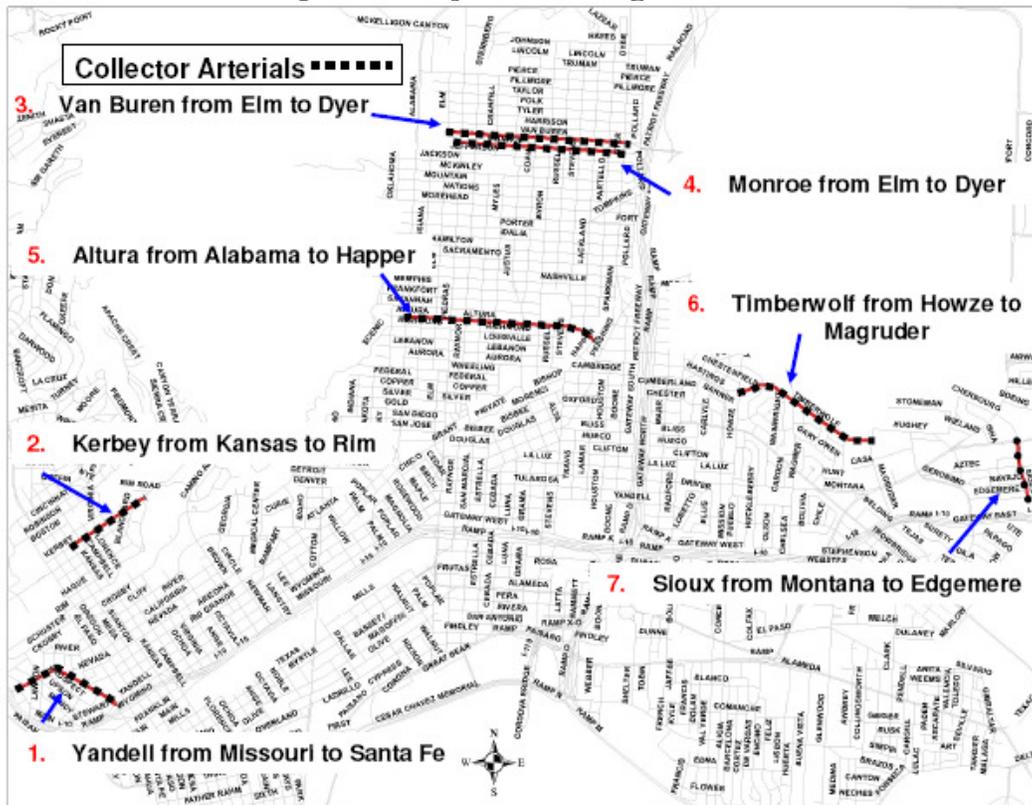
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“A”

Current Major Thoroughfare



Proposed Major Thoroughfare Plan



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2008
TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager
FROM: Chuck Kooshian, Lead Planner
SUBJECT: Proposed Thoroughfare amendment for arterials included in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)

The City Plan Commission (CPC), on October 23, 2008, voted unanimously to recommend approval to amend the 2025 Master Thoroughfare Plan as follows:

To downgrade the following streets from Minor Arterials to Collector Arterials: Yandell from Missouri to Santa Fe; Kerbey from Kansas to Rim; Van Buren from Elm to Dyer; Monroe from Elm to Dyer; Altura from Alabama to Happer; Timberwolf from Howze to Magruder; and Sioux from Montana to Edgemere. Applicant: Engineering Department-Traffic Division (Districts affected 1, 2, 3 and 8)

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

Attachments: CPC Staff Report.



MTP amendments request for arterials included in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)

Background:

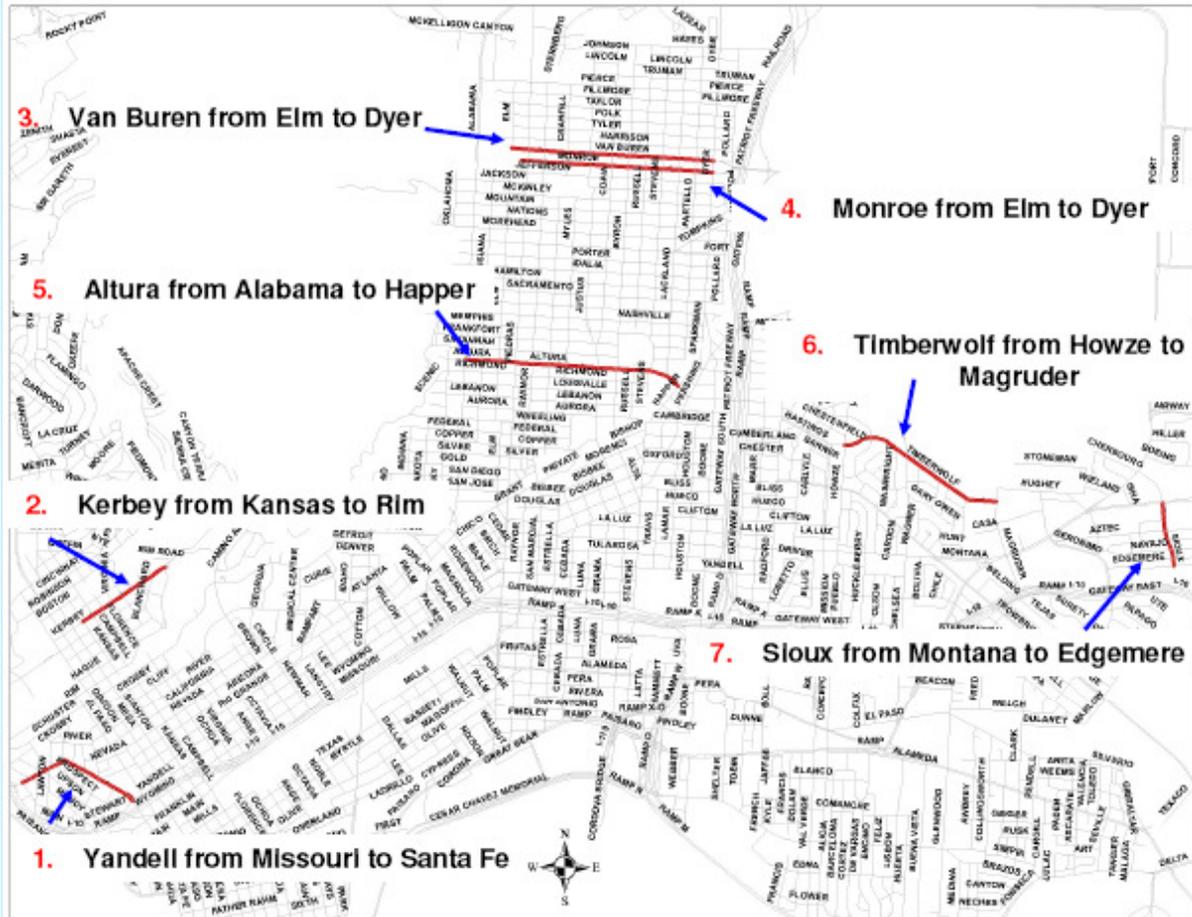
In August 2008, during a review of applications for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), City Council directed the Traffic Engineering Division to research and consider reclassification of certain streets in the City's MTP to more accurately describe their function.

In September 2008, the Traffic Engineering Division submitted a recommendation that the following streets be downgraded from Minor Arterials to Collector Arterials:

1. Yandell from Missouri to Santa Fe
2. Kerbey from Kansas to Rim
3. Van Buren from Elm to Dyer
4. Monroe from Elm to Dyer
5. Altura from Alabama to Happer
6. Timberwolf from Howze to Magruder
7. Sioux from Montana to Edgemere

Location:

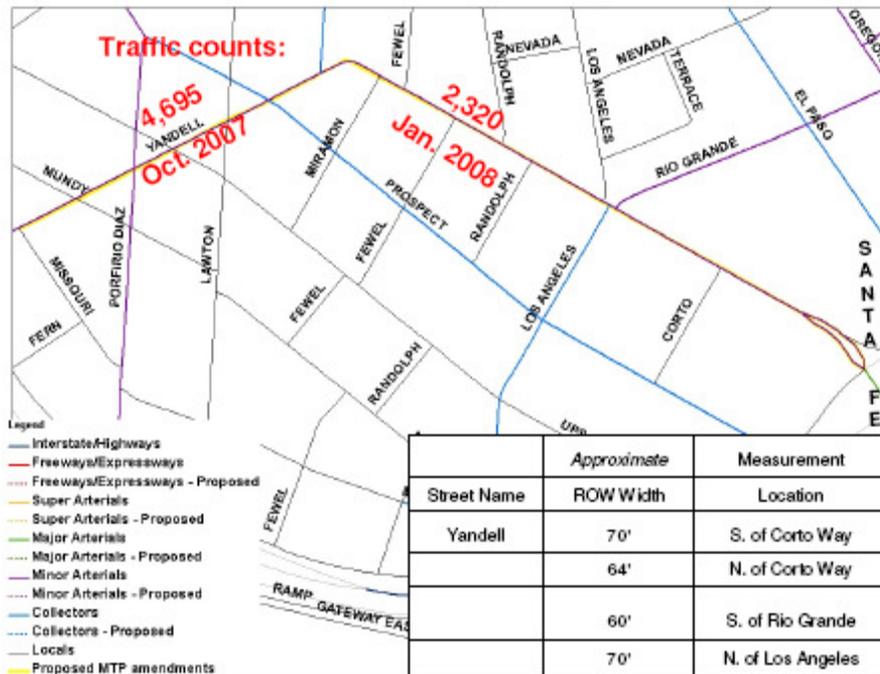
The above mentioned arterials are scattered citywide as follows:



Representative Districts: 1, 2, 3 and 8

Current Physical Characteristics of the Streets:

1. Yandell from Missouri to Santa Fe

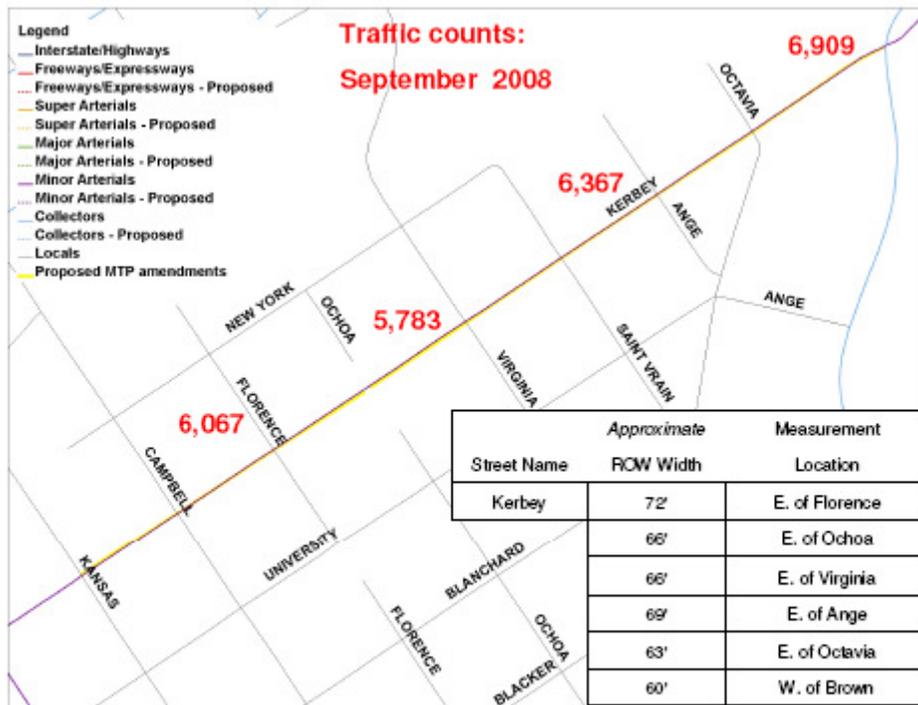


Minor Arterial with one driving lane in each direction.

Residential uses fronting on the street, sharp curve, park, high pedestrian usage.

Paving width: 40' @ Corto
 50' @ Fewel through the park

2. Kerbey from Kansas to Rim

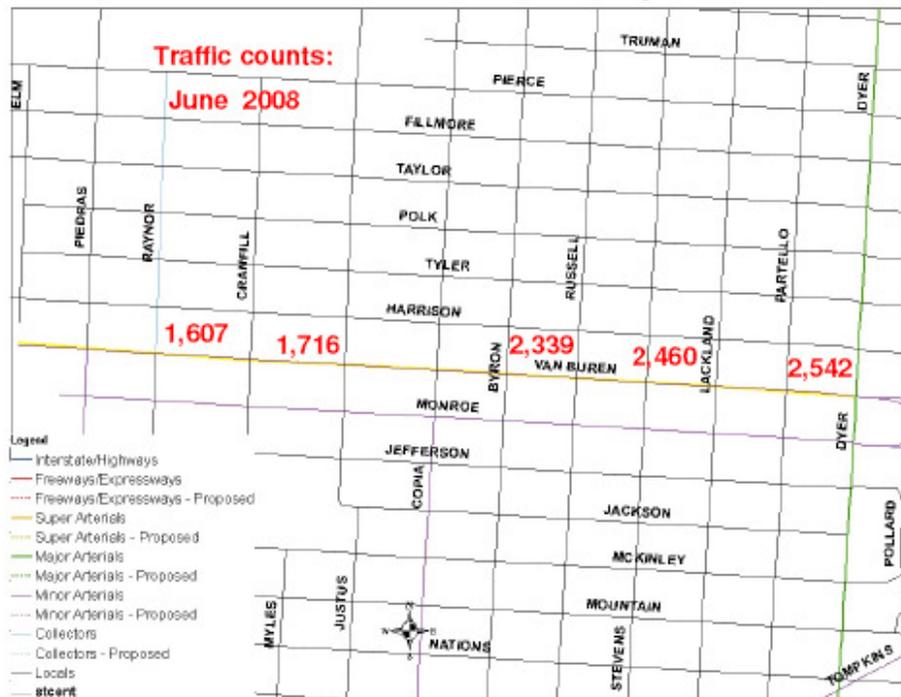


Minor Arterial with one driving lane in each direction.

Residential uses fronting on the street.

Paving width: 30' beginning at Florence, no sidewalk.

3. Van Buren from Elm to Dyer



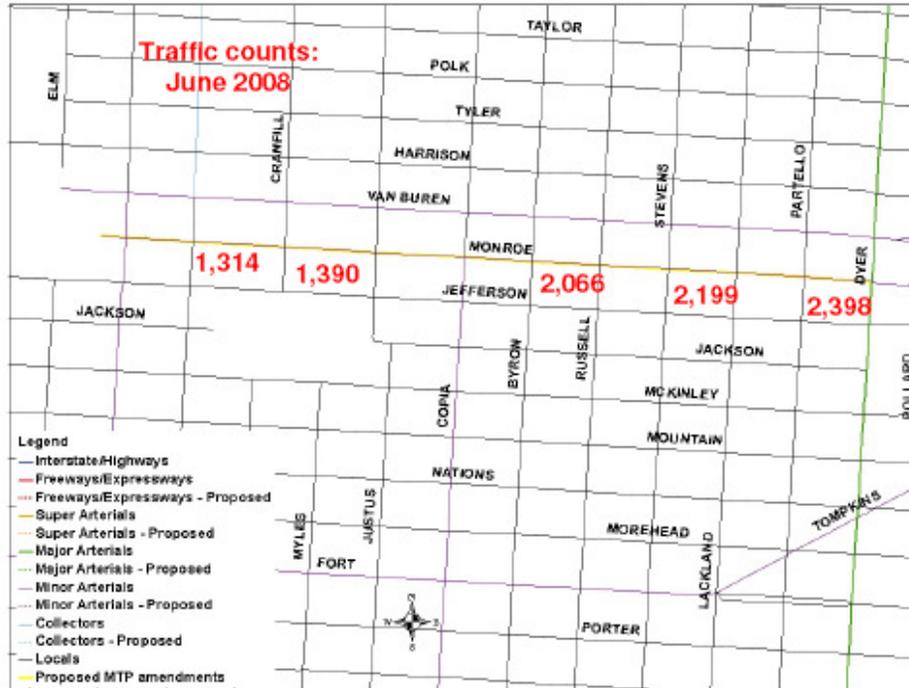
One way Minor Arterial (westbound), with two driving lanes.

Residential uses fronting on the street.

Paving width: 40' and sidewalk and parkway.

Approximate ROW width: 62'

4. Monroe from Elm to Dyer



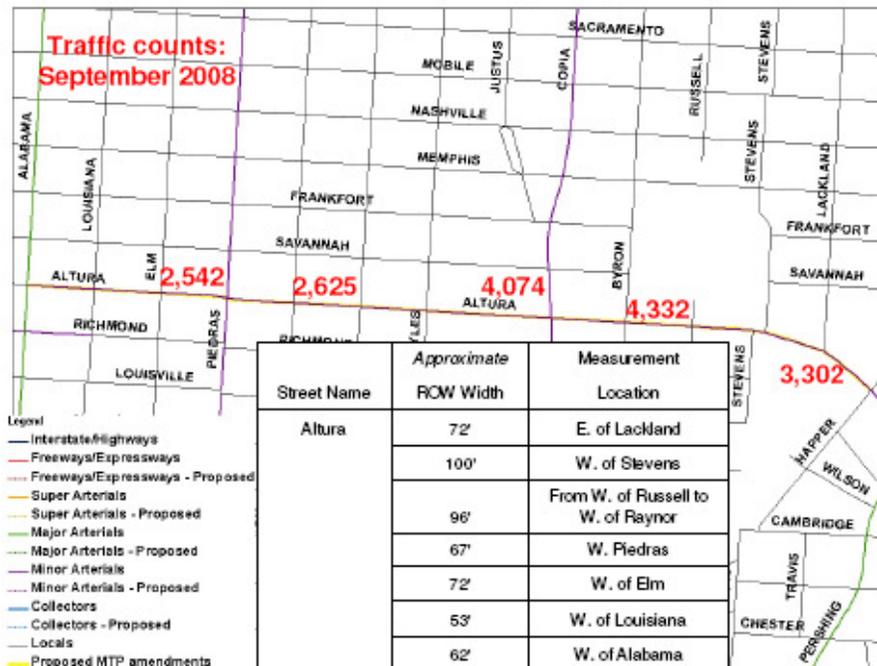
One way Minor Arterial (eastbound), with two driving lanes.

Residential uses fronting on the street.

Paving width: 40' @ Raynor, 30' @ Cranfill and sidewalk and parkway.

Approximate ROW width: 62'

5. Altura from Alabama to Happer

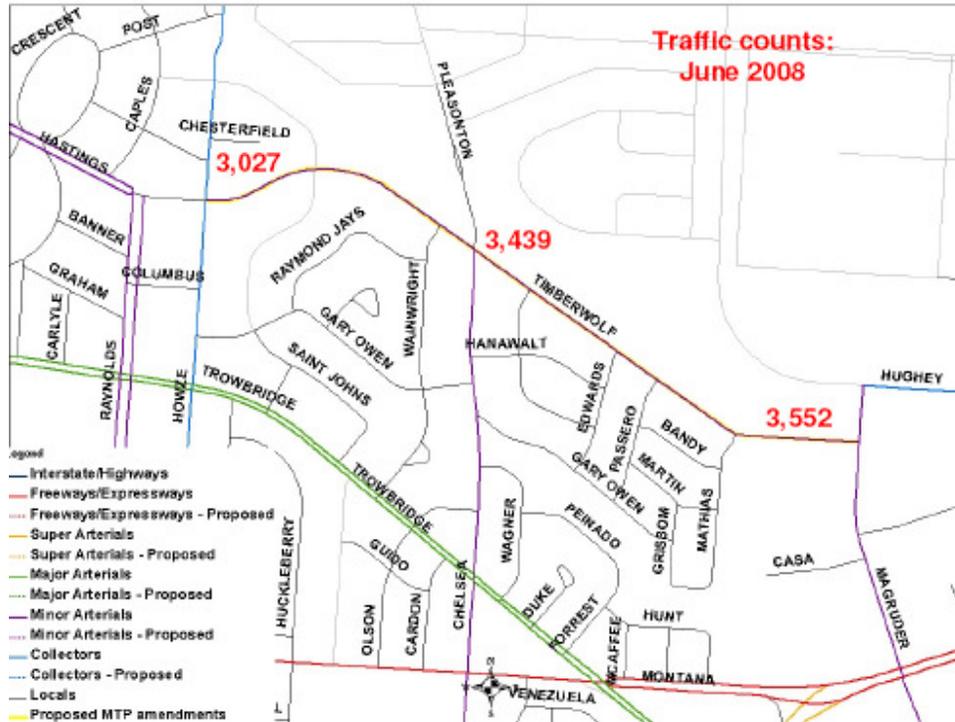


Minor Arterial with one driving lane in each direction.

Residential uses fronting on the street, park, school.

Paving width: 30' @ Alabama and Louisiana, 40' @ Piedras, some portions with no sidewalks, other portions with wide parkways (possible bike lanes).

6. Timberwolf from Howze to Magruder



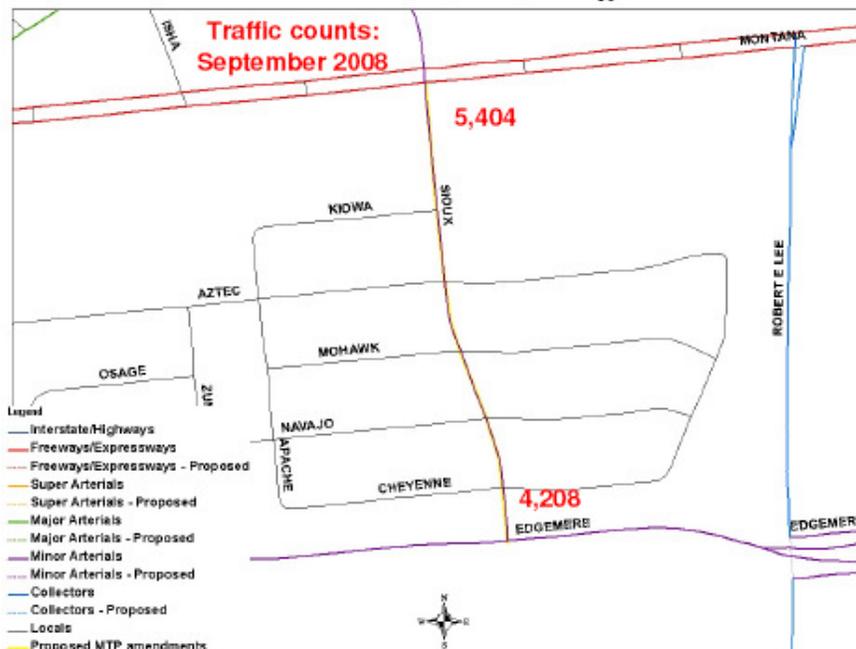
Minor Arterial with one driving lane in each direction.

Residential uses fronting on the street.

Paving width: 40' throughout and sidewalk and wide parkways.

Approximate ROW width: 76'

7. Sioux from Montana to Edgemere



Minor Arterial with one driving lane in each direction.

Residential uses fronting on the street.

Paving width: 40' and sidewalk and parkway.
Edgelines and no parking signs.

Approximate ROW width: 72'

Proposed Amendment: Downgrade from Minor Arterials to Collector Arterials the following streets:

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Staff Recommendation:

The Major Thoroughfare Review Team's recommendation is as follows:

Engineering Department - Traffic Division:

The Engineering Department-Traffic Division recommends approval.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT recommends approval.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The EP MPO recommends approval.

Development Services Department - Planning Division:

The Development Services Department- Planning Division recommends approval.

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC)

The Development Coordinating Committee recommends approval.

Figure 1- Current Major Thoroughfare Plan

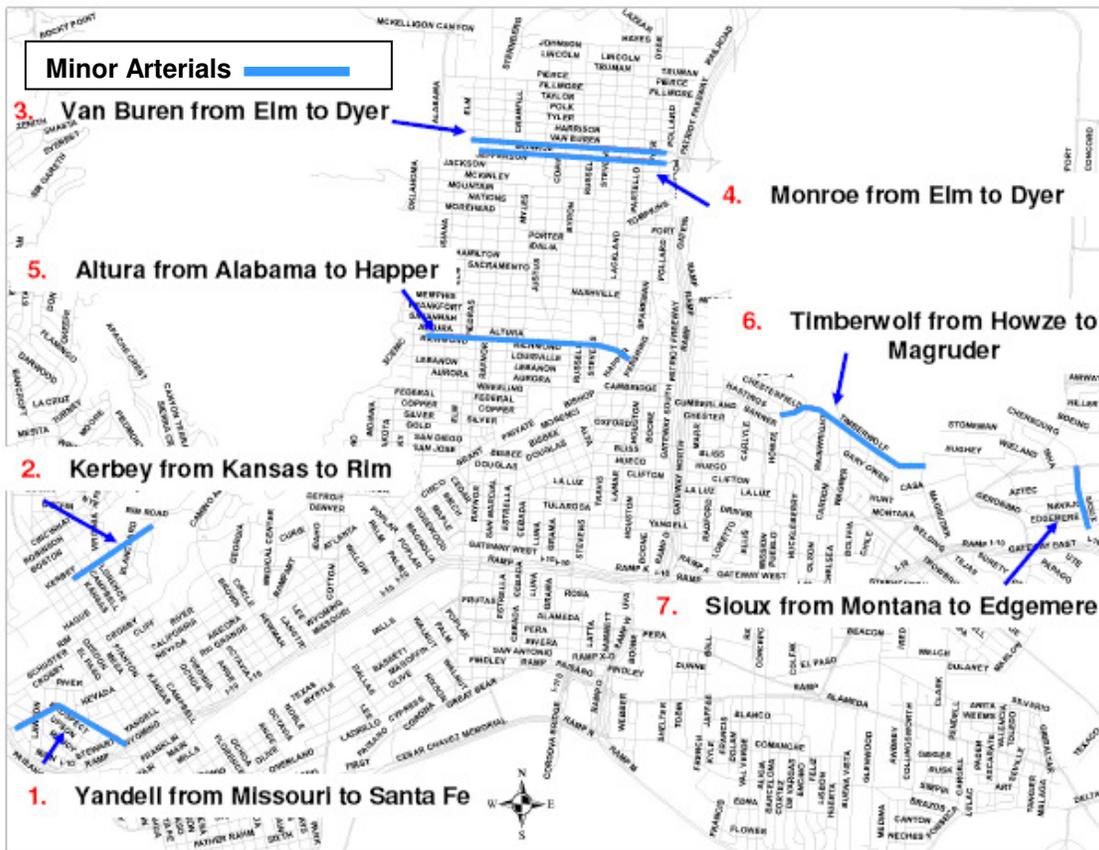


Figure 2- Requested Major Thoroughfare Plan Amendments

