

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

DEPARTMENT: Streets and Maintenance

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: February 9, 2016
Public Hearing: February 23, 2016

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Ted Marquez, Director, Streets and Maintenance (915) 212-0151

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8

STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBJECT:

Amend Title 12, Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (Schedule I – One-way streets), to add East First Avenue, Eastbound from Coles Street to its terminus, the penalty being as provided in Section 12.84.010 of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) project, Border West Expressway, requires bridge columns for Paisano Drive/Loop 375 direct connectors in the existing Coles Street. A request was made by TxDOT's developer to the Streets and Maintenance Department (SAM) to convert First Avenue to a one-way street. A wider section on First Avenue is not possible due to the geometric realignment of eastbound Paisano Drive. Converting First Avenue to a one-way facility will permit all turning movements by all sized vehicles, properties will still have access from eastbound Paisano Drive via Delta Street and Coles Street, and the existing access points will be maintained.

SELECTION SUMMARY:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:


Account No: N/A
Funding Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Ted Marquez, P.E., Director, Streets and Maintenance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES), SECTION 12.88.010 (SCHEDULE I – ONE-WAY STREETS), TO ADD A NEW LOCATION AT EAST FIRST AVENUE, EASTBOUND FROM COLES STREET TO ITS TERMINUS, THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.84.010 AND CHAPTER 12.85 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

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

Section 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (Schedule I – One-way streets), of the El Paso City Code, be amended to add a new location as follows:

12.88.010 (Schedule I – One-way streets):

96. East First Avenue, Eastbound From Coles Street to its terminus.

ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____, 2016.


CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lauren K. Ferris
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Ted Marquez, Director
Streets and Maintenance

ORDINANCE NO. _____
16-1036-498/492694/ 12.88.010 One-way streets - East First Avenue/LKF



Agenda Item 30.1

Amend Ordinance to add East First Avenue to One-way Streets

Strategic Plan 2016

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

- 7.3 Enhance regional comprehensive transportation system



Purpose of this Request

A request was made by the developer to Streets and Maintenance (SAM) to convert East First Avenue to a one-way street to accommodate the turning movements of the design vehicle designated to take this path via the Border West Expressway.

- SAM evaluated the request for one-way conversion and recommends approval.



Border West Expressway Overview

- \$600M Project
- 1095 days
- Project Length – 7.4 Miles
- Tolled lanes – 5.6 Miles





Work Area 1 – Coles/Paisano Interchange



“Delivering Outstanding Services”



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"Delivering Outstanding Services"



Background

Public Interaction

The Border West Expressway hosts Business Task Force Meetings on a quarterly basis.

Businesses are invited to attend in the following ways:

- El Paso Chamber of Commerce notification
- Hand delivered invitation
- Email invitation
- Central Business Association
- El Paso Downtown Management District

Separate meetings with the following organizations have been conducted to keep business up to date about construction.

- El Paso Chamber of Commerce notification
- El Paso Downtown Management District

The Border West Expressway PI Team will continue outreach efforts in Work Area 1 (Coles/Paisano) for the life of the project. To date there have been no major concerns about the new roadway or it's changes to the area.



Ordinance Scope/Background

Add East First Avenue to One-Way Streets

Section 12.88.010 – Schedule I—One-way Streets El Paso Municipal Code

Section 12.36.020 – Moving in indicated direction

- Vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited.



Requested Council Action

- Via Ordinance, amend Title 12, Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.010 (Schedule I – One-way streets), to add East First Avenue, Eastbound from Coles Street to its terminus, the penalty being as provided in Section 12.84.010 of the El Paso City Code.



Questions / Comments??