

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

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Inspections, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: September 1, 2020

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Philip F. Etiwe, (915) 212-1553
Nelson Ortiz, (915) 212-1606

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 3

STRATEGIC GOAL: #3 Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBGOAL: 3.1 Provide business friendly permitting and inspection processes
3.2 Improve the visual impression of the community

SUBJECT:

A Resolution renaming the entire length of the street currently known as Robert E. Lee Road, which begins on Montana Avenue and ends at Interstate 10, and authorizes the City Manager to take the necessary steps to change the name from Robert E. Lee Road to Buffalo Soldier Street.

Subject Property: West of Airway Blvd. and South of Montana Ave.
Applicant: Frances Bernal (SUNC20-00001)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On June 23, 2020, City Council approved two related agenda items. The first item authorized City Council to accept a \$1,500.00 donation from State Board of Education Representative Georgina Cecilia Perez to pay for the street rename application. The second item directed City staff to process this city-initiated request, bring forward this request to City Council for action, and authorized District 3 to utilize \$3,000.00 of their discretionary funds towards the renaming costs.

City Plan Commission recommended 6-1 to approve the proposed Street Name Change on August 6, 2020. As of August 25, 2020, staff has received 8 letters in support of the request. See attached staff report for additional information.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

June 23, 2020 – see above information under Background/Discussion.

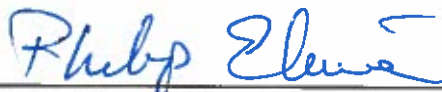
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$3,000.00 – District 3 Discretionary Funds

\$1,500.00 – Donation from State Board of Education Representative Georgina Cecilia Perez

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



Philip F. Etiwe – Planning and Inspections Director

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the El Paso City Council hereby renames the entire length of the street currently known as Robert E. Lee Road, which begins on Montana Avenue and ends at Interstate 10 (Exhibit "A"), and authorizes the City Manager to take the necessary steps to change the name from Robert E. Lee Road to Buffalo Soldier Street. This is located within the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Russell Abeln

Russell T. Abeln
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Philip F. Etiwe

Philip F. Etiwe, Director
Planning & Inspections Department

EXHIBIT A

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 Subject Property



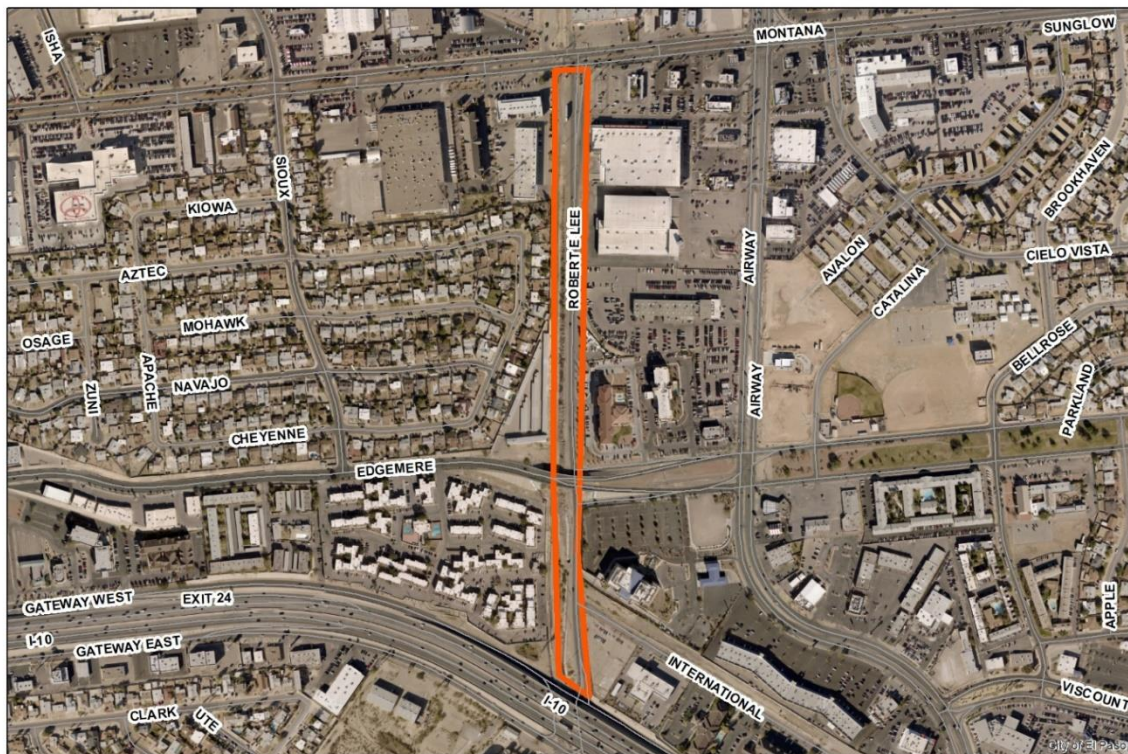
Robert E. Lee Road to Buffalo Soldier Street



City Plan Commission — August 6, 2020 **REVISED**

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|----------------------------|--|
| CASE NUMBER/TYPE: | SUNC20-00001 – Street Name Change |
| CASE MANAGER: | Nelson Ortiz, (915) 212-1606, Ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov |
| PROPERTY OWNER: | City of El Paso |
| REPRESENTATIVE: | Frances Bernal |
| LOCATION: | West of Airway Blvd. and South of Montana Ave. (District 3) |
| STREET FEES: | \$2,102.36 |
| PARK FEES: | Park Fees Not Required |
| ZONING DISTRICT(S): | C-4 (Commercial) / C-4/sc (Commercial/special contract) / M-1 (Manufacturing / |
| PUBLIC INPUT: | Seven (7) letters of support |

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends **APPROVAL** of the Street Name Change request. Please note “Buffalo Soldier” street name already exists within City of El Paso limits and within Fort Bliss. The duplication of “Buffalo Soldier” does not comply with El Paso City Code Section 19.15.140.A.2 (Street name and addresses – Standards) which states that “...street names shall not conflict with or duplicate any existing street name within the City or County of El Paso”.



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Subject Property

0 200 400 800 1,200 1,600 Feet



Figure A: Aerial of the subject street with surrounding area

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: City Council directed staff to initiate a street name change from “Robert E. Lee Road” to “Buffalo Solder Street”. The applicant is requesting the change in recognition of the African American Army units that served our Country during several American wars and military campaigns.

CASE HISTORY/RELATED APPLICATIONS: City Council approved two related agenda items at their regular council meeting of June 23, 2020. The first item authorized City Council to accept a \$1,500.00 donation from State Board of Education Representative Georgina Cecilia Perez to pay for the street renaming application. The second item directed City staff to process this city-initiated request, bring forward this request to City Council for action, and authorized District 3 to utilize \$3,000.00 of their discretionary funds towards the renaming costs.

STREET CHARACTER: Robert E. Lee Road runs North/South between Montana Avenue, at the northern boundary, and Interstate 10, at the southern boundary. Robert E. Lee Road is classified as a collector street per the City of El Paso’s Major Thoroughfare Plan and provides direct access to two separate manufacturing and/or commercially-zoned properties. All other properties abutting Robert E. Lee Road have primary access from separate rights-of-way.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No inquiries to this request have been received from the public. However, staff did receive seven (7) letters of support to the street name change as part of the application. An additional letter was received on August 5, 2020 from El Paso County. The total number of letters of support as of August 5, 2020 are eight (8).

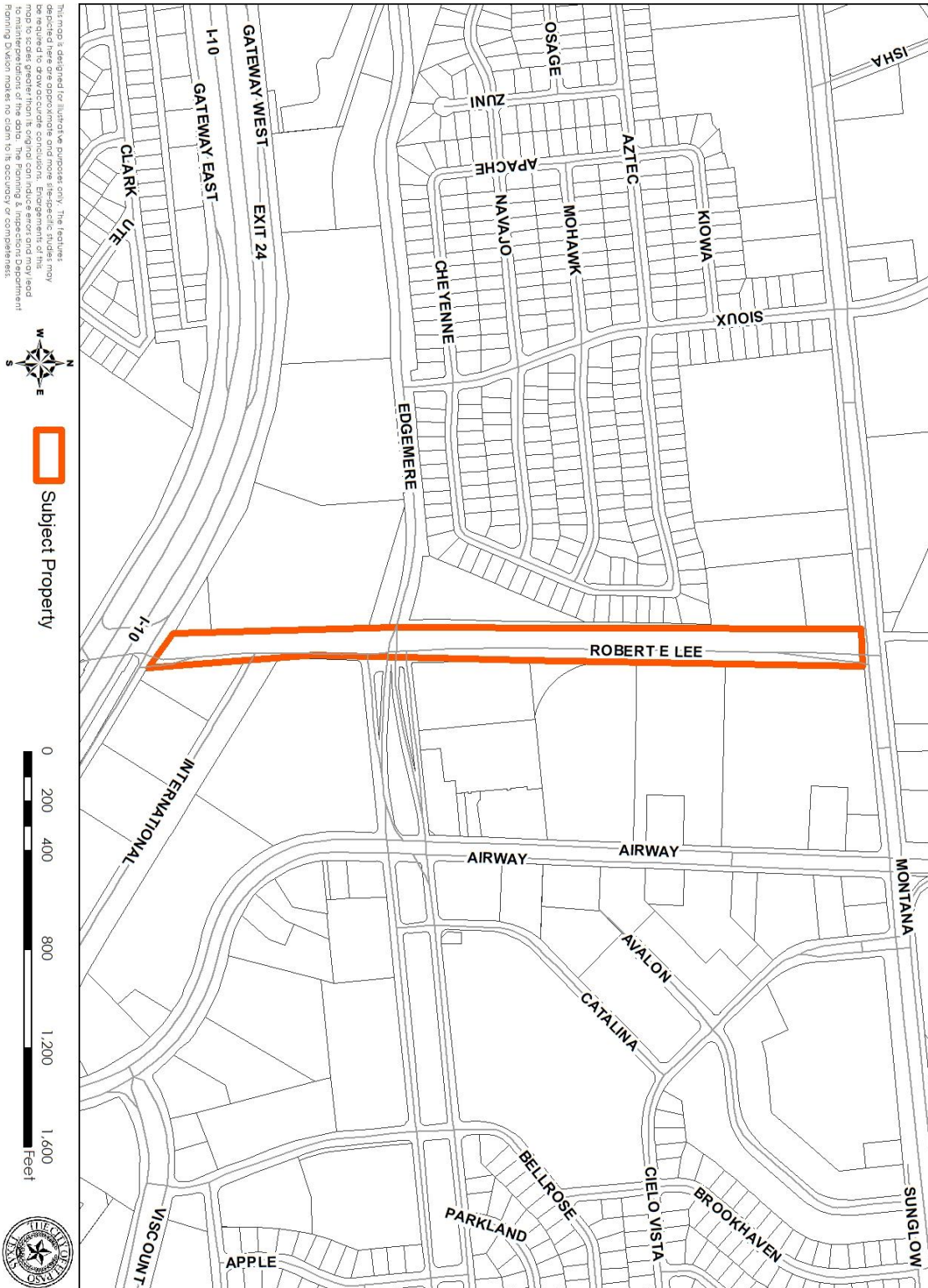
CITY PLAN COMMISSION:

The City Plan Commission (CPC) has the authority to advise City Council on street name change requests.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Location Map
2. Letters of support
3. Application
4. Street and Maintenance cost estimate
5. Department Comments

ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2



CÉSAR J. BLANCO

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 76

June 16, 2020

Mayor and Council
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell

Dear Mayor and Council,

We, as a nation and a community, need to unite, speak out, and actively fight racism and oppression in all its forms. From law enforcement use of force, to equal opportunity in jobs and education, to concrete reminders of leaders of the Confederacy who fought to safeguard slavery, there are a multitude of areas in desperate need of reform.

There are many opportunities for improvement and reform. Within our city, there are constant reminders that recognize and honor figures that are painful reminders of when slavery and extreme racism were core to the existence of the Southern secessionists. Monuments and streets named after Confederate soldiers are not needed to 'remember the past' when so many are still experiencing the repercussions of slavery and racism today.

For these reasons I support of the application to change Robert E Lee Road, located in East El Paso, to Buffalo Soldier Road, in honor of the African American soldiers who served on the western frontier following the American Civil War. This name change would mirror the efforts of Fort Bliss to rename their portion of Robert E Lee Road and access gate to Buffalo Soldier, which leads up to their Buffalo Soldier monument commemorating the 1870 expedition by the all African American 9th Cavalry that had a substantial presence on Fort Bliss.

The change is long overdue and the time to act is now. I formally request you to support changing Robert E Lee Road to Buffalo Soldier Road, in accord with Fort Bliss and most importantly, in unity with the Black community.

Sincerely

César J. Blanco
Texas State Representative
District 76 – El Paso



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DISTRICT OFFICE: 9440 VISCOUNT, STE. 205 • EL PASO, TEXAS 79925 • PHONE (915) 599-9807 • FAX (915) 599-9776



Mayor and Council
City of El Paso

06/16/2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

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Even within the culturally rich City of El Paso, there are many opportunities for improvement to exemplify how this City is a place of acceptance and refuge, no matter race or nationality. Within the City there are remnants of outdated recognitions of figures and events that are painful reminders of when slavery and extreme racism and discrimination were core to existence of the South. It is those same inhuman injustices that have rippled through to today.

It is time to update the visual image of El Paso and to extract these fragments of pain, not for the erasure of history but for the raising of equality. This is why I am in support of the application to change Robert E Lee Road located in East El Paso to Buffalo Soldier Road which will honor the African American soldiers who served on the Western frontier following the American Civil War.

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Sincerely

Tamieka Henry, President
El Paso Young Black Leaders

Carlos Gallinar
1427 Hawthorne Street
El Paso, TX 79902

June 17, 2020

Mayor Margo & El Paso City Council
City of El Paso

RE: Renaming of Robert E. Lee Blvd.

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**PRINCE OF PEACE
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
2155 Wedgewood Dr. | El Paso, TX 79925
servantpop67@yahoo.com | 915.487.7836

Mayor and Council
City of El Paso

16 June 2020

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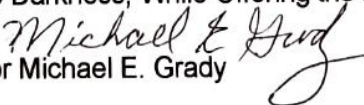
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Exposing the Darkness, While Offering the Light


Senior Pastor Michael E. Grady

"Where Worshipers Gather"



Regarding the renaming of Robert E. Lee Street

Mayor of El Paso and City Council Representatives,

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Sincerely,

J.J. Martinez
President

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June 16, 2020

Mayor Dee Margo
Hon. Peter Szvarbein, District 1
Hon. Aleksandra Annello, District 2
Hon. Cassandra Hernandez, District 3
Hon. Samuel Morgan, District 4
Hon. Isabel Salcido, District 5
Hon. Claudia Lizette Rodriguez, District 6
Hon. Henry Rivera, District 7
Hon. Cissy Lizarraga, District 8

Re: Renaming of Robert E. Lee Road, El Paso, Texas

Dear Mayor Margo and City Representatives:

In the midst of the continuing advocacy for true equality for Black Americans under both law and social context, there is an energized wave of demand for immediate change following the murders of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Ahmaud Arbery. This has called the citizens of the United States, Texas and El Paso to stand in solidarity with Black Americans, calling for reform of law enforcement and excessive force policies employed primarily against Black citizens, for equal opportunity in employment and education and for an awareness of culture biases within a multitude of civil, social, and legal areas in desperate need of reform.

Throughout the nation, there are monuments, symbols, and other concrete reminders of historical injustice and oppression against the Black community; namely, honors and memorials bestowed upon leaders of the Confederacy who traitorously rebelled against the Union in the Civil War to safeguard our nation's Original Sin of slavery and the oppression of black Americans.

The State of Texas, once a proud Republic on its own merit, defied the vision of equality envisioned by our nation's founders and joined the Confederacy. Many of these markers and monuments are recorded in our city's landscape, belying the spirit of *bienvenido* and peaceful co-existence which defines El Paso, the Pass to the North.

This presents an opportunity for El Paso to exemplify how this City is a place of welcome, acceptance, and refuge, no matter race or nationality of the sojourners and residents of our community. A resident of this City, which boasts a major military installation, a diverse university campus, and is a border community, I, as a born and raised El Pasoan, a proud border

dweller, a public servant, and a taxpayer, reject all symbols that oppress members of our community and visitors to our hometown. I invite you to do the same on behalf of all El Pasoans.

Within the City there are painful reminders of the traitorous history of the Civil War, the slavery which continued long after the Emancipation Proclamation, and the extreme racism and discrimination were fundamental to culture of the South, including El Paso. Those relics of the past have mired the Black American in an institutional gridlock which began with our nation's founding and continues today. It is enough.

It is high time to extract these fragments of oppression, discrimination, and pain. This is not an attempt to erase history, because history should never be forgotten lest it be repeated. It is an effort to root out those symbols of inequality for the creation of a "more perfect Union." I am in support of the application to change the name of Robert E Lee Road (located in East El Paso) to Buffalo Soldier Road. This will honor the African American soldiers who served on the Western frontier following the American Civil War.

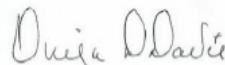
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The contributions of Black El Pasoans are often overlooked by City Council. This would be a way to give honor to the many men and women who have worked hand-in-hand with other ethnic communities to lay the foundation of this community. From the times of the diaspora from the South, El Paso has been home to thousands of Black Americans, from the days of the railroad expansion, through the era of the Buffalo Soldier, to the ever-growing community of military and civil service retirees who have chosen to call El Paso home.

This change is long overdue. The nation cries out for similar reforms, taking place on a daily basis across the country and even in the nation's capitol. El Pasoans call out for reform as well. Now is the time to take forward-leading action and create the vision of unity that we proclaim as El Pasoans.

As a member of the native Black El Paso community, I urge you to support changing the name of Robert E Lee Road to Buffalo Soldier Road, in accord with Fort Bliss and most importantly, in unity with the community.

Sincerely,



OUISA D. DAVIS

Mayor and Council
City of El Paso

6/17/2020

Dear Mayor and Council as advocating students and executive board members of the Black Student Union at UTEP,

In the midst of political unrest in the continued fight for the equality for Black Americans, there is an energized wave of demand for immediate change. From law enforcement use of force, to equal opportunity to jobs and education, to concrete reminders of leaders of the Confederacy and their safeguarding of slavery, there are a multitude of areas in desperate need of reform.

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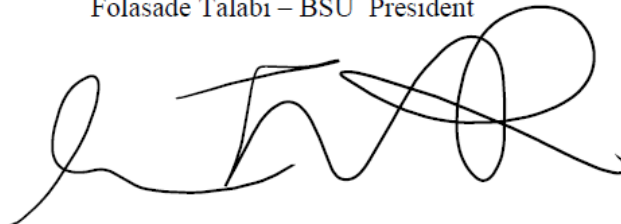
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Sincerely

Kyra Lewis – BSU Vice President



Folasade Talabi – BSU President



Additional Letter from County of El Paso



August 5, 2020

City Plan Commission
City of El Paso
300 N. Campbell
El Paso, Texas 79901

RE: Street Name Change Robert E. Lee

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the El Paso County Commissioners Court, please accept this letter as the County's support in removing Robert E. Lee's name from the El Paso street that currently bears his name. Lee is best known for taking up arms against the United States of America in the defense of slavery, launching a battle that nearly destroyed our country. The County does not believe he should be honored in our community by having a street named after him.

There are a number of outstanding citizens the City could consider for the renaming of the roadway. The late El Paso civil rights attorney Enrique Moreno, who rose from a humble background to become a Harvard-educated lawyer who changed the lives of El Pasoans, is one such example.

We urge you to remove Lee's name and thoughtfully consider public feedback in renaming that street.

Respectfully,

Hon. Ricardo A. Samaniego
El Paso County Judge

ATTACHMENT 3



Application for a Street Name Change

Please Print

Date: 6-10-2020

Applicant's Name: Frances Bernal

Applicant's Address: 6036 Aztec Rd.
El Paso, Tx. 79925

Telephone Number: (Home) 915-234-2133 ^{Cell} (Work) 915-204-1491

Existing Street Name: Robert E. Lee

Proposed Street Name: Buffalo Soldier

Reason for Request: In this climate of enlightenment it is inappropriate to have a street named after a symbol of the Confederacy and a time of division in our country. The proposed name will honor the Buffalo Soldiers and provide continuity to the part of the street it connects with on Fort Bliss.

Applicant's Signature: Frances Bernal

*Effective September 1, 2014, a technology fee will be added to all Planning application fees.
(For Office use only)

Date Accepted: _____ Accepted By: _____

Planning & Inspections Department
811 Texas | P.O. Box 1890 | El Paso, Texas 79950-1890 | (915) 212-0085

STREET NAME CHANGE PETITION FORM

Pursuant to the City of El Paso process of application to name a street, below are the signatures of support from properties that reside within the street that is requested for name change.

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| CURRENT NAME: | Robert E. Lee |
| SUGGESTED NAME: | Buffalo Soldier |

PROPERTIES ON STREET


| OWNER | PROPERTY ID | ADDRESS | PRINT NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|
| CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR INC | 65575 | ROBERT E LEE, EL PASO TX | | | |
| TRACK ONE RESTAURANT | 170870 | 1300 ROBERT E LEE, EL PASO TX 79925 | | <i>KENNETH M. DEBART</i> | 6-11-20 |

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| CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR INC | 65575 | ROBERT E LEE, EL PASO TX | Patricia Dalbin |  | 6/18/2020 |
| TRACK ONE RESTAURANT | 170870 | 1300 ROBERT E LEE, EL PASO TX 79925 | | | |

ATTACHMENT 4



Report Date 6/15/2020

SAM Detail Cost Summary Report

WORKORDERID 721263
DESCRIPTION SIGN
ACTUALSTARTDATE 06/15/2020
ACTUALFINISHDATE 06/15/2020
WOCLOSEDBY GONZALEZ, ANGELICA
ADDRESS ROBERT E. LEE

COMMENTS

LABOR

| Employee | Hours | Regular Cost | Overtime Cost | Cost |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | 10.00 | \$197.90 | \$0.00 | \$227.59 |
| | 10.00 | \$211.70 | \$0.00 | \$243.46 |
| | 10.00 | \$171.10 | \$0.00 | \$200.19 |
| | 10.00 | \$211.30 | \$0.00 | \$243.00 |
| TOTALS | 40.00 | \$792.00 | \$0.00 | \$914.22 |

EQUIPMENT

| Equipment ID | Units | Hours | Unit Cost | Cost |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 04010 Bucket Truck | 1.00 | 10.00 | \$26.47 | \$264.70 |
| 12010 FORD F-350 UTILITY TRUCK 2012 | 1.00 | 10.00 | \$13.78 | \$137.80 |
| TOTALS | 2.00 | 20.00 | \$40.25 | \$402.50 |

MATERIALS

| Description | Units | Measure | Unit Cost | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bracket street name sign VS556 4 way | 3.00 | EA | \$6.78 | \$20.34 |
| Sign Street Name 48 x 9 | 3.00 | EA | \$42.06 | \$126.18 |
| Sign Street Name 96 x 16 | 2.00 | EA | \$72.85 | \$145.70 |
| Sign Street Name Hardware Overhead | 2.00 | SET | \$21.71 | \$43.42 |
| TRAFFIC CONTROL | 1.00 | | | \$450.00 |
| TOTALS | 11.00 | SET | \$143.40 | \$785.64 |

| Work Order Number | Labor | Equipment | Material | Total Costs |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 721263 | \$914.22 | \$402.50 | \$785.64 | \$2,102.36 |

ATTACHMENT 5

Planning & Inspections Department- Planning Division

Developer / Engineer shall address the following comments:

1: Submit to the Planning & Inspections Department – Planning Division the following prior to recording of the subdivision:

- a: Current certificate tax certificate(s)
- b: Current proof of ownership.
- c: Release of access document, if applicable.
- d: Set of restrictive covenants, if applicable.

2: Every subdivision shall provide for postal delivery service. The subdivider shall coordinate the installation and construction with the United States Postal Service in determining the type of delivery service for the proposed subdivision. In all cases, the type and location of delivery service shall be subject to the approval of the United States Postal Service.

3: “Buffalo Soldier” street name already exists within City of El Paso limits and within Fort Bliss. Request to duplicate “Buffalo Soldier” street name does not comply within El Paso City Code Section 19.15.140.A.2 (Street name and addresses - Standards) which states that “...street names shall not conflict with or duplicate any existing street name within the City or County of El Paso”.

4: Upon approval of this request, property owners with addresses from Robert E. Lee Road will be required to request an address change from the Planning and Inspections Department.

5: Applicant will be required to coordinate with Streets and Maintenance staff to update street signage.

Planning & Inspections Department- Land Development Division

No objections to the proposed street name change.

Streets and Maintenance Department

Street signage will need to be updated. Applicant will be required to pay all fees associated within the manufacturing and installation of new street signs. **See Attachment 4 of this staff report.**

El Paso County 911 District

No comments received.

Sun Metro

Recommend approval.

El Paso Water

El Paso Water (EPWater) does not objects to this request.

EPWater requests a copy of the official street name change to update our records.

Water:

There is an existing 12-inch diameter water main located along the east side of Robert E. Lee Rd., approximately 4- feet west of and parallel to the eastern right-of-way line of Robert E. Lee Rd. This water main is available for service.

Sanitary Sewer:

There is an existing 12-inch diameter sanitary sewer main that extends along the east side of Robert E. Lee Rd. between Montana Ave. and Edgemere Blvd., approximately variably 72.5-feet to 35-feet west of and parallel to the eastern right-of-way line of Robert E. Lee Rd. There is also an 8-inch sanitary sewer main along Edgemere Blvd. between Edgemere and International Dr. These sanitary sewer mains are available for service.

Fire Department

No comments received.

Capital Improvement Department

No comments received.

El Paso County

No comments received.

El Paso Water County Improvement District

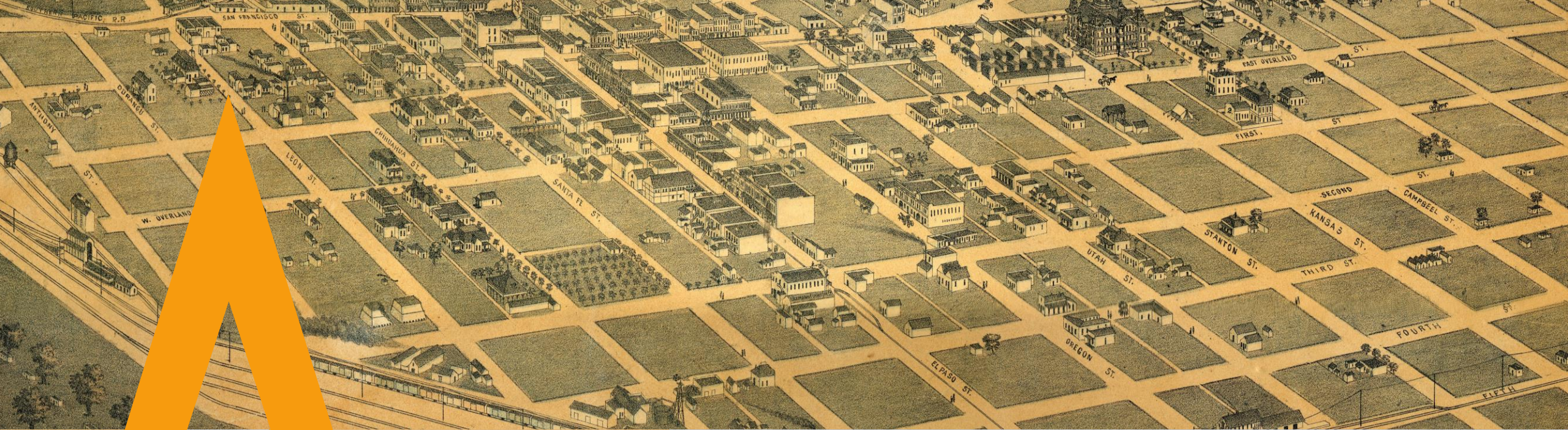
No objections. Request does not lie within the boundary of El Paso Water County Improvement District.

Texas Gas

No comments received.

El Paso Electric

No comments received.



ITEM

Robert E. Lee to Buffalo Soldier Street Name Change

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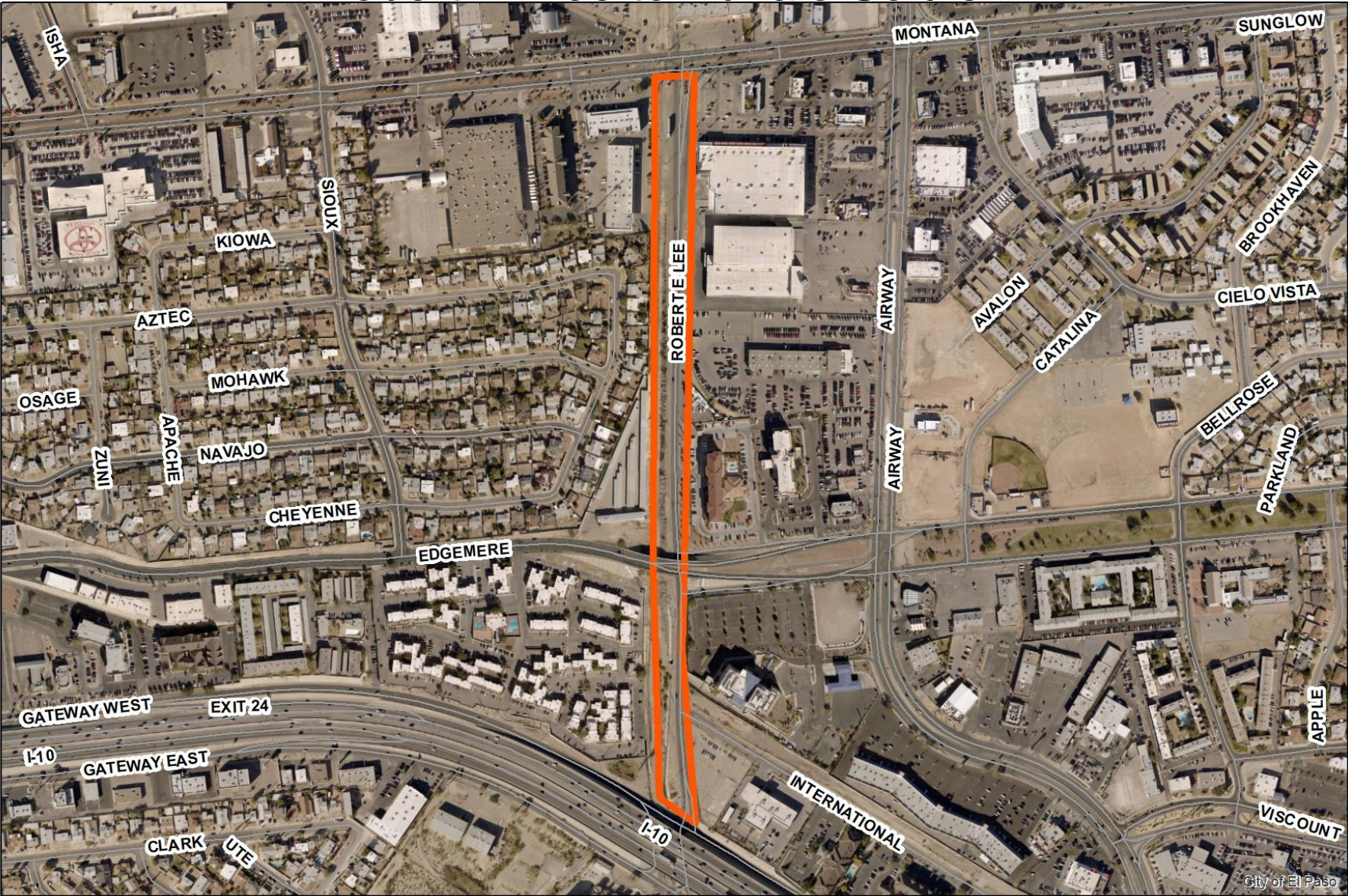
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Robert E. Lee to Buffalo Soldier




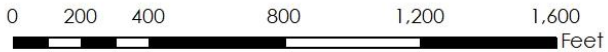
Aerial Map



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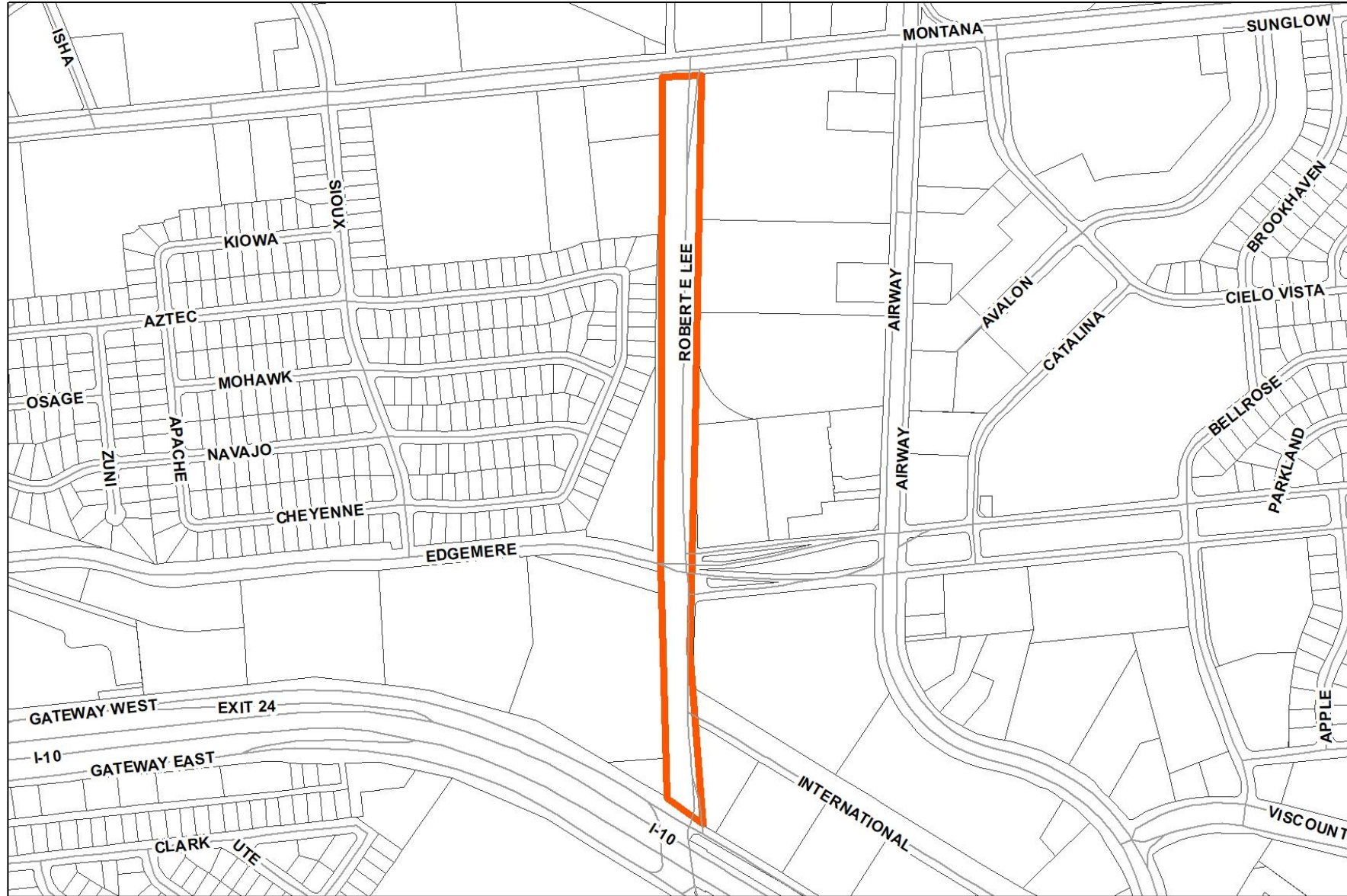
 Subject Property



Robert E. Lee to Buffalo Soldier




Location Map



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 Subject Property





South



North

Case History

- On June 23, 2020, City Council approved two related agenda items at their regular council meeting.
 - The first item authorized City Council to accept a \$1,500.00 donation from State Board of Education Representative Georgina Cecilia Perez to pay for the street renaming application.
 - The second item directed City staff to process this city-initiated request, bring forward this request to City Council for action, and authorized District 3 to utilize \$3,000.00 of their discretionary funds towards the renaming costs.

Public Input

- Planning has received 8 letters of support to this request. Additionally, the two businesses with addresses from Robert E. Lee Road are in favor of the street name change request.





Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the Street Name Change.



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Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People