

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

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Economic Development Department, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: September 13, 2011
Public Hearing: September 20, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Arturo Rubio, (915) 541-4633, rubioax@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 1

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance to preserve in its natural state and in perpetuity acreage legally described as Parcel 1, Nellie D. Mundy Survey 246, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas; Parcel 2, A portion of S.J. Larkin Survey, Abstract 10070, Tract 1, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas and Parcel 3, A portion of S.J. Larkin Survey, Abstract 10070, Tract 1-A, City of El Paso, El Paso County Texas (**District 1**).

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On Aug. 30, 2011, City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance to preserve certain land in west El Paso identified in a citizen's initiative petition in its natural state for perpetuity. This property had been rezoned by City Council to the Urban Reserve District in May 2011.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Approval of the EPWU Northwest Master Plan on May 24, 2005. A City-initiated rezoning application for approximately the northern half of the EPWU property to NOS (Natural Open Space) was denied by City Council in January 2011. A subsequent City-initiated rezoning to the Urban Reserve District was approved by City council in May 2011.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) – N/A
City Plan Commission (CPC) – N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director, Planning and Economic Development Department

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE IN ITS NATURAL STATE AND IN PERPETUITY ACREAGE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 1, NELLIE D. MUNDY SURVEY 246, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS; PARCEL 2, A PORTION OF S.J. LARKIN SURVEY, ABSTRACT 10070, TRACT 1, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS AND PARCEL 3, A PORTION OF S.J. LARKIN SURVEY, ABSTRACT 10070, TRACT 1-A, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS

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

The City of El Paso shall preserve, in its natural state and in perpetuity, all of the acreage in the land legally described as "Parcel 1 – Nellie D. Mundy Survey 246, City of El Paso, El Paso County Texas, and Parcel 2 - a portion of S.J. Larkin Survey, Abstract 10070, Tract 1, City of El Paso, El Paso County Texas, and Parcel 3 – a portion of S.J. Larkin Survey, Abstract 10070, Tract 1-A, City of El Paso, El Paso County Texas, save and except land that was previously conveyed by Ordinance No. 017523, dated March 29, 2011, and any other land not owned by the City of El Paso. The City shall take all steps necessary to preserve this land and to prevent it from being developed with either private development or major public roadways. (This land is also known as "the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor.")

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

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:

Mathew S. McElroy, Deputy Director
Planning and Economic Development
Department

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2011

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

FROM: Arturo Rubio, Senior Planner

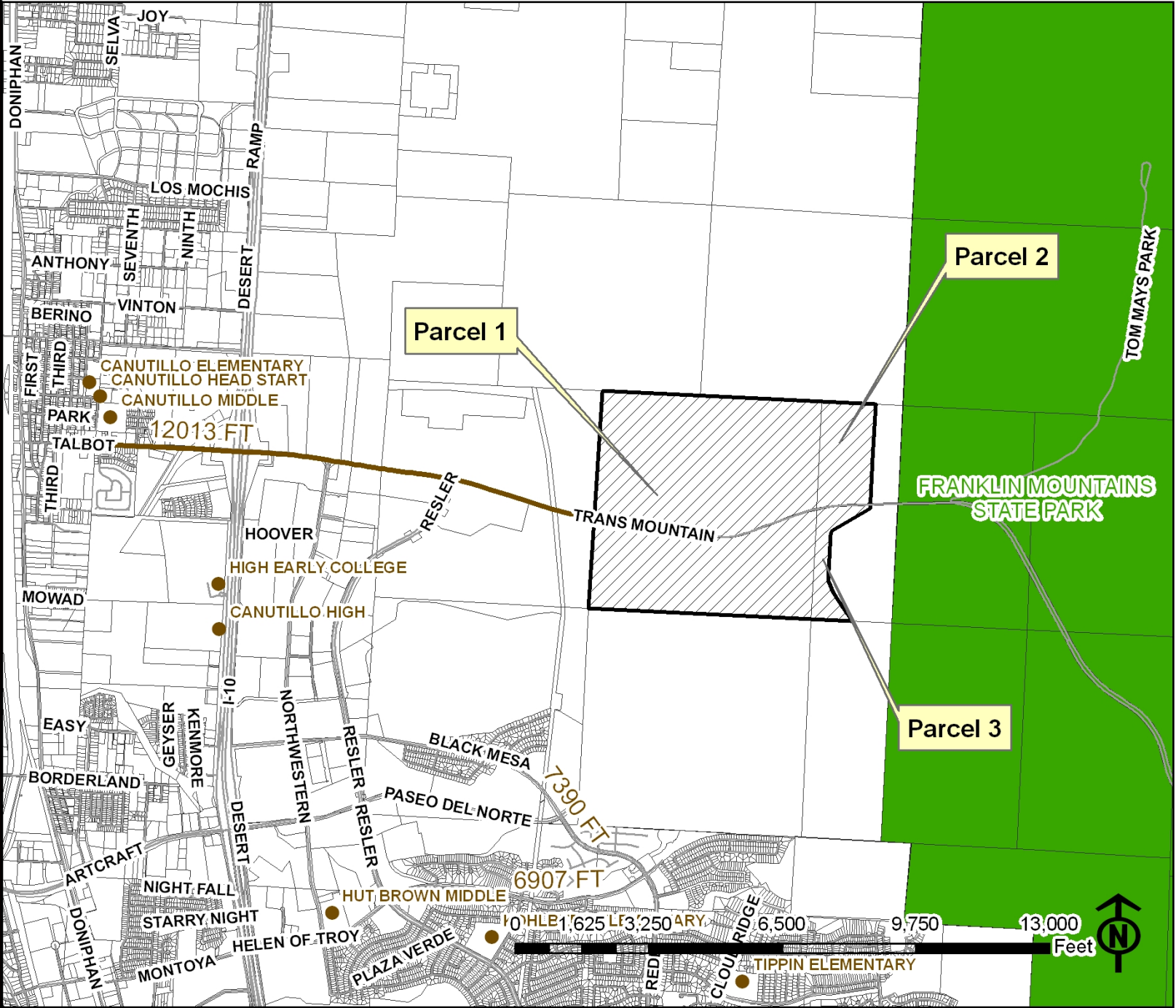
SUBJECT: **An Ordinance to Preserve Acreage**

On Aug. 30, 2011, City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance to preserve certain land in west El Paso identified in a citizen's initiative petition in its natural state for perpetuity. This property had been rezoned by City Council to the Urban Reserve District in May 2011.

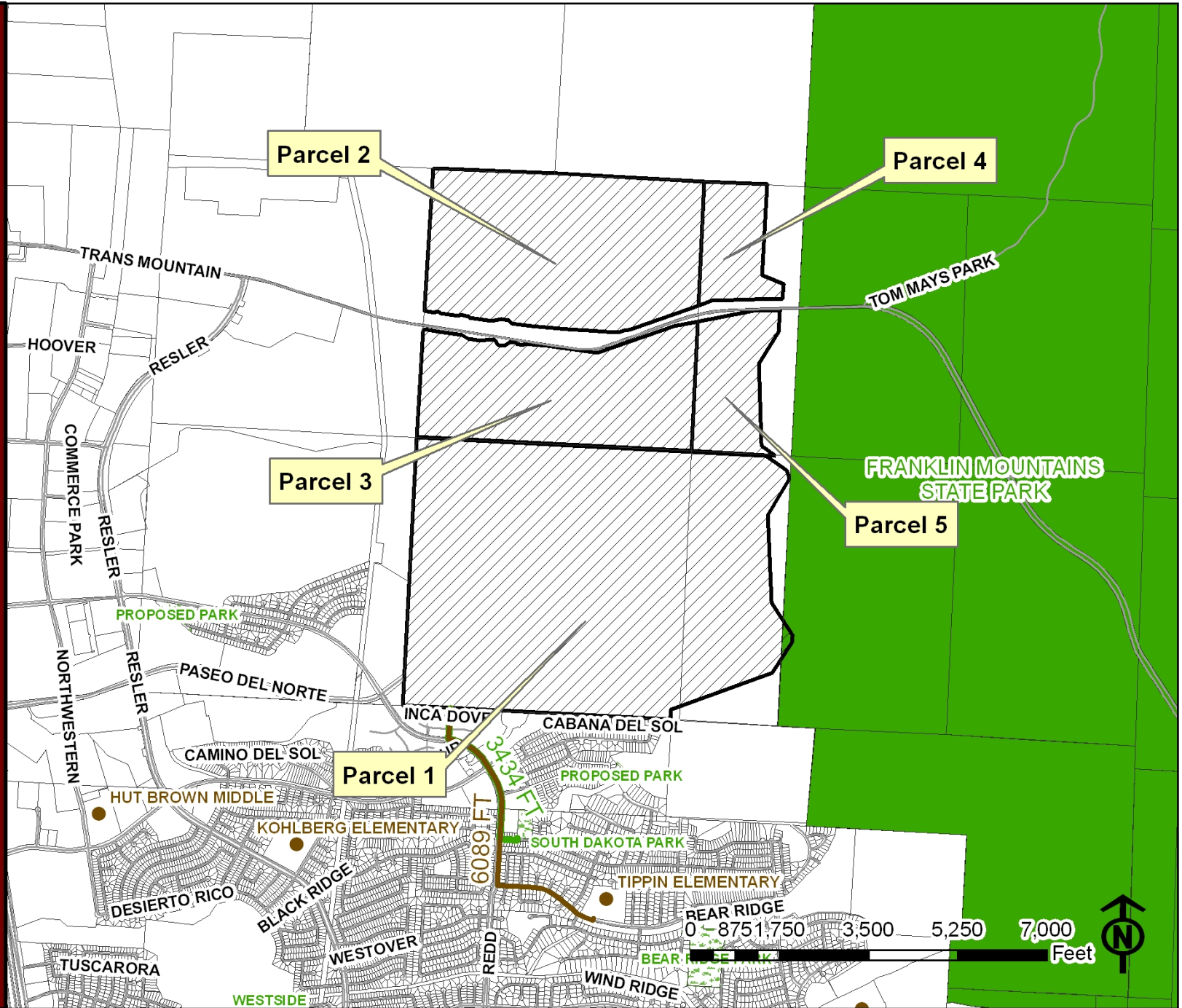
The City Council approved the EPWU Northwest Master Plan on May 24, 2005. A City-initiated rezoning application for approximately the northern half of the EPWU property to NOS (Natural Open Space) was denied by City Council in January 2011. A subsequent City-initiated rezoning to the Urban Reserve District for the entire Master Plan area was approved by City Council in May 2011.

Attachment: Location Maps

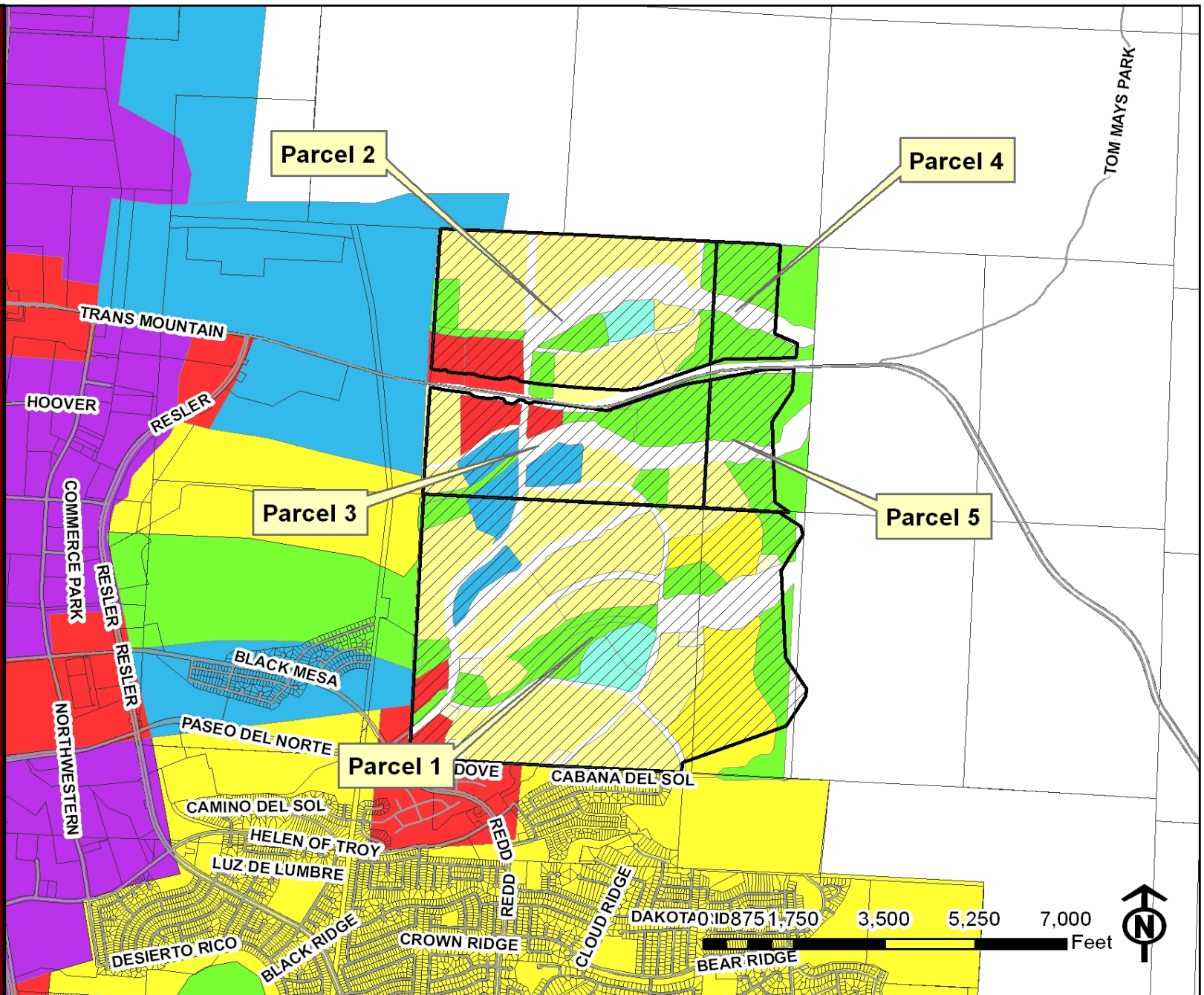
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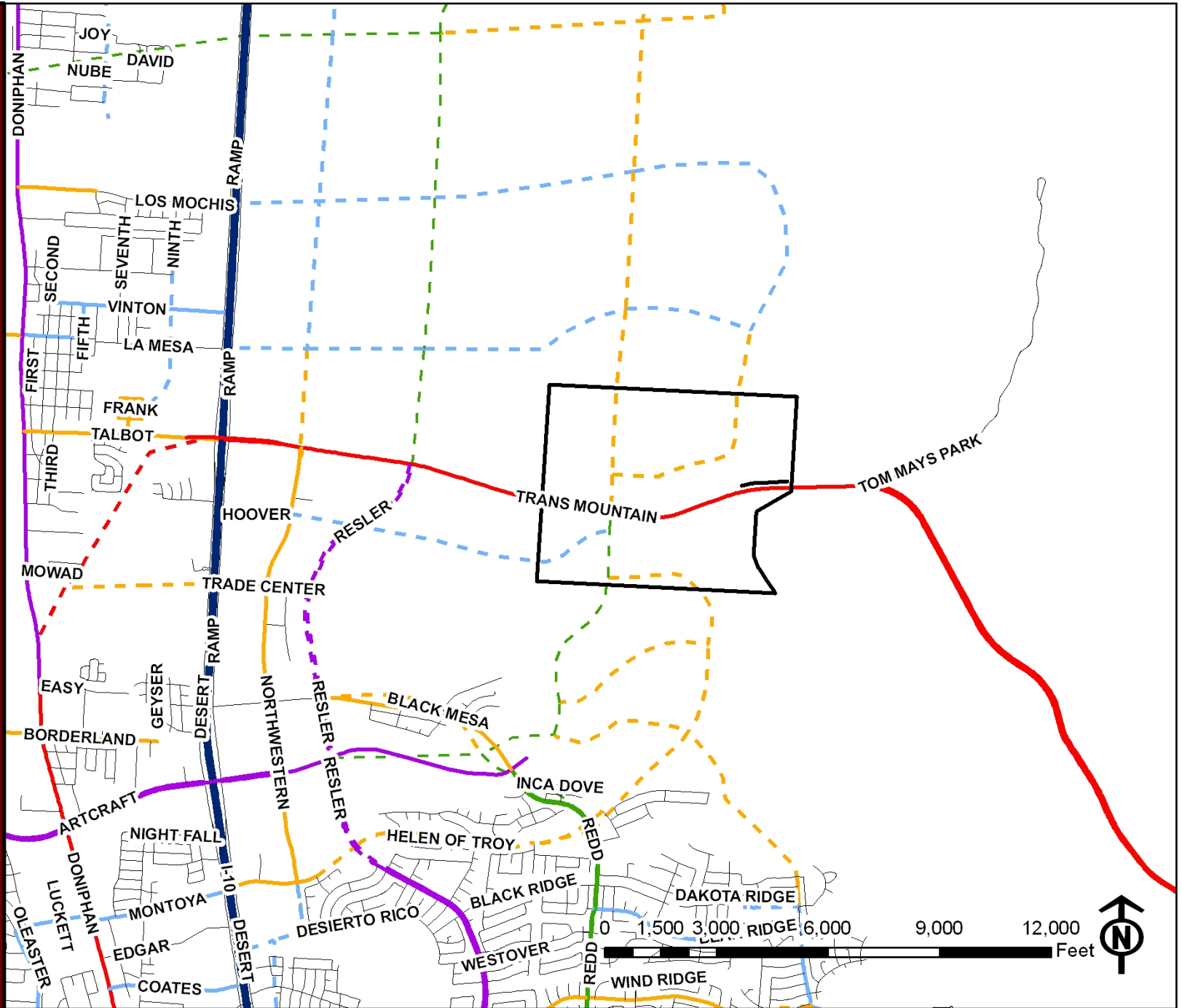
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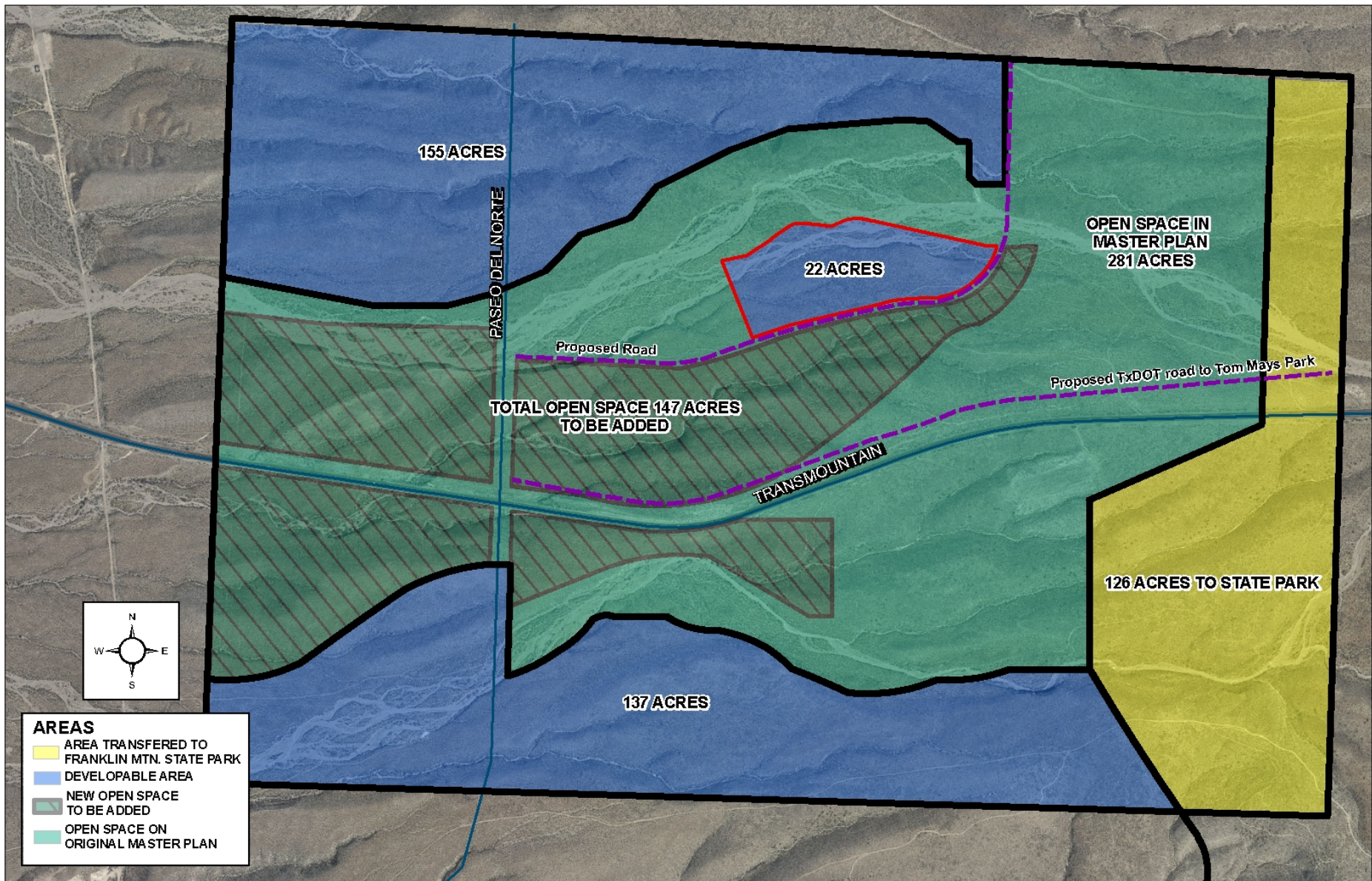


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ZON10-00090





Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 6:04 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: request

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:31 PM
To: Patricia Sanders <wsander1@elp.rr.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: request

Good afternoon, Ms. Sanders,

We have received your e-mail; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

Norma A. Castillo

Office of the Mayor

2 Civic Center Plaza

El Paso, TX 79901

(915) 541-4145

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castillona@elpasotexas.gov

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From: Patricia Sanders [mailto:wsander1@elp.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 1:37 PM
To: Mayor; District #8
Subject: request

Support the petition, the people's voice, to preserve the Trans Mountain Scenic Corridor , without modifications. Your actions today determine the course of El Paso's future for once the mountain is gone it is gone forever!

Patsy Sanders
4223 Boy Scout Lane
El Paso, Texas 79922

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Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 6:04 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:34 PM
To: Brunk, Samuel <sbrunk@utep.edu>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Mr. Brunk,

We have received your e-mail; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

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From: Brunk, Samuel [mailto:sbrunk@utep.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 7:00 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Dear Mr. Cook:

I'm writing to urge you to support the petition the requests protection of about 800 acres of the Transmountain Scenic Corridor.

Sam Brunk

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Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 6:04 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: please preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:35 PM
To: Miller, Carol <cmiller@utep.edu>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: please preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Ms. Miller,

We have received your e-mail; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

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From: Miller, Carol [mailto:cmiller@utep.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 6:35 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: FW: please preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor

please preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor -- it's important to the future of El Paso

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Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 4:49 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo; Forsyth, Kimberly
Subject: Fw: Preserve the Scenic Transmountain Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

----- Original Message -----

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 02:24 PM
To: Bob Gourdoux <dada2u@earthlink.net>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Preserve the Scenic Transmountain Corridor

Good afternoon, Mr. Gourdoux,

We are in receipt of your e-mail. By copy of this response, it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Gourdoux [mailto:dada2u@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 12:49 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Preserve the Scenic Transmountain Corridor

Mayor Cook,

Please support the petition sponsored by the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition calling for the preservation of the Scenic Transmountain Corridor.

Do what you can to preserve and protect the plants and wildlife along this area along with the beautiful sweeping views of our mountains.
Do not allow development and roadways to destroy and pollute this jewel of the southwest. Once developed, it can never be returned to its current natural state.

Stand up to shortsighted moneyed interests. Tell them to look elsewhere in the city for land. Represent the majority of your constituents by bestowing this gift to the current and future residents of this region. Keep this tourist attraction in our city.

Thank you for your support.

Bob Gourdoux
Northeast El Paso

Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 4:46 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo; Forsyth, Kimberly
Subject: Fw: City Council Agenda 9/20/11

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

----- Original Message -----

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 04:44 PM
To: ibarbe@elp.rr.com <ibarbe@elp.rr.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: FW: City Council Agenda 9/20/11

Good afternoon,

We have received your e-mail. It will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

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From: Joe Barbe [mailto:ibarbe@elp.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 3:58 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: City Council Agenda 9/20/11

Dear Mayor Cook:

We urge you to support preserving the land described in Item 4J on tomorrow's agenda for City Council. We must save as much of our natural landscape as we can in the area of our mountains and their surrounding terrain for ourselves and future generations, for the plants and animals for whom it is home, and for the natural beauty which is precious but easily ruined. Thank you for your support to preserve our inheritance.

Joe and Yoli Barbe
2901 McKinley Ave
El Paso, TX 79930
(915) 565-9301
ibarbe@elp.rr.com
yobarbe@elp.rr.com

Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 6:03 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: Please save the NW Scenic Corridor!

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:38 PM
To: Aurolyn Luykx <aurolyn2@yahoo.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Please save the NW Scenic Corridor!

Good afternoon, Ms. Luykx,

We have received your e-mail; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

Norma A. Castillo
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From: Aurolyn Luykx [mailto:aurolyn2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 9:52 PM
To: District #1; District #2; District #3; District #4; District #5; District #6; District #7; Mayor; District #8; CityManager
Subject: Please save the NW Scenic Corridor!

Dear Fellow El Pasoan,
I am writing to ask that you use your power as our elected official to protect that Transmountain Scenic Corridor. In my opinion it's one of the best things about our city; when relatives come in from out of town, I always drive them along Transmountain just so they can see what a beautiful place I live in. It would be heartbreaking to see it marred by the same sort of strip mall development that is destroying views elsewhere in our city.

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The natural beauty and quality of life is what made me decide to make El Paso my permanent home. Please help us hold on to the best of what we have. How many shopping centers do we really need anyway? Especially in that area where not many people live.

Thanks for your attention and I hope you will do the best thing for El Paso.

Best,

Aurolyn Luykx

4570 Brighton Lane

El Paso TX 79902

Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 6:04 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: Franklin Mountains

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:36 PM
To: Grace's E-Mail <grace2@elp.rr.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Franklin Mountains

Good afternoon, Ms. Gibson,

We have received your e-mail; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

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From: Grace's E-Mail [mailto:grace2@elp.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 6:10 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Franklin Mountains

I am asking that you do everything in your power to preserve what is left of the Franklin Mountain Scenic Corridor. Please do not parcel out any more of one of the few naturally beautiful areas we have here in El Paso in order for developers to make a profit. Now is the time to make careful decisions about the future quality of life here. The decisions that have already been made about the use of our natural areas are absolutely shameful and I am appalled at the lack of foresight shown in the amount of destruction of habitat and scenery. Take a look at some of the most successful cities in this country - they made careful decisions about natural spaces and were extremely thoughtful about development!

Grace Gibson

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Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 5:14 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 04:54 PM
To: Scott Cutler <scottmcutler@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Mr. Cutler,

We are in receipt of your message. It will also be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

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Fax 541-4501
castillona@elpasotexas.gov

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From: Scott Cutler [mailto:scottmcutler@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 3:32 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Dear Mayor Cook,

The west side of Transmountain road provides El Pasoans with beautiful views of the mountains as well as the valley and mesas to the west. The scenic corridor has been enjoyed by tens of thousands of people since the road was completed. This enriching asset to our city is in jeopardy as a result of planned development along the west side of Transmountain Road.

A recent petition was successful in gathering the required sampling of registered voters

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wanting this view protected forever. **I am writing to urge you to vote tomorrow with the will of the people who elected you and preserve the roughly 800 acres of City-owned public land as stated in the petition below.**

The undersigned ask that the El Paso City Council pass the following ordinance:

The City of El Paso shall preserve, in its natural state and in perpetuity, all of the acreage in the land legally described as "Parcel 1 - Nellie D. Mundy Survey 246, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, and Parcel 2 - a portion of S.J. Larkin Survey, Abstract 10070, Tract 1, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, and Parcel 3 - a portion of S.J. Larkin Survey, Abstract 10070, Tract 1-A, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas." The City shall take all steps necessary to preserve this land and to prevent it from being developed with either private development or major public roadways. (This land is also known as "the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor.")

Preserving the land is important for the following reasons:

1. It is public land that should remain in the public domain and not be sold to developers so they can make a profit.
2. Justifying selling the land with the argument that it keeps water rates down is short-sighted at best. It does nothing more than put off the time when the City has sold all its lands and can no longer maintain this false economy. Rates and taxes will need to be raised. Why should this be put off on future generations?
3. While there may be a quick infusion of money to the City from development of public lands, the developer is the one who makes the profit while the City is left with an ever larger infrastructure (roads, sewers, water systems, police and fire services) to maintain in perpetuity. The "new taxes" mantra has been used for generations and we still do not have enough money. We are caught in a never-ending spiral of more building that creates more infrastructure and services but never enough money to maintain it.
4. Natural open space requires minimal if any infrastructure and services to maintain so it is helpful in creating a healthy economy.

The City of El Paso passed a resolution urging for the protection of Castner Range on the east side of the Franklin Mountains (and also flanking both sides of Transmountain Road) in part to protect the scenic qualities of the spectacular view. City Council should be equally ready to step up and protect the sister view on the west side of the mountains. By supporting your constituent's request that the nearly 800 acres of land on each side of the soon to be expanded Transmountain Road are protected forever, you will help create a legacy that all El Pasoans, present and future, can be proud of.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Cutler
112 Colina Alta Dr.
El Paso, Texas 79912
581-6071

Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 5:21 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: Support the Petition to preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:22 PM
To: Christine Montgomery <cmontgomery1@elp.rr.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Support the Petition to preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Ms. Montgomery,

We have received your e-mail; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely

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From: Christine Montgomery [mailto:cmontgomery1@elp.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 6:34 PM
To: Christine Montgomery
Subject: Support the Petition to preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor
Importance: High

I am asking you to preserve the Transmountain Scenic Corridor! I also ask you to support the petition, without modifications.

In Liberty,
"Career Politicians are the Problem and GOOOH is the Solution"

Christine Montgomery
(915) 226-6785
goooh.tx16@gmail.com
www.goooh.com

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Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 5:15 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
Planning and Economic Development
915-541-4635

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:11 PM
To: Rebecca Morgan <Rebecca5499@att.net>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Ms. Morgan,

We are in receipt of your message; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

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From: Rebecca Morgan [mailto:Rebecca5499@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2011 12:46 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Dear John Cook ,

This letter is in response to preservation of the Transmountain Scenic Corridor. Over the past few years, I have signed petition after petition for the city of El Paso to leave this area alone, due to the petitions the plans are delayed, but when pray tell are you going to listen to the voice of majority instead of the dollar. My most recent correspondence suggests that I should ask the El Paso City Council to preserve less than 800 acres of the more than 5,000 acres, the City owns on the western slopes of the Franklin Mountains, I find this request fully insufficient, I expect my tax dollars to be spent on upgrading residential and commercial areas already requiring attention, not destroying the good scenic areas that make this city a pleasant place to live. I do not want, the road wider, commercial or residential buildings on either side, take the change and growth and put it somewhere else.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morgan
Resident /Home Owner

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Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 6:04 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: Fw: El Paso Can-Do, Support the Preservation of the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
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From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 05:33 PM
To: Niceguy Smith <njoybob@yahoo.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: El Paso Can-Do, Support the Preservation of the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Ms. Schuler and Mr. Chessey,

We have received your e-mail; it will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Sincerely,

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From: Niceguy Smith [mailto:njoybob@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 2:08 PM
To: districtt1@elpasotexas.gov; District #2; District #3; District #4; District #5; District #6; District #7; District #8; Mayor; CityManager
Subject: El Paso Can-Do, Support the Preservation of the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor

Congratulations to the mayor, city manager and council and to our city for it's recent designation as a Can-Do city. This designation acknowledges the city efforts to plan ahead for future generations and to protect, preserve and improve the quality of life that we enjoy. Your support for the preservation of the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor would be in keeping with a Can-Do El Paso. Too often cities are short-sighted and push development through without sufficient regard for the impact on the environment or the need to protect lands and wildlife. The protection of this area would make a significant

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contribution to our quality of life and well as that of future El Pasoans.

Congratulations again for the Can-Do designation, and I hope El Pasoans can count on you to support the preservation of the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor.

Nancy Schuler and Bob Chessey

Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo; Forsyth, Kimberly
Subject: Fw: Scenic Corridor

Philip F. Etiwe
Development Review Manager
City of El Paso
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From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 02:28 PM
To: LADY4DOGS@aol.com <LADY4DOGS@aol.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Ms. Bains,

We have received your e-mail. It will also be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

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From: LADY4DOGS@aol.com [mailto:LADY4DOGS@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 2:16 PM
To: District #1; District #2; District #3; District #4; District #5; District #6; District #7; District #8; Mayor
Subject: Scenic Corridor

All District Representatives and Mayor Cook,

PLEASE preserve the less than 800 acres of the more than 5,000 acres that the City owns on the western slopes of the Franklin Mountains. NOW is the time to PRESERVE the TRANSMOUNTAIN SCENIC CORRIDOR. No more stalling that leaves our mountains vulnerable. Support the petition, without modifications. Your actions today determine the course of El Paso's future. Once the land is developed it is GONE FOREVER.

Nancy Bain (Northeast)

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Rubio, Arturo

From: Etiwe, Philip F.
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo; Forsyth, Kimberly
Subject: Fw: Preserve the Scenic Transmountain Corridor

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From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 02:26 PM
To: Mary Gourdoux <maregourdoux@yahoo.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Preserve the Scenic Transmountain Corridor

Good afternoon, Mrs. Goudoux,

We have received your message, by copy of this response it will also be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

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From: Mary Gourdoux [mailto:maregourdoux@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 12:16 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Preserve the Scenic Transmountain Corridor

Mayor Cook,

Please sign and support the petition sponsored by the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition calling for the preservation, in its natural state and in perpetuity, the land known as the Scenic Transmountain Corridor. Please prevent it from being privately developed and keep it from becoming part of a major public roadway.

Once this land is developed, it can never be returned to its previous pristine state. There is abundant land elsewhere for development. Personally, I don't want to lose the wildlife and plant life in this area or lose the lovely sweeping view of the mountains. Plus this corridor helps support wildlife in the

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region. From a pragmatic view point, development of this area will lead to flooding and soil erosion and the accompanying pollution traffic brings. And as we lose the varied wildlife and plant life along with the beautiful views, we will lose tourists.

Your vote to support the West Transmountain Scenic Corridor will be seen as a gift to the people of El Paso and also as a gift to future generations. Do not let the shortsightedness of a few moneyed interests destroy this wonderful area. Please represent the views of the majority of your constituents, not just those who see land as a way to make money.

I look forward to thanking you for making the right decision.

Mary Gourdoux
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Retired teacher
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Rubio, Arturo

From: Forsyth, Kimberly
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Rubio, Arturo
Subject: RE: Scenic Corridor

Art, there are several letters.

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From: Rubio, Arturo
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 4:56 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Forsyth, Kimberly; Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: FW: Scenic Corridor

Please add support letter to back up for item 4J CCA 9/20/11.

Thank You

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From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 02:28 PM
To: LADY4DOGS@aol.com <LADY4DOGS@aol.com>
Cc: Etiwe, Philip F.
Subject: RE: Scenic Corridor

Good afternoon, Ms. Bains,

We have received your e-mail. It will also be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

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To: District #1; District #2; District #3; District #4; District #5; District #6; District #7; District #8; Mayor
Subject: Scenic Corridor

All District Representatives and Mayor Cook,

PLEASE preserve the less than 800 acres of the more than 5,000 acres that the City owns on the western slopes of the Franklin Mountains. NOW is the time to PRESERVE the TRANSMOUNTAIN SCENIC CORRIDOR. No more stalling that leaves our mountains vulnerable. Support the petition, without modifications. Your actions today determine the course of El Paso's future. Once the land is developed it is GONE FOREVER.

Nancy Bain (Northeast)