

Existing and Committed Surface Transportation Network

Within the study area, State Highway 83 is the primary roadway that will accommodate traffic to and from the proposed development. Secondary roadways include Hodgen Road, Black Forest Road, Shoup Road, Old Stagecoach Road, North Gate Boulevard, Ridge Run Drive, Shortwall Drive, and Allen Ranch Road. A brief description of each roadway, based on the County’s 2016 Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP)¹ and Engineering Criteria Manual (ECM)², as well as the City’s Major Thoroughfare Plan³, is provided below:

State Highway 83 is a north-south, state-owned, principal arterial roadway having two to four through lanes (one to two lanes in each direction) with a combination of shared and exclusive turn lanes at the intersections within the study area. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) categorizes the adjacent segment of State Highway 83 as a Regional Highway (R-A) north of Old North Gate Road and an Expressway, Major Bypass (E-X) south of Old North Gate Road. State Highway 83 and provides posted speed limits of 55 to 60 MPH.

Hodgen Road is an east-west, El Paso County-owned roadway having two through lanes (one lane in each direction) with a combination of shared and exclusive turn lanes at the intersections within the study area. East and west of State Highway 83, the County’s 2016 MTCP categorizes Hodgen Road as a minor arterial and major arterial roadway, respectively. Hodgen Road provides a posted speed limit of 55 MPH.

Black Forest Road is a north-south, El Paso County-owned, minor arterial roadway having two through lanes (one lane in each direction) with shared turn lanes at the intersections within the study area. Black Forest Road provides posted speed limits of 40 to 45 MPH. Black Forest Road extends north of Hodgen Road as an unpaved, private roadway. Black Forest Road continues as a public roadway north of Hodgen Road, offset approximately one-quarter mile east, and classified as a collector roadway.

Ridge Run Drive is a north-south, El Paso County-owned, local roadway having two through lanes (one lane in each direction) with a combination of shared and exclusive turn lanes at the intersection within the study area. However, per Section 2.3.2, Table 2.3.2, they have a design speed limit of 30 MPH north as Black Forest Road.

Shoup Road is an east-west, El Paso County-owned roadway having one through lane in each direction) with a combination of shared and exclusive turn lanes at the intersections within the study area. Shoup Road is a minor arterial roadway while the adjacent State Highway 83 is a principal arterial roadway. Shoup Road ends at State Highway 83.

Review and include the Hodgen Road Access Management Plan and Corridor Preservation Plan

Unresolved. Update the reference. Staff has upload the El Paso County Hodgen Road AMP (Aug 2007), as a separate comment on eDARP. The AMP does not show access along the development frontage to Hodgen Rd.

Provide a statement that the applicant is anticipated to submit a deviation request for any proposed access to Hodgen with subsequent subdivision application.

¹ El Paso County 2016 Major Transportation Corridors Plan, El Paso County, October 2016.

² El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual, El Paso County, October 2020.

³ Major Thoroughfare Plan, City of Colorado Springs, August 2011.