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Kari Parsons  
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**Subject: Highway 83 Access Management Master Plan (MP233)**

Kari,

The Parks and Community Services Department has reviewed the Highway 83 Access Management Master Plan. These comments are being provided administratively as this application does not require Park Advisory Board consideration.

The master plan was developed by Atkins on behalf of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). CDOT has developed an Access Control Plan (ACP) to address future access needs within northern El Paso County along Colorado State Highway 83 (CO 83). The limits of the ACP are approximately 9.85 miles, beginning at the CO Highway 21/Powers Boulevard and ending at County Line Road/Palmer Divide Road to the north. Highway 83 is under CDOT jurisdiction. El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs stakeholders in the plan who would ultimately sign an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) endorsing the plan.

The Highway 83 ACP aims to improve operations, safety and multi-modal along the highway corridor. Changes in access are identified to reduce the number of conflict points. Locations are identified that may warrant traffic signals or other control structures such as roundabouts. The recommendations do not specify the future roadways, rather concentrates on access to the highway.

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows the Highway 83 Bicycle Route running along Highway 83 for the entire length of the corridor. Bicycle routes are accommodated within the public right of way when improvements to the road are made. A bicycle route is typically an 8' wide paved shoulder and is intended to be used by multi-modal transportation. Bicycle routes promote safety and support the needs of bicyclists along the route.

These comments are being provided administratively, and this application does not require Park Advisory Board consideration.

Sincerely,

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# Highway 83 Master Plan

- Primary Regional Trail, Completed
- Primary Regional Trail, Proposed
- Secondary Regional Trail, Completed
- Secondary Regional Trail, Proposed
- Proposed Bicycle Routes, Proposed
- Interstate Highways
- State and Federal Highways
- Major Roads
- El Paso County Parks
- Lakes & Ponds
- Streams

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Highway 83 Corridor

