



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

Meeting Agenda
Community Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 3:00 PM

In-Person

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room
14 S. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Virtual: Microsoft Teams (Video and Audio)

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1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions

2. Agenda Approval

3. Consent Items

(These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a Committee member or a citizen wishing to address the Committee.)

A. Approval of the minutes from the January 29, 2025, regular meeting ☒

B. Approval of the minutes from the February 11, 2025, special meeting ☒

4. Public Comments / Presentations

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5. Action Items

A. Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary – Will Mast, GIS Admin and Modeling Lead ☒

B. Fiscal Year 2025-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3 – Jess Bechtel, TIP Planner ☒

6. Information Items

7. Member Entity Announcements

- A. Air Quality Awareness Week – Angie Martell, Environmental Planner

8. Meeting Schedule

- A. Next meeting: April 30, 2025 – 3 p.m.
- B. Upcoming PPACG Meeting Schedule ☒

9. Adjournment

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Roster

Community Advisory Committee

Chair: Roland Rainey

First Vice Chair: Ed Dills

Second Vice Chair: Tyler Peoples

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Citizens-At-Large

Paul Wiggins: Expires Nov. 30, 2026

Gary Shugart: Expires Nov. 30, 2026

Sheila Williams: Expires May 31, 2025

Roland Rainey: Expires Nov. 30, 2026

Tyler Peoples: Expires Nov. 30, 2026

Teresa Cheek: Expires Nov. 30, 2026

City of Colorado Springs

Chuck Theobald: Expires May 31, 2026

Mattie Gullixson: Expires May 31, 2026

Cali Standard: Expires May 31, 2026

El Paso County

Welling Clark: Expires May 31, 2025

Maile Foster: Expires May 31, 2025

Brad Simmons: Expires May 31, 2027

City of Fountain

Summer Earthsong: Expires May 30, 2026

City of Manitou Springs

Carey Storm: Expires Nov. 20, 2026

City of Woodland Park

Jon DeVaux: Expires Nov. 30, 2026

Town of Calhan

Kathy Hisey: Expires May 30, 2026

Town of Monument

Karen Lusby: Expires Nov. 30, 2026

Town of Ramah

Ed Dills: Expires Nov. 30, 2025

Council of Neighbors & Organizations (CONO)

Chris Crockett: Expires May 31, 2025

League of Women Voters

Andrea Perry: Expires Nov. 30, 2025

Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO)

Harold Larson: Expires May 30, 2026

Open Member Seats

Alma

Fairplay

Green Mountain Falls

Palmer Lake

Victor

Cripple Creek

Teller County

Park County



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Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 3 PM

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1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions

Chair Roland Rainey called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

Welling Clark motioned to approve the agenda; Chuck Theobald seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of the minutes from the December 20, 2024, meeting.

Kathy Hisey motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Maile Foster. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments / Presentations

None.

5. Action Items

A. Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2

Jess Bechtel, Transportation Programming and Project Delivery Planner, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2 and answered questions regarding the timeline and budget.

Maile Foster made a motion to recommend approval of the safety targets, seconded by Cali Standard. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Water Quality Site Application: Las Vegas Street Water Resource Recovery Facility
Angie Martell, Environmental Planner and Kimley Horn, on behalf of Colorado Springs Utilities provided an overview of the Water Quality Site Application and answered

various members' questions.

Welling Clark made a motion to recommend approval for the Water Quality Site Application, seconded by Ed Dills. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Information Items

A. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Danelle Miller, Senior Transportation Planner provided a brief update of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The public comment period is ongoing and ends February 9.

7. Member Entity Announcements

A. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Soil Cleanup Project Community Outreach

Angie Martell, Environmental Planner, provided a brief overview of the CDPHE Soil Cleanup Project and the outreach being planned.

B. Chris Crockett announced that the Council of Neighbors and Organizations is currently taking applications for the Spring semester for Neighborhood University. This is a free course designed to establish a foundation of civic knowledge for engaged citizens in Colorado Springs and El Paso County. The goal is to educate, equip, and engage residents to serve as an effective community leader.

C. Gary Shuhart requested an update at the next meeting regarding the Fillmore and Garden of the Gods project as well as the I-25 and Tejon project. Those were provided by staff via email from Colorado Department of Transportation and Colorado Springs.

8. Meeting Schedule

There will be a special meeting held on February 11, 2025, with one agenda item. That item will be the recommendation for approval for the Long Range Transportation Plan, following the end of the public comment period.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Attendees

<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Affiliation</u>
	Andrea Perry	League of Women Voters
X	Bill Boles	Park County
	Brad Simmons	El Paso County
X	Cali Standard	City of Colorado Springs
	Carey Storm	City of Manitou Springs
X	Chris Crockett	Council of Neighbors and Organizations
X	Chuck Theobald	City of Colorado Springs
X	Ed Dills	Town of Ramah
X	Gary Shugart	At-large
	Harold Larson	Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Organizations

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	Jon DeVaux	City of Woodland Park
X	Kathy Hisey	Town of Calhan
	Karen Lusby	Town of Monument
X	Maile Foster	El Paso County
X	Mattie Gullixson	City of Colorado Springs
	Paul Wiggins	At-large
X	Roland Rainey	At-large
	Sheila Williams	At-large
X	Summer Earthsong	City of Fountain
X	Teresa Cheek	At-large
X	Tyler Peoples	At-large
X	Welling Clark	El Paso County
X	Staff	Colorado Department of Transportation
X	Staff and guests	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments



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**Special Meeting Minutes
Community Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 1 PM**

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1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

Chris Crockett motioned to approve; Ed Dills seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Public Comments / Presentations

None.

4. Action Items

A. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Approval

Danelle Miller, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the public comment period and changes that have occurred since the Long Range Transportation Plan was released for public comment.

Ed Dills motioned to recommend the Board of Directors adopt the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Human Services Transportation Plan; Kathy Hisey seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

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Date: March 26, 2025

To: Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Community Advisory Committee

From: William Mast, GIS & Modeling Manager

Subject: 2025 Pikes Peak Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Update

Action Requested: Review & Recommend

Summary

A Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary must encompass the Census Urban Area Boundary for the metropolitan region, all roadways included in the Federal Highways Administration Adjusted Urban Area boundary, and should include member municipal boundaries and other areas that might become urbanized within 20 years so that transportation planning can accurately address growth within the metropolitan region and optimize the planned allocation of federal transportation funds administered through the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments staff worked with Colorado Department of Transportation to complete the Federal Highways Administration Adjusted Urban Areas in late 2024. As such, the Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary is now ready for an update to ensure it encompasses both the adjusted urban areas in addition and planned future urban areas. Further, the 2025 boundary update presents an opportunity for minor changes that help ensure the boundary edges are aligned with coincident feature boundaries, such as rivers and national forest lands, and improved where needed for planning clarity.

A final draft of the Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary, including a map of the area and a presentation of the changes, is included in the meeting materials. Ultimately, no substantial changes have been made to the existing boundary, only small adjustments where needed to include new urban areas and align with other boundaries.

Background

As the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the Colorado Springs area, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments is responsible for developing updates to the Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary in accordance with federal rules. The boundary defines which transportation projects are administered through the Metropolitan Planning Organization for federal transportation funding.

Proposed Motion

Recommend approval of the 2025 Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary to the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Attachments

- 1) 2025 Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Changes Map
- 2) 2025 Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Update Presentation of Changes
- 3) 2025 Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Description

Previous Action

- 1) The Transportation Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the 2025 Pikes Peak Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Update to the Board of Directors on March 20, 2025.

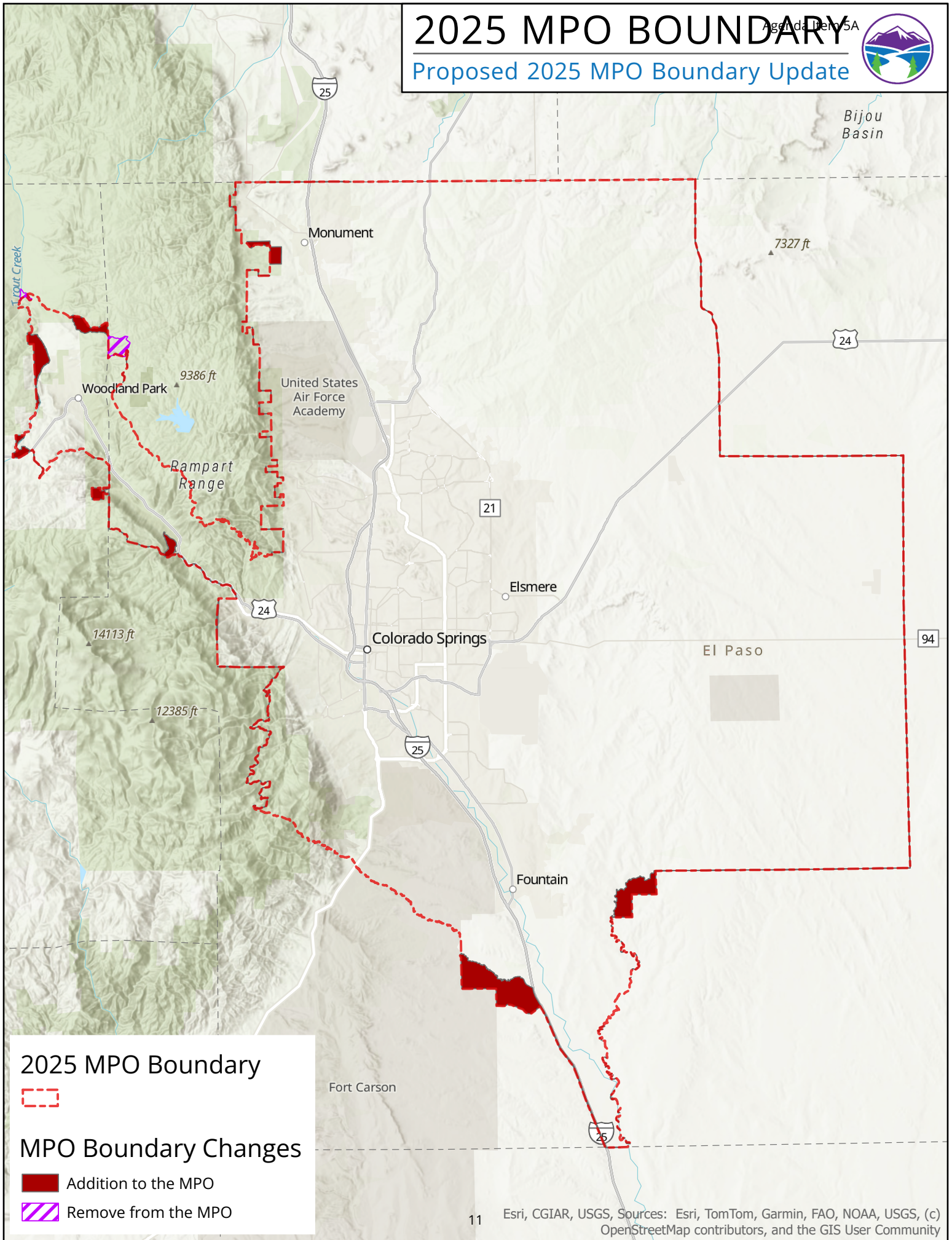
Strategic Plan Goals

- ☐ Advocacy: Serve as an effective advocacy voice for common ground issues.
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- ☒ Transportation: Maintain and improve a coordinated, validated plan for transportation needs across the PPACG region.
- ☐ Program Excellence: Continue to excel in the key fundamental areas of PPACG: Military support, Environmental programs, Transportation, Area Agency on Aging, and regional communication and collaboration.

2025 MPO BOUNDARY

Proposed 2025 MPO Boundary Update

Agenda Item 5A



2025 MPO Boundary



MPO Boundary Changes

■ Addition to the MPO

▨ Remove from the MPO

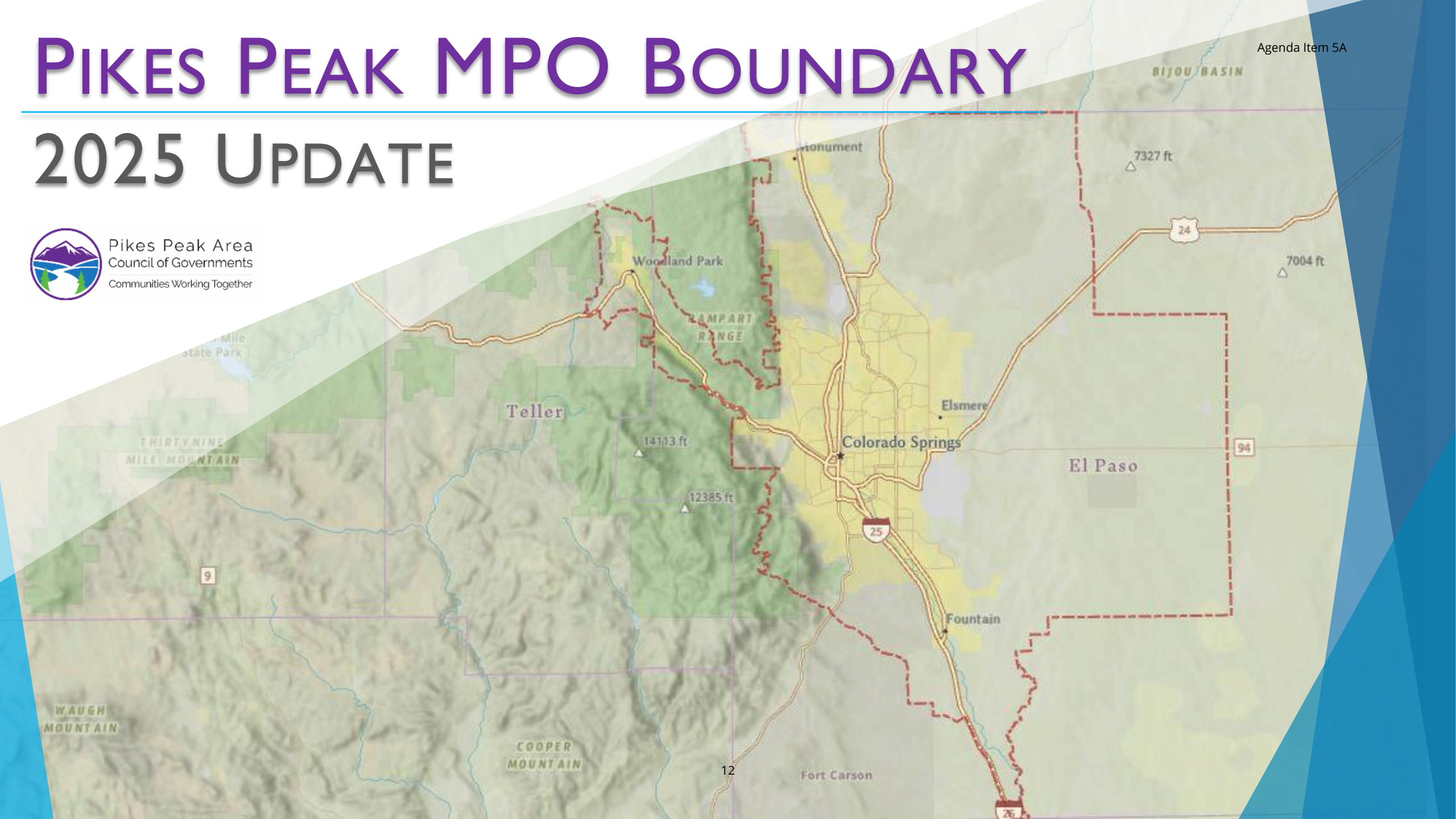
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Agenda Item 5A

2025 UPDATE



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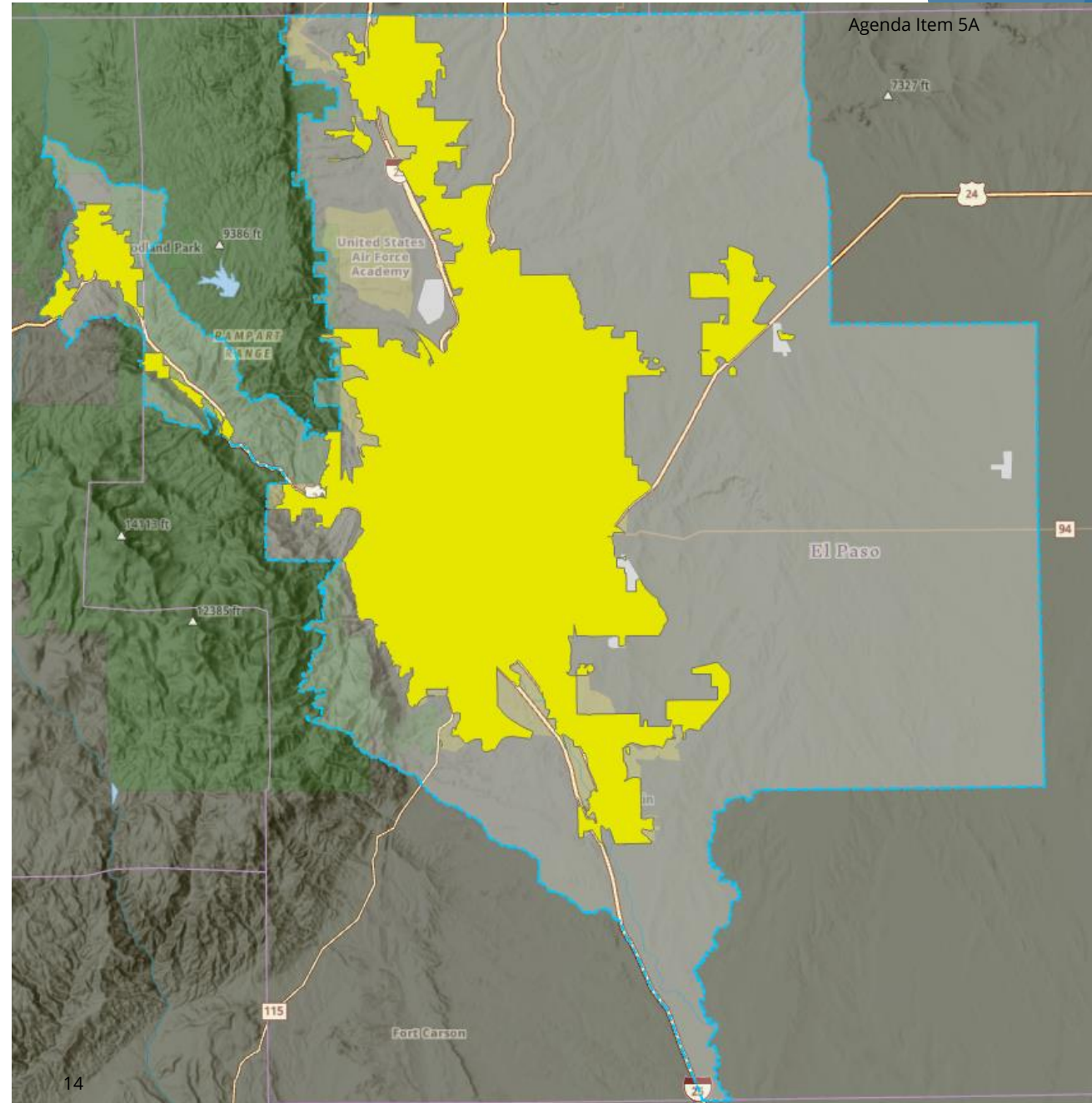
Why the MPO Boundary is Updated

An MPO boundary must encompass the Census Urban Area Boundary (UZA) for the metropolitan region, all roadways included in the FHWA Adjusted Urban Area boundary, and should include member municipal boundaries and other areas that might become urbanized within 20 years so that transportation planning can accurately addresses growth within the metropolitan region and optimize the planned allocation of federal transportation funds administered through the MPO.

- The 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary was finalized in 2022.
- The 2020 FHWA Adjusted Urban Area was finalized in 2024.
- The Pikes Peak MPO boundary needs to be updated to encompass these updated urban area boundaries.
- The Pikes Peak MPO boundary is also being updated to better and more consistently align with coincident features such as roadway alignments, creeks and rivers, PLSS sections, municipal boundaries, and National Forest lands, which all comprise edges of the MPO boundary.

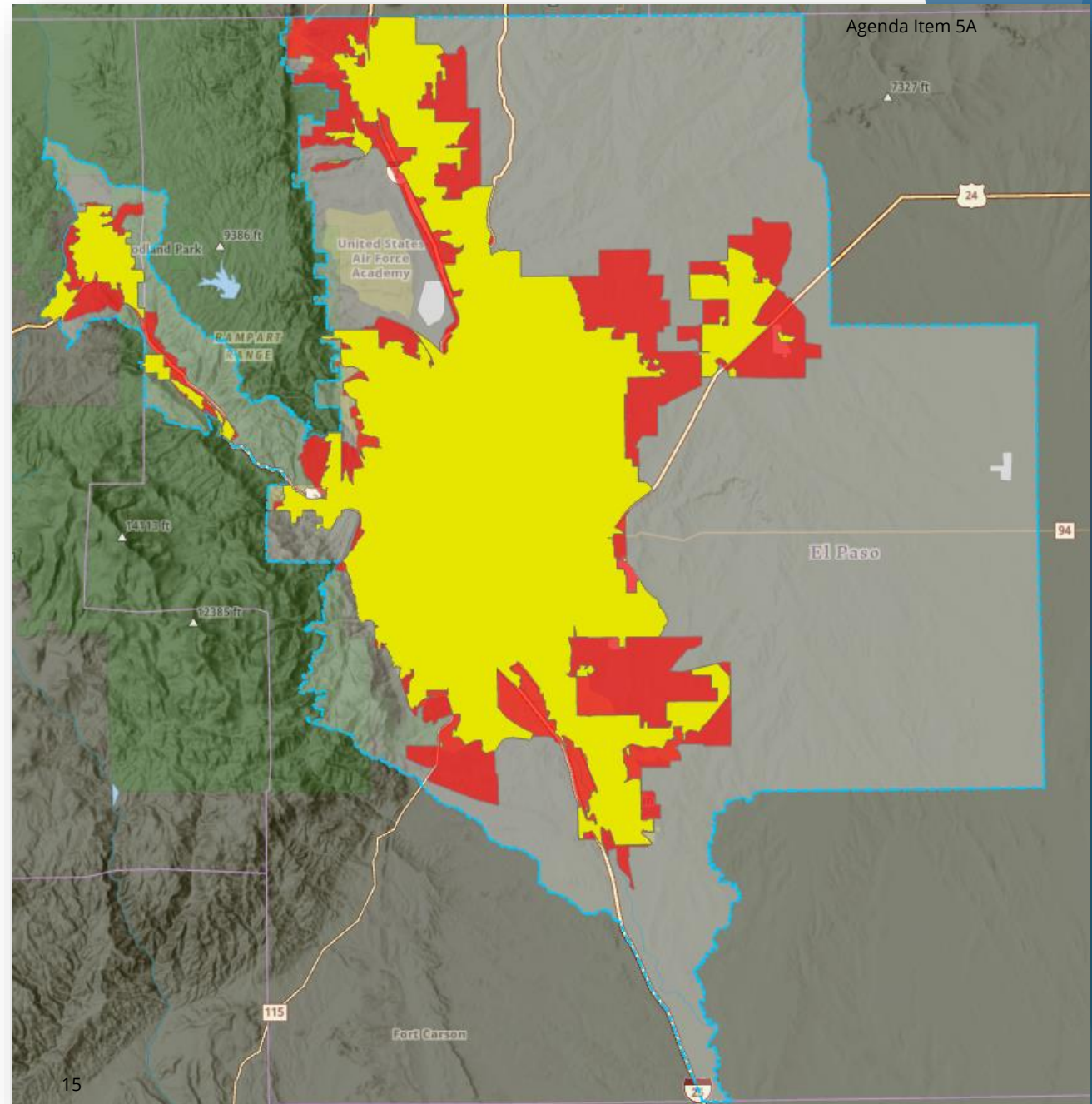
The 2020 UZA

- The updated 2020 Census Urban Area (UZA) expanded the previous urban boundaries established from the 2010 Census.
- To qualify as an urban area, the Census area must encompass at least 2,000 housing units or have a population of at least 5,000 people.
- Note Palmer Lake does not meet the Census criteria for an urban area.



The 2020 FHWA Adjusted Urban Area

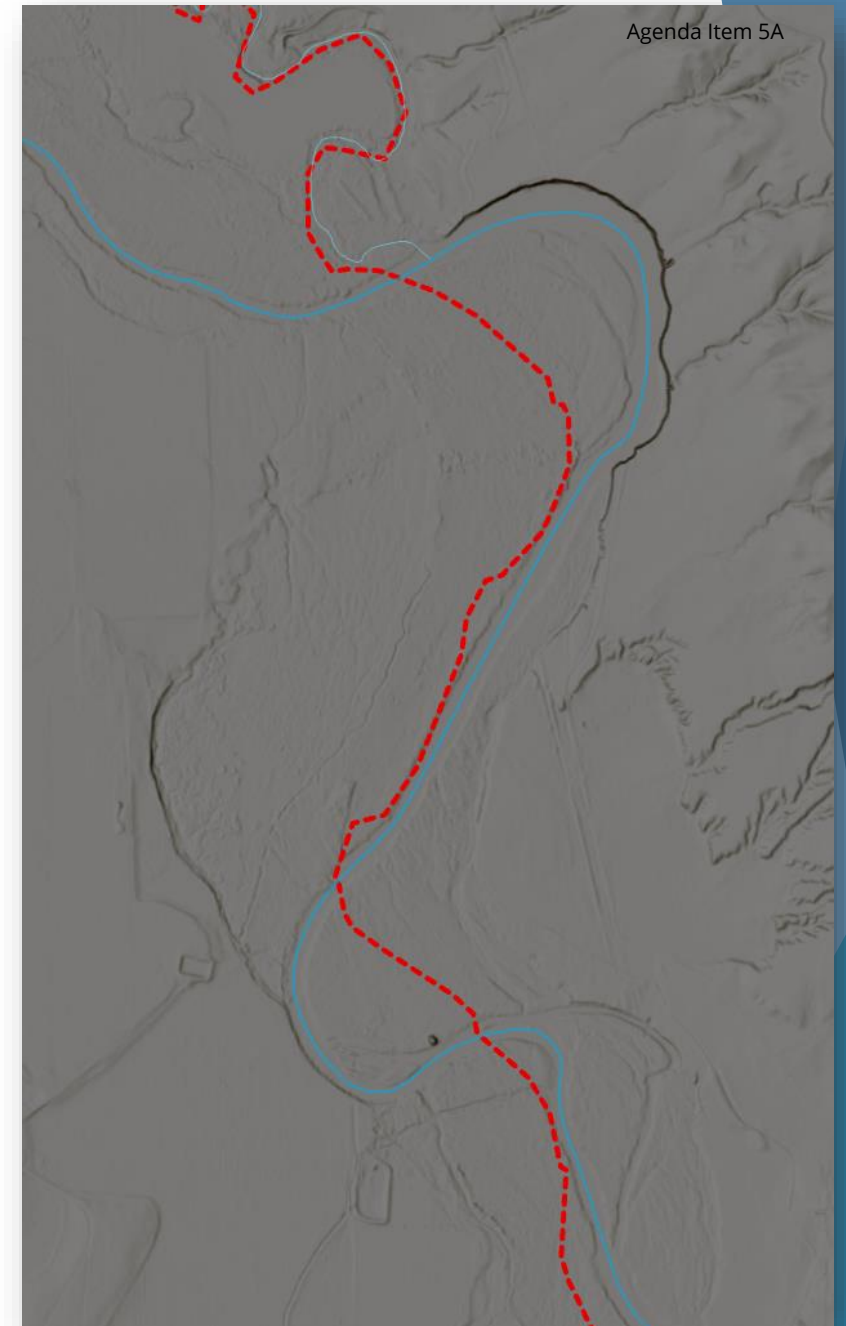
- The 2020 Census Urban Area (UZA) is 'smoothed' through a cooperative effort conducted by CDOT and the MPO to include adjacent roadways and areas that have an urban design and typically facilitate urban traffic.
- The adjusted boundary is used to establish FHWA Urban or Rural roadway classification.
- Note Palmer Lake is included in the FHWA Adjusted Urban Area.



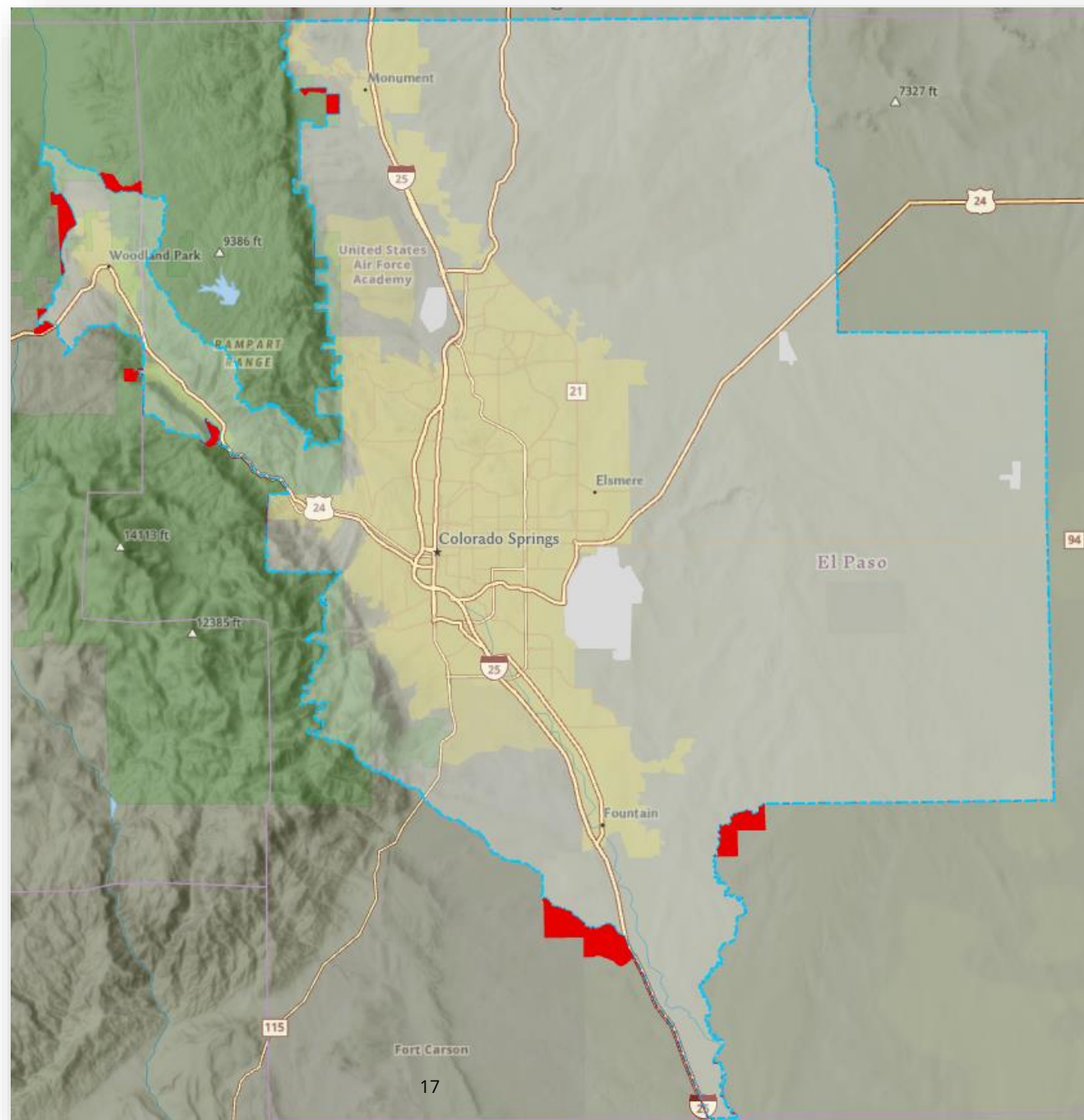
Coincident Boundary Features

The updated MPO boundary is also designed to more consistently align with coincident features used to define many of the boundary edges:

- The municipal boundaries of the City of Fountain, City of Woodland Park, and the Town of Green Mountain Falls
- National Hydrography Dataset used to update the boundary along multiple creeks and rivers.
- BLM data for referenced section lines.
- USGS data for Pike National Forest boundaries.

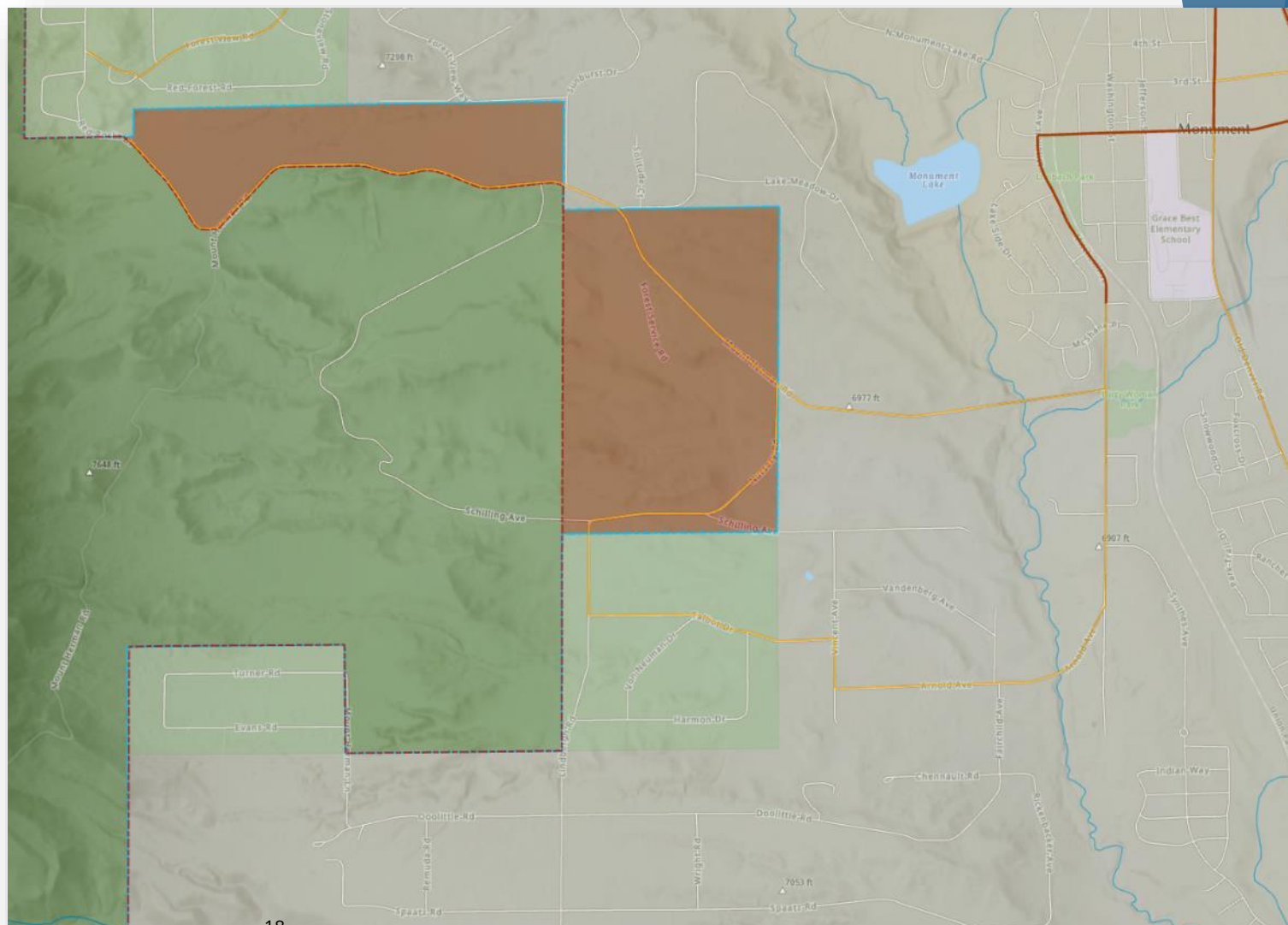


The proposed updated MPO boundary additions are seen in bright red.



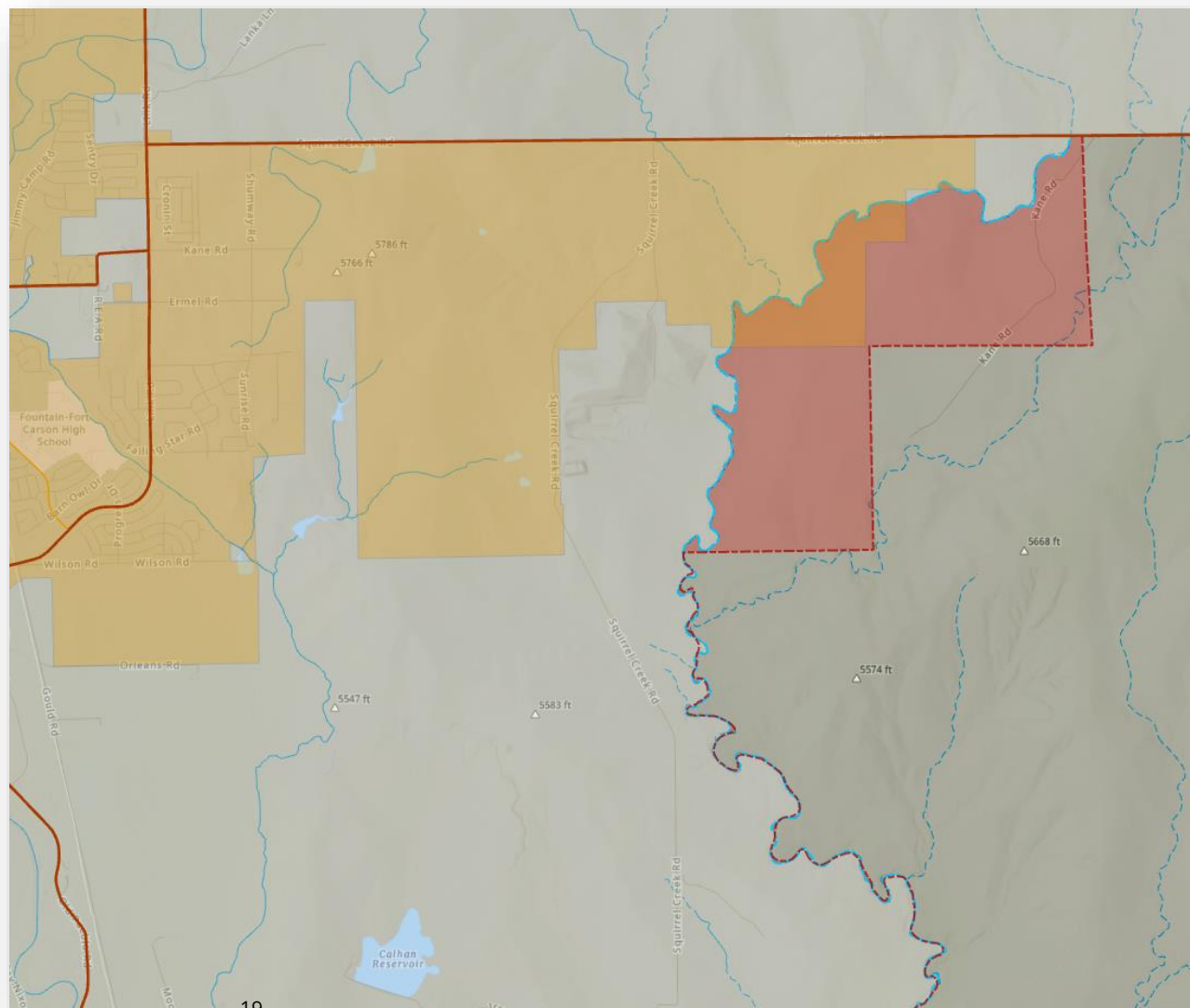
Mount Herman Rd

- The MPO boundary is adjusted to include the full extent of the FHWA functionally classified portion of Mount Herman Rd and Schilling Ave
- Areas in red are added to the MPO boundary
- Fixes issues with only partial funding through the MPO for small sections of the road
- The new boundary also aligns with 2020 Census Block Group boundaries for improved planning data alignment.



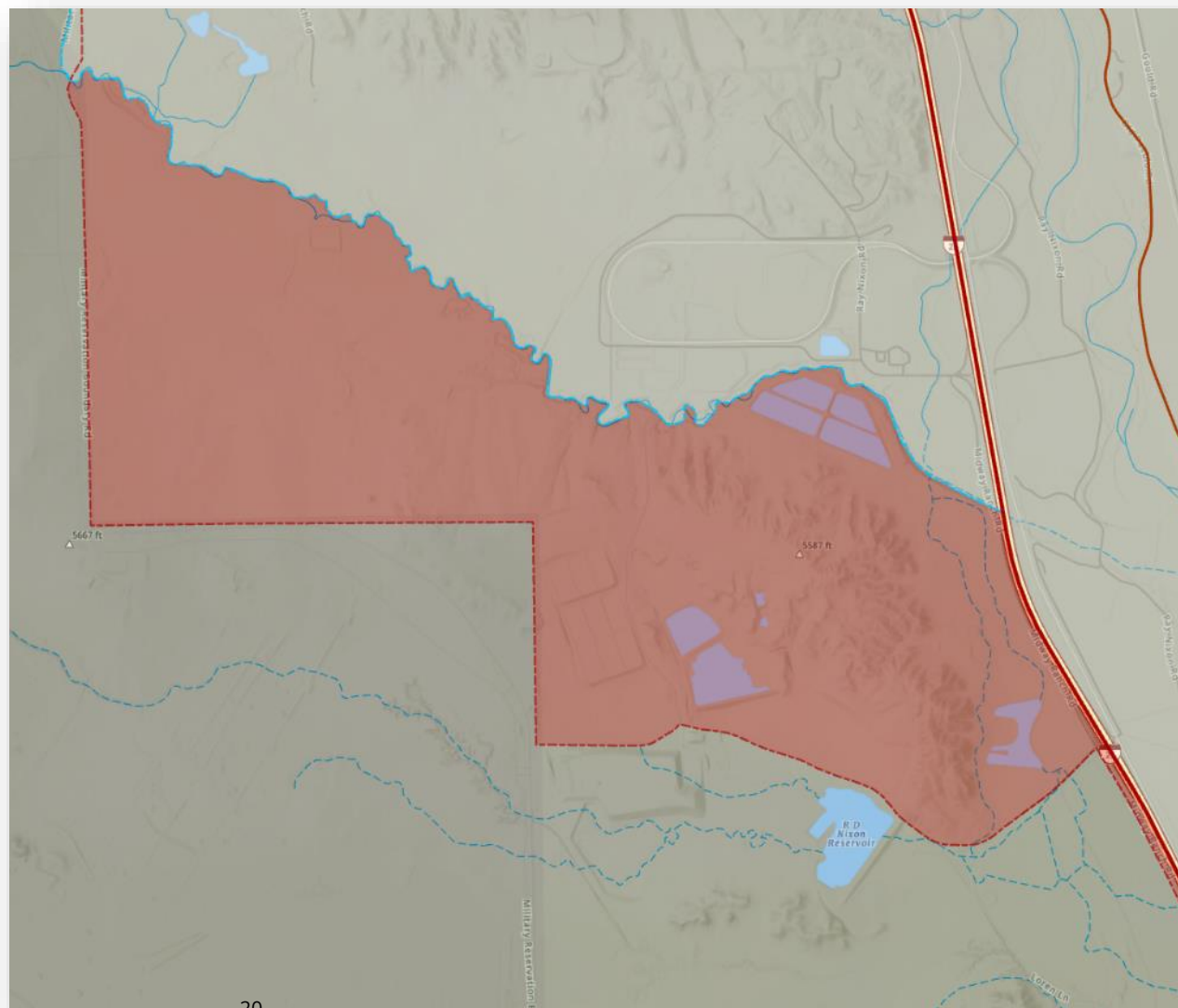
City of Fountain

- The MPO boundary is extended along PLSS section lines around the current City of Fountain municipal boundary
- Area in red is added to the MPO boundary
- Allows a buffer for future annexation
- PLSS boundaries are more consistent than using Williams Creek.



Rail Park

- The MPO boundary is extended west along Loren Ln from I-25 exit 123 to Fort Carson boundary
- Follows the Fort Carson Boundary north to the current MPO boundary at Rock Creek
- Area in red is added to the MPO boundary
- Encompasses the southern half of the planned rail park development



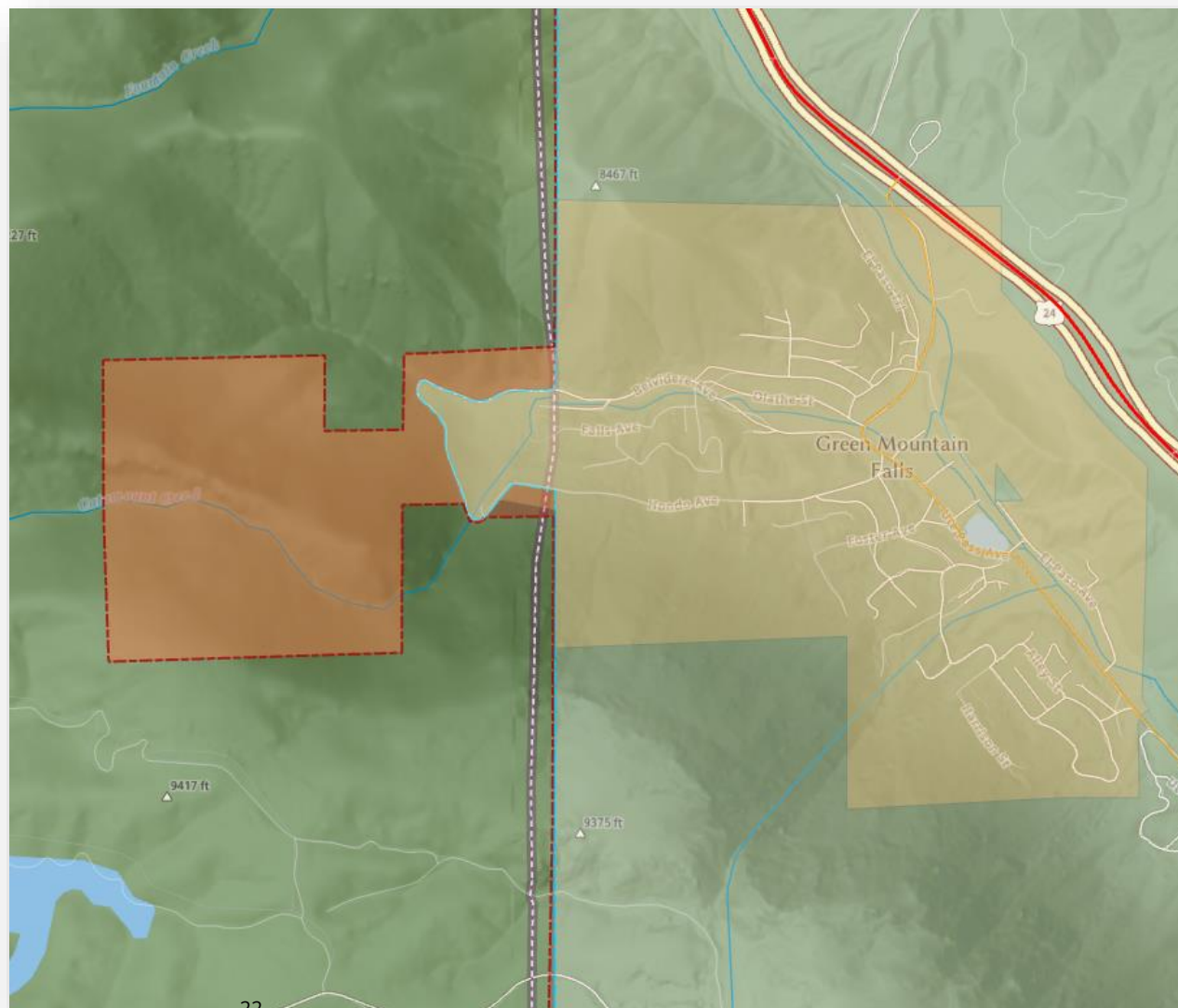
Cascade

- The MPO boundary continues along Cascade Creek until it rejoins the previous boundary at Pikes Peak Hwy
- Area in red is added to the MPO boundary
- Accommodates expansion of the Census urban boundary



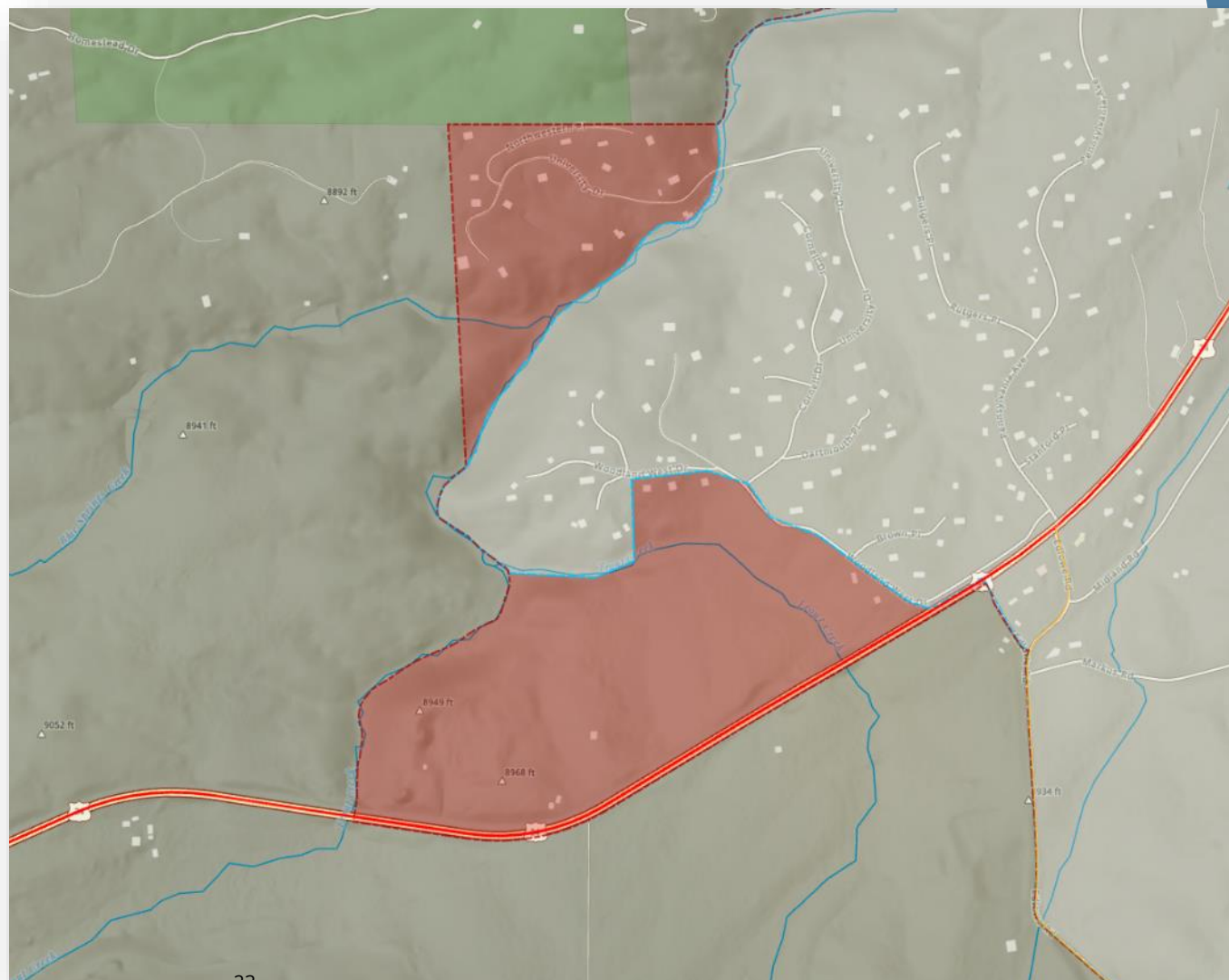
Green Mountain Falls

- The MPO boundary will include all of Green Mountain Falls by following the western municipal boundary
- Area in red is added to the MPO boundary
- Makes future planning easier



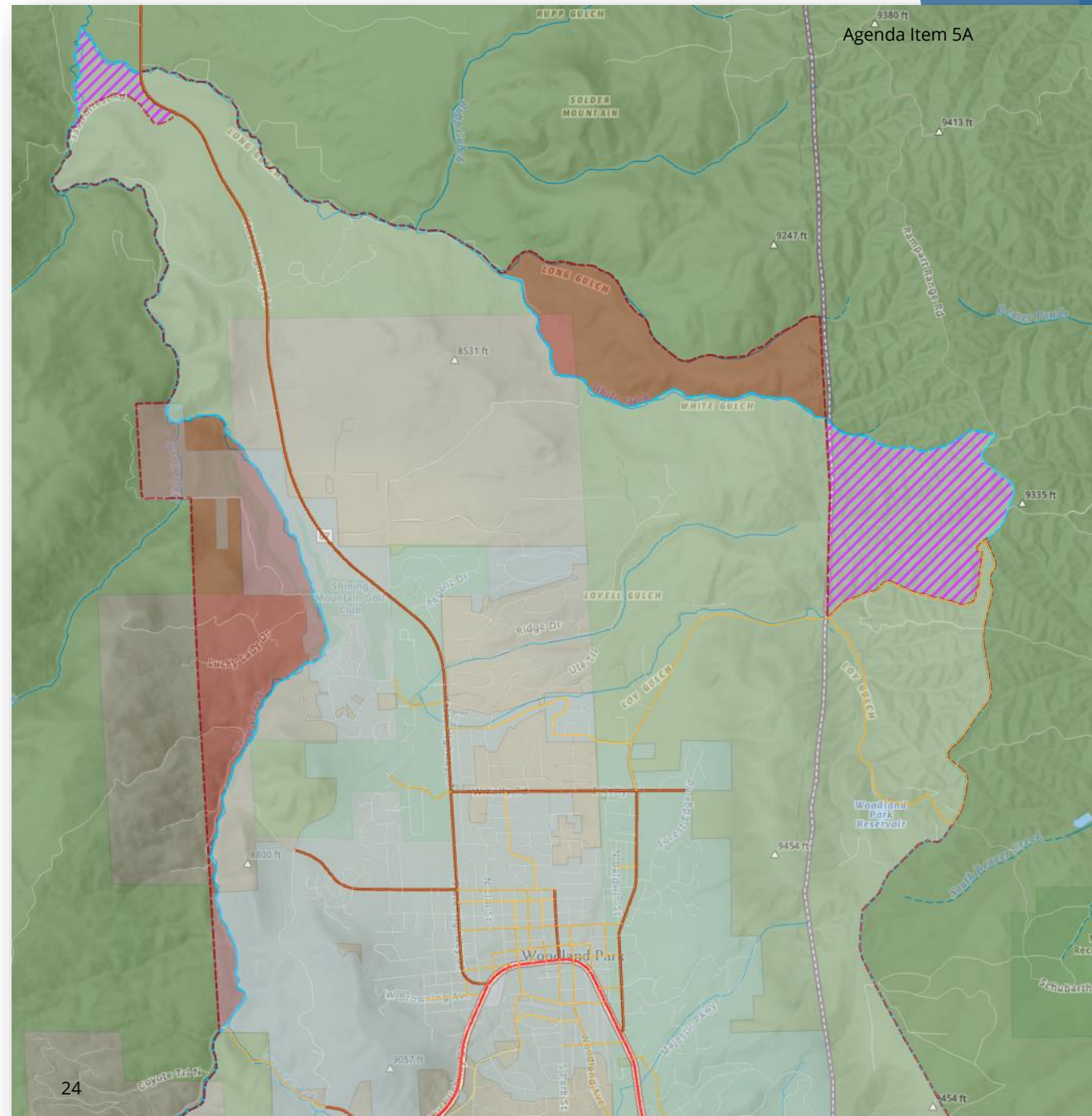
US 24 West

- The MPO boundary is extended further west along US 24 until Trout Creek, and then again north and east along PLSS section 34
- Areas in red are added to the MPO boundary
- Accommodates expansion of both the Census and FHWA adjusted urban area boundaries



Woodland Park

- The MPO boundary follows north along the PLSS sections to include the western edge of the City of Woodland Park municipal boundary
- The northern edge of the MPO boundary follows 339 Forest Rd to CO 67, then partially rejoins the current boundary heading east along Long Gulch, then south along the county line to the current MPO boundary at Rampart Range Rd
- The areas in red are added to the MPO boundary, the areas in purple cross hatch are removed
- Aligns the MPO boundary to Census Block Group boundaries





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Written description of the 2025 Pikes Peak Area Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary

Beginning near the Town of Palmer Lake, at a point on the El Paso/Douglas County line at the Pike National Forest boundary, then: east along the county line to County Line Road, east along and including County Line Road; continuing east along county line to Elbert Road; south along and including Elbert Road to Judge Orr Road; east along and including Judge Orr Road to Ellicott Highway; south along and including Ellicott Highway to Squirrel Creek Road; west along and including Squirrel Creek Road to the NE corner of Section 6 of Township 16 South, Range 64 West; south along the eastern boundary of Section 6 to the SE corner of Section 6; west along the southern boundary of Section 6 to the NE corner of Section 12 of Township 16 South, Range 65 West; south along the eastern boundary of Section 12 to the SE corner of Section 12; west along the southern boundary of Section 12 to Williams Creek; south along Williams Creek to the confluence of Williams and Fountain Creeks; south along Fountain Creek to the El Paso/Pueblo County line; west on the county line to I-25; north along and including I-25 to Exit 123; west along and including Loren Lane to Ash Road; west along and including Ash Road extending to the boundary of Fort Carson, north and then continuing west and north along the Fort Carson boundary to Rock Creek; northwest along Rock Creek to Gold Camp Road; north along and including Gold Camp Road to High Drive; north along and including High Drive to Gold Camp Road; north along and including Gold Camp Road to the southern boundary of Section 16 of Township 14 South, Range 67 West; west along the southern boundary of sections 16, 17, and 18 of Township 14 South (T 14S), Range 67 West (R 67W); north along the western boundary of Sections 18, 7, and 6 of T 14S R 67W; and east along the northern boundary of Section 6 to Manitou Ave; north along and including Manitou Ave to the interchange with US 24; northwest along and including US 24 to Fountain Creek just south of Spruce Street; north along Fountain Creek to Cascade Creek; west along Cascade Creek to the first intersection with Park Street; west along and including Park Street to Cascade Creek; west on Cascade Creek to the Service Road crossing just west of Pikes Peak Highway; east along and including the Service Road to Pikes Peak Highway; west along and including the Pikes Peak Highway toll road to the El Paso/Teller County line; north along the county line to the adjusted urban area boundary just south of Hondo Avenue; west to the Green Mountain Falls municipal boundary; south and then continuing west and north and east along the municipal boundary to the El Paso/Teller County line; north along the county line to Crystola Creek; west on Crystola Creek to County Road 28, north on County Road 28 to Edlowe Court, north along Edlowe Court and extending to US 24; southwest along and including US 24 about 5,000 feet to Trout Creek; north along

Trout Creek to Section 34 of Township 12 South, Range 69 West; north along the western and northern boundaries of Section 34 to Trout Creek; north along Trout Creek to Section 23 of Township 12 South (T 12S), Range 69 West (R 69W); north along the western boundaries of Sections 23, 14, and 11 of T 12S R 69W to the Woodland Park municipal boundary; west and then continuing north and east along the municipal boundary to Trout Creek; north along Trout Creek to Forest Service Road 339; east along and including Forest Service Road 339 to CO 67; north along and including CO 67 to Long Gulch; east along Long Gulch to the El Paso/Teller County line; south along the county line to Rampart Range Road; east and then continuing southeast along and including Rampart Range Road to the Pike National Forest Boundary in Section 28 of Township 13 South, Range 67 West; north along the National Forest Boundary to the east half of Section 21 of Township 11 South (T 11S), Range 67 West (R 67W); north along the E1/2 boundary of Sections 21 and 16 of T 11S R 67W to Mount Herman Road; west along and including Mount Herman Road to Red Rocks Drive; northwest along and including Red Rocks Drive to the Pike National Forest Boundary; west and then continuing north along the National Forest boundary to the El Paso/Douglas County line, to the point of origin.



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Date: March 26, 2025

To: Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Community Advisory Committee

From: Jessica Bechtel, Transportation Programming & Project Delivery Planner

Subject: Fiscal Year 2025-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

Action Requested: Review & Recommend

Summary

El Paso County requests an amendment to Transportation Improvement Program ID 2023-008 - Judge Orr Road and Blue Gill Drive Intersection Realignment.

Action	TIP Year	TIP ID/STIP ID	Sponsor	Project Title	Adjustments/Additions
Adjustments	2025-2029	2023-008	El Paso County/CDOT	Original: Judge Orr Road and Blue Gill Drive Intersection Realignment New: Blue Gill Drive Realignment to US 24	Adjustment to project scope and update the project name. Adjust project sponsor to include CDOT, roll forward FY2025 STBG funds to FY2026.

Requested adjustments:

Sponsor – Scope - Roll forward funds - Adjustments to the project description and scope were determined necessary during design as El Paso County cannot realign Blue Gill to Judge Orr as initially intended. The original alignment option is not available as Meadow Lake Airport has purchased airport easements around their runway protection zone which crosses both Judge Orr Road and a portion of US 24. While the EPC roads were constructed before the runway at Meadow Lake and are grandfathered in, no additional improvements can be made to the roads in the runway protection zone. EPC has

determined they can realign Blue Gill to US 24 at parcel number 4305002025 (8010 Blue Gill Dr.)

New Project Title: *Blue Gill Drive Realignment to US 24*

Updated description: The project will remove the current US 24/North Blue Gill Drive intersection and realign Blue Gill to US 24 farther south of Judge Orr. The project will design and construct the new alignment of Blue Gill to improve safety and preserve capacity on US24 East and be done in conjunction with the US24/Judge Orr Road intersection realignment project that CDOT will be constructing. The project may include ROW, utilities, design, stormwater and water quality improvements, fence relocation, access management, and roadway and intersection improvement construction for all modes.

Proposed Motion

Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3 to the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Attachments

- 1) El Paso County Transportation Improvement Program Amendment request letter
- 2) E-TIP Project Summary Report

Previous Action

- 1) The Transportation Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3 to the Board of Directors on March 20, 2025.

Strategic Plan Goals

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February 27, 2025

Mr. John Liosatos, Transportation Director
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
15 South Seventh Street
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80905

Re: TIP Amendment for Judge Orr Road and Blue Gill Drive Intersection Realignment, TIP ID 2023-008

Dear Mr. Liosatos:

El Paso County has been working with CDOT on the Judge Orr and Blue Gill realignment project and the Judge Orr and US 24 intersection improvement project. We are working together to implement these projects quicker and more cost effectively by having CDOT designing both projects together and may construct them together. We are working on an IGA to outline the funding and project delivery.

To this end, our intent is to roll forward the funding and then provide it to CDOT. We wanted to ensure that PPACG was aware of our collaboration to ensure that the funding remains available to us. Please roll forward our 2025 STBG federal funding and local match to 2026.

As we have been working through design, ROW and other clearance, we have determined that we cannot realign Blue Gill to Judge Orr. The alignment option is not available to us as Meadow Lake Airport has purchased airport easements around their runway protection zone which crosses both Judge Orr Road and a portion of US 24. While our roads were constructed before the runway at Meadow Lake and are grandfathered in, we unfortunately cannot make any additional improvements to the roads in the runway protection zone. We have determined that we can realign Blue Gill to US 24 at parcel number 4305002025 (8010 Blue Gill Dr.) as this is an El Paso County owned parcel. Therefore, we request a TIP amendment to change the project name, description and limits to:

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We look forward to having TAC hear our TIP amendment request to roll forward our 2025 funding to 2026 and to amend the TIP description to change the project limits.

Sincerely,

Victoria Chavez,

Transportation Planning Manager
Department of Public Works, El Paso County

cc: Joshua Palmer, DPW
John Andrews, DPW
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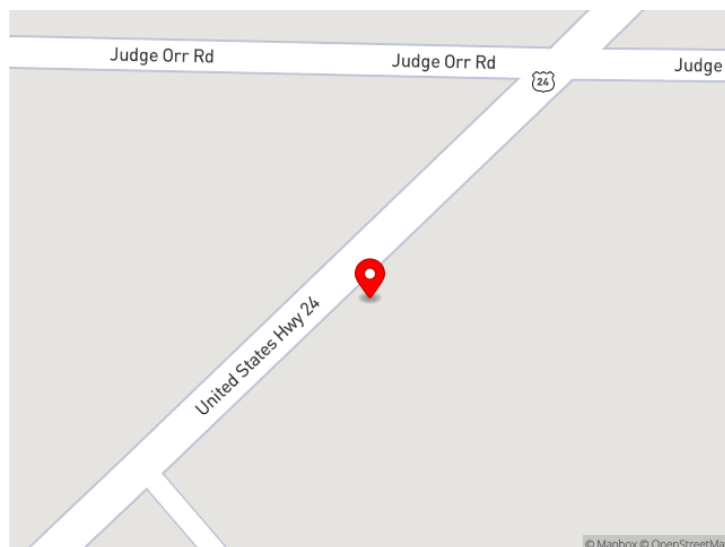


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Lead Agency	El Paso County
Project Type	Roadway Operational Improvements
Plan Revision Name	Amend #3
Total Cost	\$6,369,002
County	El Paso
Municipality	-
CDOT Region	Region 2
Functional Classification	Principal Arterial
Performance Measures	Safety, Travel Time Reliability



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Future	Total
PRE	STP Metro	-	-	\$1,321,472	-	-	-	-	\$1,321,472
PRE	STP Metro Local Match	-	-	\$274,701	-	-	-	-	\$274,701
Total PRE		-	-	\$1,596,173	-	-	-	-	\$1,596,173
CON	FASTER	-	-	-	\$369,000	-	-	-	\$369,000
CON	STP Metro	-	-	\$709,778	\$2,936,152	-	-	-	\$3,645,930
CON	STP Metro Local Match	-	-	\$147,545	\$610,354	-	-	-	\$757,899
Total CON		-	-	\$857,323	\$3,915,506	-	-	-	\$4,772,829
Total Programmed		-	-	\$2,453,496	\$3,915,506	-	-	-	\$6,369,002

Current Change Reason

Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update TIP Funding – Roll forward project and funds - TIP Other, Adjust project sponsor, project name, and description due to FY2025 STBG funds and match roll forward into FY2026.

Adjustments to the project description and scope were determined necessary because EPC cannot realign Blue Gill to Judge Orr. The alignment option is not available as Meadow Lake Airport has purchased airport easements around their runway protection zone which crosses both Judge Orr Road and a portion of US 24. While our roads were constructed before the runway at Meadow Lake and are grandfathered in, no additional improvements can be made to the roads in the runway protection zone. EPC has determined they can realign

Blue Gill to US 24 at parcel number 4305002025 (8010 Blue Gill Dr.)

New Project Title: Blue Gill Drive Realignment to US 24

Adjusted Project Description: The project will remove the current US 24/North Blue Gill Drive intersection and realign Blue Gill to US 24 farther south of Judge Orr. The project will design and construct the new alignment of Blue Gill to improve safety and preserve capacity on US24 East and be done in conjunction with US24/Judge Orr Road intersection realignment project that CDOT will be constructing. The project may include ROW, utilities, design, and stormwater and water quality improvements, fence relocation, access management, and roadway and intersection improvement construction for all modes.

Project Changes

Title changed from "Judge Orr Road and Blue Gill Drive Intersection Realignment " to "Blue Gill Drive Realignment to US 24"

Description changed from "Judge Orr Road/Blue Gill Drive intersection realignment project - This project will implement aspects of the US 24 Planning and Environmental Linkages document and the US 24 Access Management Plan (as adopted by EPC, CDOT and COS) as well as the El Paso County Major Transportation Corridors Plan and is consistent with the Stapleton Road Corridor Plan and Access Management Plan as adopted by EPC Board of Commissioners. The project will remove the US 24/North Blue Gill Drive intersection and realign to Judge Orr Road. The project will assist with constructing the planned US24 frontage road to improve safety and preserve capacity on US24 East and help to prepare for the US24/Judge Orr Road intersection realignment project that CDOT will be constructing. The project will include ROW, utilities, design, and stormwater and water quality improvements, fence relocation, access management, and roadway and intersection improvement construction for all modes. " to "The project will remove the current US 24/North Blue Gill Drive intersection and realign Blue Gill to US 24 farther south of Judge Orr. The project will design and construct the new alignment of Blue Gill to improve safety and preserve capacity on US24 East and be done in conjunction with US24/Judge Orr Road intersection realignment project that CDOT will be constructing. The project may include ROW, utilities, design, and stormwater and water quality improvements, fence relocation, access management, and roadway and intersection improvement construction for all modes." Plan Revision Name changed from "Admin #1" to "Amend #3"

Funding Changes

STP Metro

- Decrease funds in FY 2025 in PRE from \$1,321,472 to \$0

+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in PRE from \$0 to \$1,321,472

STP Metro Local Match

- Decrease funds in FY 2025 in PRE from \$274,701 to \$0

+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in PRE from \$0 to \$274,701

Federal Project Cost

Stays the same \$4,967,402

Total Project Cost

Stays the same \$6,369,002



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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Meeting
March 27	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
March 31	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
April 2	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
April 2	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
April 4	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
April 7	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
April 9	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
April 14	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
April 16	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
April 17	8:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee – Executive Committee
April 17	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
April 21	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
April 22	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee
April 23	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
April 23	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
April 24	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
April 28	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
April 30	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
May 5	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
May 7	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
May 7	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
May 9	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
May 14	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
May 15	8:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee – Executive Committee
May 15	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
May 21	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
May 22	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
May 27	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee
May 28	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
May 28	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
May 28	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee

Schedule as of March 21, 2025

Meetings may be added, changed or cancelled as needed. Current meeting schedule is available at ppacg.org.