

AN ORDINANCE 2008-12-04-1113

AMENDING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN, A COMPONENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO MASTER PLAN, BY DELETING THE SEGMENT OF ACME ROAD BETWEEN WEST COMMERCE STREET AND CULEBRA ROAD.

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio Major Thoroughfare Plan, a component of the Master Plan of the City was adopted on September 21, 1978 by City Council; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 12, 2008 by the Planning Commission allowing all interested citizens to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio City Council has considered the effect of this amendment to the Master Plan of the City and has determined that it conforms to the approval criteria set forth in the Unified Development Code §35-420, Comprehensive, Neighborhood, Community, and Perimeter Plans; NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1: The Major Thoroughfare Plan, a component of the Master Plan of the City, is amended by removing the segment of Acme Road (Secondary Arterial Type B, 70-86 Feet of Right-of-Way) between West Commerce Street and Culebra Road. The Amendment is more particularly described in Attachment I, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect December 14, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 4th day of December, 2008.


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ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney



Request for
**COUNCIL
ACTION**

City of San Antonio

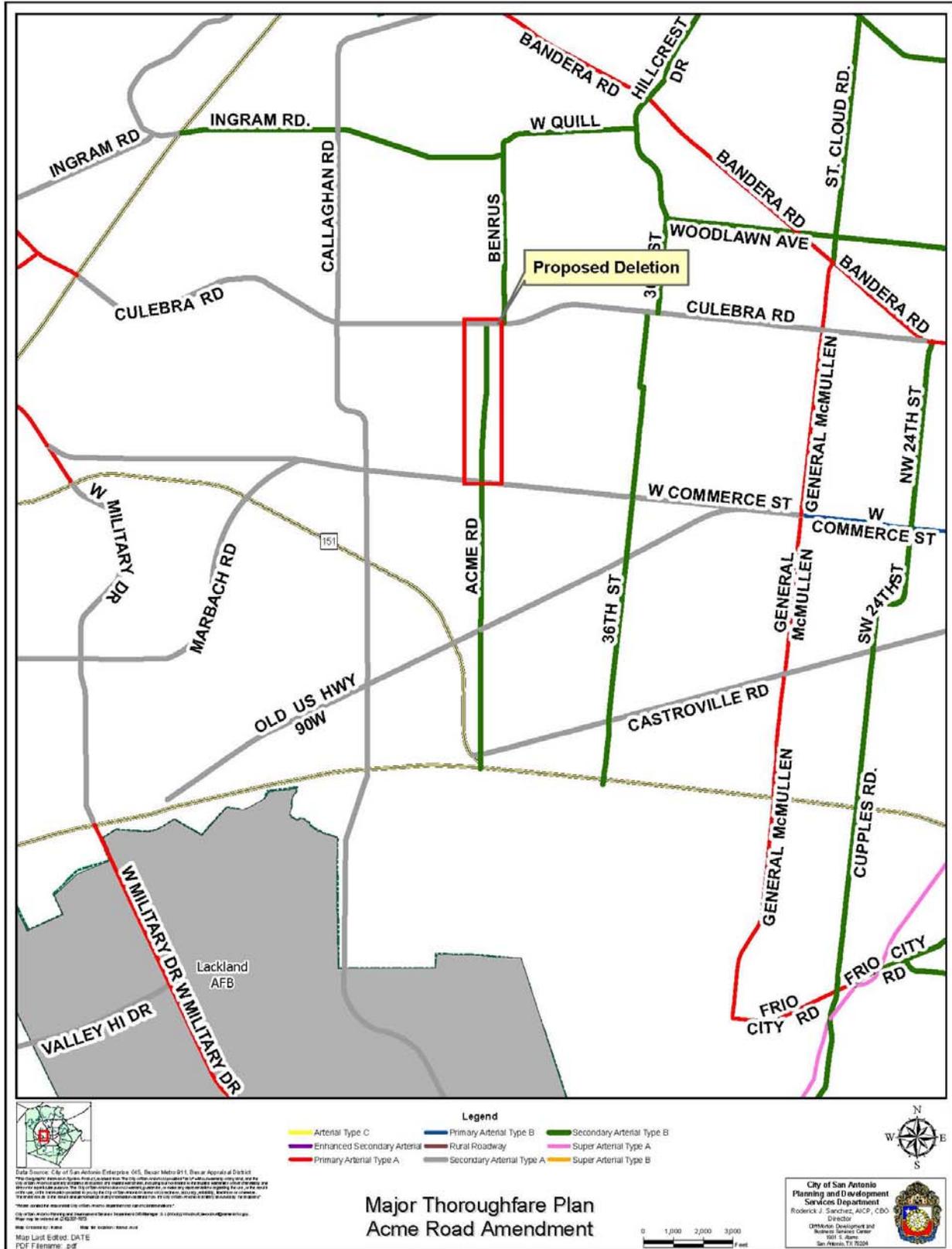


Agenda Voting Results - P-1

Name:	P-1, P-2, P-3, Z-2, Z-3, Z-9, Z-11, Z-12, P-5, P-6, Z-15, Z-17
Date:	12/04/2008
Time:	05:10:07 PM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance amending the City of San Antonio's Major Thoroughfare Plan as a component of the San Antonio Master Plan by removing the segment of Acme Road between West Commerce Street and Culebra Road.
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Phil Hardberger	Mayor		x				
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1	x					
Sheila D. McNeil	District 2		x				
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x				
Lourdes Galvan	District 5	x					
Delicia Herrera	District 6		x			x	
Justin Rodriguez	District 7		x				
Diane G. Cibrian	District 8		x				
Louis E. Rowe	District 9	x					
John G. Clamp	District 10		x				x

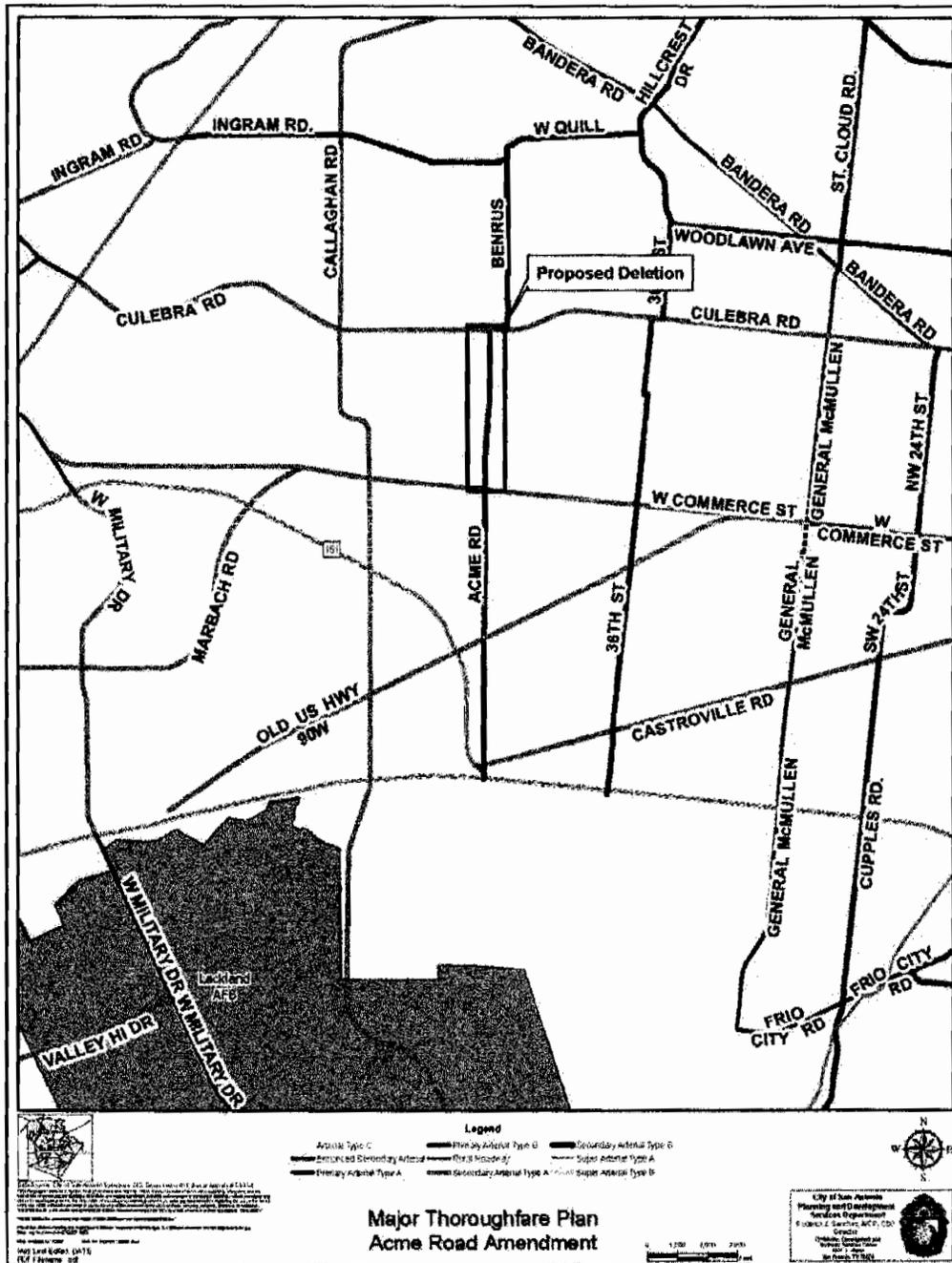
Attachment I: Acme Road MTP Amendment



Major Thoroughfare Plan Acme Road Amendment

City of San Antonio
 Planning and Development
 Services Department
 Director
 Office: Development and
 Technical Services Center
 201 W. Commerce
 San Antonio, TX 78204

Attachment I: Acme Road MTP Amendment





CITY OF SAN ANTONIO Request for Council Action

Agenda Item # P-1
Council Meeting Date: 12/4/2008
RFCA Tracking No: R-4243

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development
Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Roderick Sanchez

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) IMPACTED:
Council District 7

SUBJECT:
Major Thoroughfare Plan Amendment to Delete Segment of Acme Road

SUMMARY:

This ordinance is a request to delete a segment of Acme Road from West Commerce Street to Culebra Road on the Major Thoroughfare Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Acme Road is designated as a Secondary Arterial Type B (70-86' ROW). Secondary Arterial Type B streets are found primarily inside Loop 410. Most of the areas that are designated as Secondary Arterial Type B exist today in some capacity. One of the exceptions is the segment of Acme Road proposed for deletion in this request.

Although it would be ideal to have this section built to provide ultimate connectivity, there are two impediments to this goal. The first is the fact that the northern portion of this segment exists as Griggs Street, but only has approximately 30-40 feet of pavement. There are also homes fronting Griggs Street. This section is part of an intact neighborhood that was built in the 1960s.

The second impediment is that the southern portion of this segment is in the floodplain which has thwarted development in the vicinity. A portion of the undeveloped land, east of Acme is currently planned for approximately 30 homes. This development is planned to be located between Maridel and Birdie Lane. Current maps show this land outside of the floodplain.

With the removal of this segment of the Major Thoroughfare Plan, the major north-south thoroughfares in the area are Callaghan Road to the west and 36th Street to the east. These thoroughfares are approximately two miles apart. A review of the City of San Antonio Major Thoroughfare Plan in 2003 by HNTB¹ evaluated the plan based on the ideal of having thoroughfares spaced between one and two miles apart. By removing this segment of Acme Road, the upper limit thoroughfare spacing of two miles would still exist. The remaining connectivity would exist through local streets and collectors.

ISSUE:

The Major Thoroughfare Plan is important to help plan for and retrofit existing roads to meet transportation network needs. This section of Acme Road between West Commerce and Culebra is one of the last unbuilt sections of the Major Thoroughfare Plan within Loop 410.

The presence of an existing neighborhood south of Culebra makes thoroughfare connection to Culebra difficult. All of the north-south streets in this neighborhood have approximately 30-40 feet of pavement with houses fronting. Although this condition is not uncommon in the inner city, in this situation it is coupled with a floodplain to the south that has thwarted development of the thoroughfare. Within the vicinity, Hortencia Street is a local street which does provide connection from Commerce through to Culebra.

In order to achieve the goal of the Major Thoroughfare Plan, a bridge would need to be built over the stormwater structure. Although this is possible, it is unclear that the traffic flow in this area warrants this additional connectivity. In absence of major thoroughfare connectivity, this area of single family residences would be served through a system of local and collector roads.

ALTERNATIVES:

One alternative considered is to re-align the Major Thoroughfare Plan so that rather than connecting through Griggs Street, it would travel through Benrus Street. This would allow a more direct connection to Benrus Street on the north side of Culebra. However, Benrus also has homes fronting with approximately 30-40 feet of pavement and is also part of an existing neighborhood. There is also a portion of Benrus that is unbuilt between Groff and Maridel.

Another alternative is to not delete this segment. In this case, the proposed and future development will need to build 70-86 feet of right-of-way. This road would terminate at the limits of the floodplain until such time in the future that a developer, or the City, builds a bridge over the floodplain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING:

Recommended Approval on November 12, 2008

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

File Description	File Name
Acme Road MTP Amendment	Acme_Attachment I.pdf
Voting Results	
Ordinance/Supplemental Documents	200812041113.pdf

DEPARTMENT HEAD AUTHORIZATIONS:

Roderick Sanchez Director Planning & Development Services

APPROVED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
T.C. Broadnax Assistant City Manager