

EL PASO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021
and Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

Special Hearings Begin at 9:00 AM

NOTE: The El Paso County Planning Commission hearing is held in the Hearing Room at Centennial Hall at 200 S. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs

If you need further information, please contact the Planning and Community Development Department at 719-520-6300.

Full staff reports for each item can also be found at www.elpasoco.com, Departments, Planning and Community Development, Planning Commission, 2021 Meetings.

The Planning and Community Development Department Comment Agenda and any Supplemental Packets are automatically incorporated as part of the record unless specific objections are raised at the meeting. The recording is the official record of the proceedings.

NOTE: Any materials used in support of or opposition to a project must be submitted to the Clerk and left as part of the record.

May 5, 2021 9:00 a.m. – Special Hearing

1. MP-21-001

Adoption of Your El Paso Master Plan as the Master Plan for El Paso County, replacing previously adopted County Master Plan elements

El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department requests adoption of Your El Paso Master Plan as the El Paso County Master Plan for physical development of the County, pursuant to CRS 30-28-106. This master plan repeals and/or replaces the existing Policy Plan, Small Area Plans, and Sketch Plans as Master Plan elements, but retains the existing Topical Elements and the Drainage Basin Master Plans as elements of the Master Plan. The Master Plan area includes all land within El Paso County located outside the incorporated municipalities and includes the accompanying maps, plats, charts, and descriptive and explanatory matter, The Master Plan is an advisory document to guide land use decisions.

Type of Hearing: Legislative

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1. Staff introductions and hearing explanations (Staff and Advisory Committee)
2. Legal background and authority
3. Houseal-Lavigne Associates presentation and questions
4. Break
5. Planning and Community Development staff presentation
6. Lunch Break
7. Public testimony and comments (no action taken)

May 26, 2021 9:00 a.m. – Planning Commission Special Hearing Agenda

1. Additional public testimony (If necessary)
2. Review of any changes from the May 5 hearing and discuss any additional changes from the May 26 hearing (track changes)
3. Break for processing any additional changes
4. Action for the Master Plan adoption

(A lunch break may be necessary if the hearing extends beyond noon.)

El Paso County is committed to full access and transparency while the community works through the COVID-19 crisis. That also means balancing public safety and keeping essential parts of County government open for business. Here are the ways you can participate in this legislative land use items coming up before the Planning Commission:

To Watch the Live Hearings Remotely

If you are interested in watching the Planning Commission hearings live, please go to <https://www.elpasoco.com/news-information-channel/> or <https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/#/elpasoco/video/6078b97f6638e000079fba32?page=HOME&type=live> or Comcast Channel 59 or Century Link Channel 1089/89 at the scheduled time of the hearing. Staff will be monitoring the County's Facebook Live feed, so please feel free to ask questions or provide any comments you might have; however, any testimony you wish to provide must be done by following the "Participate Remotely" procedures listed below.

To Participate Remotely

Due to COVID-19, we are recommending that you participate in the hearing remotely. If you would like to provide testimony on an item being heard by the Planning, please email Tracey

Garcia at TraceyGarcia@elpasoco.com or contact her at (719) 520-7952 with your name and the best phone number to be reached at and include any documents you would like provided to the hearing body as part of the official record. **NOTE: New exhibits are not permitted via email the day of hearing. All exhibits must be emailed to Tracey Garcia no later than one day prior to each of the above listed hearings.**

A list of individuals wishing to testify will be provided to the Chair in advance of the meeting. When it's time for public testimony on the item you'd like to testify on you will receive a phone call at the number you provided and will be brought into the meeting remotely so you can address the hearing body.

To Participate in Person

The address is 200 S. Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

- In-person attendance at the Planning Commission hearings is permitted, but it is highly discouraged.
- Strict social/physical distancing must be maintained if you arrive to present or testify in person.
- You must attempt to be separated by at least two chairs and one row of seating in the auditorium.
- **Any exhibits presented the day of hearing must be given to the Clerk (Tracey Garcia) before leaving to be considered part of the permanent record.**

RULES AND PARTICIPATION GUIDE FOR THE EL PASO COUNTY MASTER PLAN HEARINGS

1. To avoid over-crowding of the meeting/hearing room and violation of COVID restrictions the public is encouraged to participate remotely/online. However, in person participation is available on a first-come, first-seated basis. **Note that masks are MANDATORY for in-person attendees.**
2. All individuals who wish to address the Commission, either in person or remotely, must first register in advance by sending an email to Tracey Garcia at TraceyGarcia@elpasoco.com or contact her at (719) 520-7952. Include your name, address, email address, and a good telephone number to reach you.
3. Remote participants shall be contacted at the telephone number provided. In the event a first attempt is unsuccessful (busy signal, no answer) a second attempt will be made at a later time. No third attempt will be made.
4. The hearing is not a question and answer session nor a dialog. Speakers shall direct all comments to the Planning Commission and not to the prior speakers/presenters/staff. Speakers are encouraged to submit written comments in advance where possible and to use their time to highlight/emphasize principal points. Comments should be emailed to Tracey Garcia at TraceyGarcia@elpasoco.com or contact her at (719) 520-7952.
5. A copy of all exhibits including but not limited to: charts, maps, pictures, letters, and any other demonstrative evidence presented during the hearing shall be submitted to the designated Recording Secretary.

6. Speakers shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes.
7. Speakers are asked to refrain from offering repetitive and cumulative comments.
8. To maintain decorum and a businesslike atmosphere, the Chair shall establish what types of language and comments will not be considered acceptable. Generally, clapping, shouting and/or other outbursts are inappropriate and will not be tolerated; picket signs are prohibited. The Chair is responsible for enforcing the rules and may interrupt the speaker and remind the speaker of the rules. If the speaker refuses to cooperate and persists in inappropriate behavior, the Chair may call a recess and have the offending party escorted from the hearing room by Security Staff or their phone call disconnected.
9. The May 5th hearing is scheduled to conclude at 5:00 pm MDT. In the event that there are public comments that remain to be heard, those persons shall receive the first opportunity to participate in the May 26th hearing.
10. The Chair shall have sole discretion over the conduct of the meeting including the agenda, breaks and order of participation.

The County Master Plan informational website is located at:

<https://el Paso-hlplanning.hub.arcgis.com/>

Please contact Tracey Garcia at TraceyGarcia@elpasoco.com for further information.