Parkway Between Pleasant Valley, North End Planned

Residents of Colorado Springs' exclusive Pleasant Valley Subdivision may soon have a needed parkway providing time-saving transportation from the west to the north side via the proposed Fontanero Street extension.

With homes in an area three miles northwest of downtown Colorado Springs, families living in the development have been forced to reach the North End of the city mainly thru the congested Kiowa Street and Colorado Avenue routes.

If and when the proposed extension is carried out Pleasant Valley residents can be assured of a parkway to the North End of the city, which will chop an estimated five miles off the present route.

Floyd Tanaka, acting planning engineer for the city, explained the tentative route along Fontanero Street would continue over Monument Valley Creek and continue in a southwesterly direction over the pipeline to Mesa Road.

Tanaka said planning officials had expressed hope that with the extension of Fontanero Street into the Pleasant Valley development another route running north on 31st Street would connect the two roads.

He said the proposed 31st Street extension would be a paved parkway wit provisions for a water channel running down the middle.

The planning official said the channel — known today as Camp Creek — would divide the roadway to handle any possible run-off. Camp Creek empties into Fountain Creek.

Altho explaining that tentative construction plans call for the Fontanero extension to progress about a mile and a half to Mesa Road, Tanaka said the plans were still very "flexible" and subject to minor variations in direction and length.

He said rough terrain and the overall physical condition of the area "will dictate just how we can connect the routes."

In explaining that part of the Fontanero extension would eventually continue south after reaching Mesa Road, Tanaka said one leg of the tentative road would turn directly south and progress to Manitou Boulevard. This additional stretch would continue about a mile south before reaching the boulevard, according to the plans.

The acting planning engineer said the question of when the new routes would be completed is a "matter of acquiring right-of-way land as the area is sub-divided."

Tanaka said it is hoped that it would soon be possible for the city to eventually buy the land where construction is planned so that its projects could be expedited.

He indicated that if the proposal for the Fontanero extension is accepted by the City Council, the new road, according to present specifications, would measure 56 feet from curb to curb ultimately.

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