

TRANSPORTATION

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The communities of Sylmar, Lakeview Terrace, Sunland- Tujunga and Shadow Hills are rooted in a rich equine keeping tradition. However, that tradition is at risk. Within the last six months, two equestrians were seriously injured while riding on an official equestrian trail, as their horses were struck and killed by a vehicle in Lake View Terrace.

Although the City is exploring various safety enhancements along these corridors, we must continuously strive to create an atmosphere in which motorists and the equestrian can co-exist safely. This interface can be greatly improved with the reduction of motorist speeds. Previously, the California Vehicle Code, which allows local authorities to set forth differing speed limits to the prima facie speed limits on the basis of an engineering and traffic survey, did not allow equestrian safety to be taken into account.

In an effort to ensure the safety of equestrians, the State Legislature recently allowed for changes in the California Vehicle Code to consider equestrian safety when conducting engineering and traffic surveys of the public streets within the boundaries of the Sylmar Community Plan Area and the Sunland-Tujunga-Lake View Terrace-Shadow Hills-East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Area.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that Los Angeles Department of Transportation with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department be instructed to identify and conduct engineering and traffic surveys that take into account equestrian safety on public streets within the boundaries the of the Sylmar Community Plan Area and the Sunland-Tujunga-Lake View Terrace-Shadow Hills-East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Area.

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