

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to improving safety for equestrians in Sylmar and the Sunland – Tujunga - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Areas.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rodriguez – Lee):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), to identify and conduct engineering and traffic surveys that take into account equestrian safety on public streets within the boundaries of the Sylmar and the Sunland - Tujunga - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Areas.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

On January 21, 2020, Council considered Motion (Rodriguez – Lee) relative to improving safety for equestrians in Sylmar and the Sunland – Tujunga - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Areas. Motion states two equestrians were recently seriously injured while riding on an official equestrian trail, as their horses were struck and killed by a vehicle in Lake View Terrace.

Motion makers state that the City should continuously strive to create an atmosphere in which motorists and equestrians 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. 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 and the Sunland – Tujunga - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills -East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Areas.

Motion recommends that Council instruct the LADOT and LAPD to identify and conduct engineering and traffic surveys in these community plan areas to improve safety for equestrians. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 12, 2020, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER   VOTE

BONIN:   YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

KORETZ:   YES

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