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CD7

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH & AGING

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

CD-7 Horse Safety Project

OCT 31 2012

The City of Los Angeles has a large equine community, with thousands of horses and more than 90 miles of equestrian trails, making horse riding one of the leading recreational activities in the City.

Many of the city's trails, some of which are operated by the Department of Recreation and Parks, are accessible only by main roads and highways, with very few designated street crossings, leading to unsafe conditions for horses, their riders, and drivers using the roads.

According to members of the City of Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee, there have been several collisions between horse riders and motorists in the past few months involving riders on horseback attempting to cross a street to a nearby equestrian trail.

Protecting horse riders from collisions with speeding vehicles is a major public safety concern. Preserving the equestrian lifestyle and ensuring that horse riding remains a leading recreational activity and a safe mode of transportation are equally important.

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation has formulated a plan to install the City's first ever "Equestrian Actuated Flashing Warning Beacons" (smart equestrian crosswalks) at key horse crossing locations in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, including safety enhancements such as push-button signals with flashing beacons and enhanced signage (CF 12-0307-S1).

District Seven has identified various sources of funds to assist LADOT with the installation of these traffic control devices and enhanced signage. The Council previously approved the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Lopez Canyon Landfill Community Amenities Trust Fund for horse trail improvements in CD-7. In addition, a longtime community leader has offered to provide a private donation of \$50,000 to the City to assist with these efforts. Finally, the Angeles National Golf Course Trust Fund, managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks and established when the golf course was approved, has \$250,000 available for equestrian-related improvements along Foothill Boulevard in the adjacent community.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to take the necessary steps to transfer \$150,000 from the Angeles National Golf Course Trust Fund to the appropriate account to be determined Department of Transportation account to be used to complete the equestrian safety enhancements enumerated below.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to report to the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee on its plan for the expenditure of funds from the Angeles National Golf Course Trust Fund for equestrian-related improvements.



**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Department of Transportation be instructed to take the necessary steps to accept a private donation monetary donation in the amount of \$50,000 from a local community leader to be dedicated toward the appropriate horse crossing enhancements to safeguard equestrian and vehicular traffic at Foothill Boulevard and Osborne Street and Little Tujunga Road.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Controller be authorized to establish the necessary accounts, and the City Administrative Officer be authorized to make technical corrections, to further the intent of this Motion in transferring funds to the Department of Transportation and accepting the private monetary donation.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation to designate the following intersections as equestrian crossings by erecting appropriate signs and implementing "Equestrian Actuated Flashing Warning Beacons" as deemed necessary by LADOT to safeguard equestrian and vehicular traffic at each intersection:

- A. Wentworth Street and Wheatland Avenue
- B. Wentworth Street and Mary Bell Avenue
- C. Foothill Boulevard. and Christy Avenue

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation to provide the appropriate horse crossing enhancements as deemed necessary by LADOT to safeguard equestrian and vehicular traffic at Foothill Boulevard and Osborne Street and Little Tujunga Road.

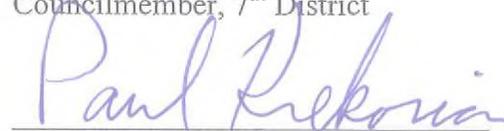
**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to investigate the following street segments, and install a combination of "Equestrian Symbol" and "Share the Road" non-vehicular warning signs as determined to be necessary to alert road users where unexpected entries into the roadway might occur, or where the shared use of the roadway by equestrians might occur:

- A. Art Street between Stonehurst Avenue and Wheatland Avenue
- B. McBroom Street between Johanna Avenue and Stonehurst Avenue
- C. Wheatland Avenue between Wentworth Street and Sunland Boulevard
- D. Orcas Avenue between Hansen Dam Recreation Center and Ruggiero Avenue
- E. Stonehurst Avenue between Wentworth Street and Sunland Boulevard
- F. Johanna Avenue between McBroom Street and Sunland Boulevard
- G. La Canada Way between Wheatland Avenue and Sunland Boulevard

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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