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98-1729

CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA



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June 27, 2002

Department of Recreation and Parks
Councilmember LaBonge
Councilmember Garcetti
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst
City Attorney

Department of Animal Regulation
Controller: Room 1200
Accounting Division F&A
Disbursement Division
Bureau of Engineering

RE: GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRIFFITH PARK
EQUESTRIAN/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

At the meeting of the Council held June 25, 2002, the following action was
taken:

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| Attached report adopted..... | _____ |
| Attached motion (LaBonge - Garcetti) adopted | _____ X _____ |
| Attached resolution adopted..... | _____ X _____ |
| Mayor concurred..... | _____ |
| FORTHWITH..... | _____ X _____ |
| Ordinance adopted..... | _____ |
| Ordinance number..... | _____ |
| Effective date..... | _____ |
| Publication date..... | _____ |
| Mayor approved..... | _____ |
| Mayor vetoed..... | _____ |
| Mayor failed to act - deemed approved..... | _____ |
| Motion adopted to approve attached report recommendation(s).... | _____ |
| Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s)..... | _____ |
| To the Mayor FORTHWITH..... | _____ |
| Findings adopted..... | _____ |
| Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted..... | _____ |

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

#57
JUN 18 2002

FOR TUES.
6/25/02

MOTION

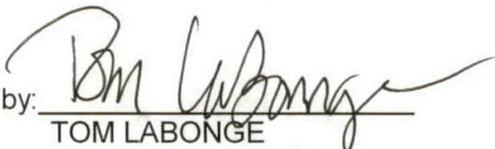
For decades, equestrian riders have had to contend with a dangerous condition in the Los Angeles River. A horse crossing in the River about 3,100 feet north of Los Feliz Boulevard has been used by the equestrian riders who maintain their horses in the Atwater Village and enjoy the more-than-50-miles bridle trails in Griffith Park. LAPD Mounted Unit officers have also used this crossing for access to Griffith Park for crowd control or other patrol missions. The construction of Tillman and LA-Glendale Water Reclamation Plants created continuous, sometimes fast, flow in this segment of the River. The slippery cement and algae lined riverbed, together with the unfriendly flow, has claimed many injuries to the horses and the riders, and brought up lawsuits against the City.

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The General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks has authorized the Department to submit an application to the State of California Resources Agency for the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program. The application is due by July 3, 2002. In order for the grant to be executed, City Council must authorize the General Manager to receive the grant funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed and authorized to submit a grant application to the State of California Resources Agency for \$1,972,908.00 dollars for the construction of the Griffith Park Equestrian/Pedestrian Bridge.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, upon award of the grant to the City, return to City Council for authorization for the expenditure of the grant funds and for additional instructions.

Presented by: 
TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

Seconded by: 

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6/18/02

Motion and Resolution

ADOPTED

JUN 25 2002

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
FORTHWITH

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER PARKWAY GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the **Secretary of the Resources Agency** has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant Program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the **Secretary of the Resources Agency** require the Applicant to certify the approval of Application by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an Agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Griffith Park Equestrian/Pedestrian Bridge Project;
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the Application form; and
3. Certifies that the Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
4. Certifies that Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
5. Certifies that Applicant has reviewed and understands the provisions contained in the Grant Guide; and
6. Appoints the General Manager for the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to Applications, Agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

Approved and adopted the 25th day of June 2002. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the Los Angeles City Council.

Following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 12

Nos: 0

Absent: 3

Clerk/Secretary for the Governing Board

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF June 25, 2002
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



J. MICHAEL CAREY,
CITY CLERK

BY Josefina S. Reyer
DEPUTY

COUNCIL VOTE

Jun 25, 2002 10:41:43 AM, #2

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 18-36
Voting on Item(s): 22-23,25-34,36
Roll Call

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| BERNSON | Yes |
| GALANTER | Yes |
| GARCETTI | Yes |
| GREUEL | Yes |
| HAHN | Absent |
| HOLDEN | Absent |
| LABONGE | Yes |
| MISCIKOWSKI | Yes |
| PACHECO | Yes |
| PERRY | Yes |
| REYES | Absent |
| RIDLEY-THOMAS | Yes |
| WEISS | Yes |
| ZINE | Yes |
| *PADILLA | Yes |

Present: 12, Yes: 12 No: 0

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June 12, 2002

Councilmember LaBonge
Councilmember Garcetti
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst
City Attorney
Department of Animal Regulation

Controller, Room 1200
Accounting Division, F & A
Disbursement Division
Department of Recreation and Parks
Bureau of Engineering

RE: GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOS FELIZ EQUESTRIAN
BRIDGE

At the meeting of the Council held June 12, 2002, the following action was
taken:

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| Attached report adopted | _____ |
| Attached motion (LaBonge - Garcetti) adopted..... | _____ X _____ |
| Attached resolution (-) adopted..... | _____ |
| Mayor concurred..... | _____ |
| FORTHWITH..... | _____ |
| Findings adopted..... | _____ |
| Negative Declaration adopted..... | _____ |
| Categorically exempt..... | _____ |
| Generally exempt..... | _____ |
| EIR Certified..... | _____ |
| Tract map approved for filing with the County Recorder..... | _____ |
| Parcel map approved for filing with the County Recorder..... | _____ |
| Bond approved is No. _____ of Contract..... | _____ |
| Agreement mentioned therein is/are No. _____ of contracts.... | _____ |

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Chief, Council and Public Services Division

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACE ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #65
JUN 05 2002

MOTION

On April 17, 2002, the Los Angeles City Council instructed the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Recreation and Parks, City Administrative Office and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back within 6 months with estimated costs and potential funding sources that will need to be identified for the further design and construction of the Los Feliz Equestrian Bridge.

One potential source of funding for the equestrian bridge project is the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program that is administered by the State of California Resources Agency. The grant program does not require the applicant to provide matching funds. However, the deadline for the application is July 3, 2002.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Chief Legislative Analyst prepare and submit a grant application to the Grants Administrator of the California Resources Agency for the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program, by the application deadline of July 3, 2002, for the construction of the Los Feliz Equestrian Bridge.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Chief Legislative Analyst work with Communities Building Bridges on the preparation, and completion, of this grant application.

**MOTION
ADOPTED**

JUN 12 2002

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

HP

PRESENTED BY



TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY



6/5/02

COUNCIL VOTE

Jun 12, 2002 10:55:16 AM, #2

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 11-50

Voting on Item(s): 11-16,18-37,39-43,45-50

Roll Call

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|---------------|--------|
| BERNSON | Yes |
| GALANTER | Absent |
| GARCETTI | Yes |
| GREUEL | Yes |
| HAHN | Absent |
| HOLDEN | Yes |
| LABONGE | Yes |
| MISCIKOWSKI | Yes |
| PACHECO | Absent |
| PERRY | Yes |
| REYES | Yes |
| RIDLEY-THOMAS | Yes |
| WEISS | Yes |
| ZINE | Yes |
| *PADILLA | Yes |

Present: 12, Yes: 12 No: 0

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April 26, 2002

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MAY - 1 2002

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Councilmember LaBonge
Councilmember Garcetti
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst
City Attorney
Department of Animal Regulation

Controller, Room 1200
Accounting Division, F & A
Disbursement Division
Department of Recreation and Parks
Bureau of Engineering

RE: IDENTIFYING FUNDING SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPOSITION 40 TO COMPLETE THE PERMITTING PROCESS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE LOS ANGELES RIVER FOR ACCESS TO GRIFFITH PARK

At the meeting of the Council held April 17, 2002, the following action was taken:

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| Attached report adopted | _____ |
| Attached motion (LaBonge - Garcetti) adopted..... | _____ X _____ |
| Attached resolution (-) adopted..... | _____ |
| Mayor concurred..... | _____ 04-25-02 _____ |
| FORTHWITH..... | _____ |
| Findings adopted..... | _____ |
| Negative Declaration adopted..... | _____ |
| Categorically exempt..... | _____ |
| Generally exempt..... | _____ |
| EIR Certified..... | _____ |
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BY _____ DEPUTY

SUBJECT TO MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 98-1729

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE April 17, 2002

RE: IDENTIFYING FUNDING SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPOSITION 40 TO COMPLETE THE PERMITTING PROCESS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE LOS ANGELES RIVER FOR ACCESS TO GRIFFITH PARK

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(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 341)

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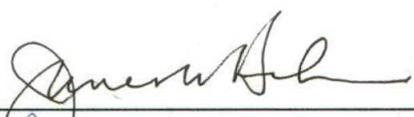
APPROVED

*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 341

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL APR 25 2002

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MOTION

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For decades, equestrian riders have had to contend with a dangerous condition in the Los Angeles River. A horse crossing in the River about 3,100 feet north of Los Feliz Boulevard has been used by the equestrian riders who maintain their horses in the Atwater Village and enjoy the more-than-50-miles bridle trails in Griffith Park. LAPD Mounted Unit officers have also used this crossing for access to Griffith Park for crowd control or other patrol missions. The construction of Tillman and LA-Glendale Water Reclamation Plants created continuous, sometimes fast, flow in this segment of the River. The slippery cement and algae lined riverbed, together with the unfriendly flow, has claimed many injuries to the horses and the riders, and brought up lawsuits against the City.

As a result of former Councilman Ferraro's effort in 1999, this Council authorized the allocation of \$50,000 Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund for the planning and design of the equestrian bridge. The Bureau of Engineering, Public Works Department, completed the structural design of the bridge with the limited fund. The community is still waiting for additional money, estimated to be \$1.725 million, to complete the permitting requirements and the construction of the bridge.

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The Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund contains annually assessed Equine License Fees paid by equestrian riders in Los Angeles and the funds are devoted to "provide for the construction of new equestrian facilities." The limited balance may be allocated to partially fund the bridge construction.

In November 1996, City voters passed Proposition K to acquire and construct parks and recreational facilities with a total of \$776 million. Building of the equestrian bridge would encourage the use of the natural assets and resources in the Griffith Park, and therefore, would be eligible to use the Prop K funds. In March 2002, the California voters passed a similar measure, Proposition 40 or Safe Neighborhood Parks Initiative. Public Works Bureau of Engineering has recommended this bridge construction in City's Prop 40 funding request list.

In the recent decade, the water level was raised and the flow rate was increased because the upstream treatment plants have pumped the reclaimed water into the River. Constructing the bridge would mitigate the adverse effect of the wastewater plants on the equestrian riders crossing the river. The Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund contains the fees City collects through Sewer Service Charge and may be expended for such mitigation purpose.

With the design completed by the City staff and sitting in the drawer now, continued action is needed now to seek for the funding for the construction of the long-awaited equestrian bridge.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the City Administrative Officer be directed to identify the funding sources other than Prop 40 to complete the permitting process and the construction of the equestrian bridge, and report within 60 days to the Council with recommendations.

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MOTION
ADOPTED
APR 17 2002
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Presented by: Tom Labonge
TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

Seconded by: E.G. H.

COUNCIL VOTE

Apr 17, 2002 11:40:49 AM, #17

ITEM NO. (64)

Voting on Item(s): 64

Roll Call

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| BERNSON | Yes |
| GALANTER | Absent |
| GARCETTI | Yes |
| GREUEL | Yes |
| HAHN | Yes |
| HOLDEN | Absent |
| LABONGE | Yes |
| MISCIKOWSKI | Yes |
| PACHECO | Yes |
| PERRY | Yes |
| REYES | Yes |
| RIDLEY-THOMAS | Yes |
| WEISS | Yes |
| ZINE | Yes |
| *PADILLA | Yes |

Present: 13, Yes: 13 No: 0

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Councilmember Feuer
Councilmember Ferraro
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst
City Attorney
Controller, Room 1200
Accounting Division F&A
Disbursement Division
Department of Recreation and Parks
Bureau of Engineering
Department of Animal Regulation

RE: INITIAL PLANNING AND DESIGN OF AN EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE LOS ANGELES RIVER

At the meeting of the Council held October 30, 1998, the following action was taken:

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| Attached report adopted..... | _____ |
| Attached motion adopted ()..... | _____ |
| Attached resolution adopted ()..... | _____ |
| Mayor concurred..... | 11-4-98 |
| FORTHWITH..... | _____ |
| Ordinance adopted..... | _____ |
| Motion adopted to approve attached report..... | _____ |
| Motion adopted to approve communication..... | X |
| To the Mayor FORTHWITH..... | _____ |
| Ordinance Number..... | _____ |

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SUBJECT TO MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 98-1729

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE October 30, 1998

RE: INITIAL PLANNING AND DESIGN OF AN EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE LOS ANGELES RIVER

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LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT _____
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 354)

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APPROVED

*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 354

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL **NOV 04 1998**


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COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL File No.98-1729
FROM: COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL FEUER, Chair
ARTS, HEALTH AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE

Public Comments Yes No
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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ARTS, HEALTH AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE relative to the initial planning and design of an Equestrian Bridge over the Los Angeles River.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Ferraro - Feuer) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. INSTRUCT the Controller to transfer \$50,000 from the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund No. 212 to the Bureau of Engineering Fund No. 100/78, Account No. 1010 Salaries General for the planning and design of an equestrian bridge across the Los Angeles River in the Atwater Village area of the City.
2. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Recreation and Parks, City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back within 6 months with estimated costs and potential funding sources that will need to be identified for the further design and construction of the equestrian bridge.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund as sufficient funds are available in the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund. The use of these funds are consistent with the Ordinance which created the Fund. The cost of construction of the bridge is estimated to be \$1.35 million, and while the source of this funding has not been identified, various options are being pursued.

Summary:

At its meeting held October 14, 1998, the Chair of the Arts, Health and Humanities Committee considered CAO recommendations made in its report dated October 9, 1998 relative to an equestrian bridge across the LA River in the Atwater Village area.

Equestrian riders in the Atwater Village area have had to contend with a potentially dangerous condition in the River just north of Los Feliz Boulevard. There are approximately 550 horse owners in the Atwater Village area, many of whom cross the River in order to get to Griffith Park, where there are over 50 miles of bridle trails. Because the river is lined with concrete and algae can accumulate on the floor of the River Basin, horses may slip and fall. The City has been sued because of accidents at the crossings, and as a result, signage has been posted warning of potentially unsafe conditions. However, additional steps could be taken to improve the safety of this crossing.

A reasonable solution to this problem is the construction of an equestrian bridge across the River. The Bureau of Engineering preliminarily estimates the cost to construct a concrete and steel reinforced bridge would be approximately \$1.35 million and would take approximately 18 months. While funding has not been identified for the construction of the bridge, various sources are being pursued including an application to the Los Angeles County Open Space District for competitive funds under the Proposition A-2 measure and private donations and/or fundraising activities. Design costs are estimated to be \$50,000 and sufficient funds for the design are available in the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund. It will take approximately six to nine months for the initial planning and design to be completed.

The Trust Fund was established for the purpose of depositing equine license fees which are collected by the Department of Animal Services from horse owners. The Fund is administered by the Department of Recreation and Parks. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide for the acquisition and construction of new equestrian facilities and to maintain bridle trails on public property. Historical uses of the Fund include the installation of equestrian signage, hitching posts, bridle trail safety improvements and the replacement of bridle trail railing. Approximately 1,600 licenses were issued in fiscal year 1997-98 with a corresponding revenue of \$22,000. The Trust Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$163,000 and funds cannot be expended without Council approval. This expenditure will leave an unallocated balance of \$113,000.

The Bureau of Engineering will be preparing the bridge design in-house. As a result, the funds need to be transferred to the Bureau's salary account to pay for staff costs, instead of to the Bureau's contractual services account as stated in the Motion. Additionally, the correct Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund No. is 212 instead of 512 as stated in the Motion.

The Chair suggested the formation of a support group comprised of various stakeholders in the Atwater Village area to pursue private

donations and/or engage in fundraising to help defer the City's costs for the construction of the proposed bridge.

The Chair concurred with the CAO recommendations and further requested that the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer, in addition to the City Engineer and the Department of Recreation and Parks, report back within 6 months with further cost estimates and potential funding sources for the equestrian bridge. The Chair now forwards the matter to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Council Member Michael Feuer, Chair
Arts, Health and Humanities Committee

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Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 7-16

Voting on Item(s): 7-14,16

Roll Call

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| ALARCON | Yes |
| ALATORRE | Yes |
| BERNSON | Yes |
| CHICK | Yes |
| FEUER | Yes |
| GALANTER | Yes |
| GOLDBERG | Yes |
| HERNANDEZ | Yes |
| HOLDEN | Yes |
| MISCIKOWSKI | Yes |
| RIDLEY-THOMAS | Yes |
| SVORINICH | Yes |
| WACHS | Yes |
| WALTERS | Yes |
| *FERRARO | Yes |

Present: 15, Yes: 15 No: 0

ARTS, HEALTH AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE

Report/Communication for Signature

Council File Number 98-1729

Committee Meeting Date 10-14 98

Council Date

| Committee Member | YES | NO | ABSENT |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Councilmember Feuer, Chair <i>10/22</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Councilmember Holden, Vice Chair | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Councilmember Alatorre, Member | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Remarks EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER LA RIVER

Brian Walters, Legislative Assistant

Telephone 237-1616

ARTS, HEALTH AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE
SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION

Council File No. 98-1729

- Petitioner/Communicant _____
- Council Member(s) CD 5 / 4
- Mayor ~~(with/without file)~~
- City Administrative Officer
- Chief Legislative Analyst
- City Attorney
- Controller
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Library Department
- Library Commission
- Department of Cultural Affairs
- Department of Aging
- Community Development Department
- Mayor's Office On Disabled
- Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning
- Department on Disability
- BUREAU of ENGINEERING
- DEPT. of Animal Services
Regulation
- _____

CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER BOARD

Date

10/14/98

Council File No., Agenda Item, or Case No.

98-1729 #11

I wish to speak before the

Arts Health & Humanities Com.

Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? For proposal

Against proposal

General comments

Name:

Michael Cathey

Business or Organization Affiliation:

Atwater Chamber of Commerce

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90039

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State

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Business phone:

(323) 668-2939

Representing:

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

Date

10/14/98

Council File No., Agenda Item, or Case No.

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I wish to speak before the ARTS, Health & Humanities Committee

Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? For proposal
 Against proposal
 General comments

Name: Donald K. Polgrean

Business or Organization Affiliation: Local Horseman / AT Water - Girl's Club Parks 1340 - 6111

Address: 773 Mt. WASH. DR. LA CA 90065
Street City State Zip

Home Business phone: 323-223-2810 Representing: Local Horseman

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() Against proposal

(X) General comments

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| TO The Arts, Health and Humanities Committee | DATE 10-9-98 | CAO FILE No. 0120-17015-0000 |
| REFERENCE Request from the Chair of the Arts, Health and Humanities Committee | | COUNCIL FILE No. 98-1729 |
| SUBJECT Motion (Ferraro-Feuer) to transfer \$50,000 from the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund to the Bureau of Engineering for the initial planning and design of an Equestrian Bridge over the Los Angeles River | | COUNCIL DISTRICT |

SUMMARY

This report was prepared in response to a Motion (Ferraro-Feuer) which recommended the transfer of \$50,000 from the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund (Trust Fund) to the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for the initial planning and design of an equestrian bridge over the Los Angeles River (River) in the Atwater Village area of the City (C.F. 98-1729).

Equestrian riders in the Atwater Village area have had to contend with a potentially dangerous condition in the River just north of Los Feliz Boulevard. There are approximately 550 horse owners in the Atwater Village area, many of whom cross the River in order to get to Griffith Park, where there are over 50 miles of bridle trails. Because the river is lined with concrete and algae can accumulate on the floor of the River Basin, horses may slip and fall. The City has been sued because of accidents at the crossings, and as a result, signage has been posted warning of potentially unsafe conditions. However, additional steps could be taken to improve the safety of this crossing.

A reasonable solution to this problem is the construction of an equestrian bridge across the River. The Bureau of Engineering preliminarily estimates the cost to construct a concrete and steel reinforced bridge would be approximately \$1.35 million and would take approximately 18 months. While funding has not been identified for the construction of the bridge, various sources are being pursued including an application to the Los Angeles County Open Space District for competitive funds under the Proposition A-2 measure and private donations and/or fundraising activities. Design costs are estimated to be \$50,000 and sufficient funds for the design are available in the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund. It will take approximately six to nine months for the initial planning and design to be completed.

(Summary continued)

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The Trust Fund was established for the purpose of depositing equine license fees which are collected by the Department of Animal Services from horse owners. The Fund is administered by the Department of Recreation and Parks. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide for the acquisition and construction of new equestrian facilities and to maintain bridle trails on public property. Historical uses of the Fund include the installation of equestrian signage, hitching posts, bridle trail safety improvements and the replacement of bridle trail railing. Approximately 1,600 licenses were issued in fiscal year 1997-98 with a corresponding revenue of \$22,000. The Trust Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$163,000 and funds can not be expended without the approval of the Council. Approval of this expenditure will leave an unallocated balance of \$113,000.

The Bureau of Engineering will be preparing the bridge design in-house, and as a result, the funds need to be transferred to the Bureau's salary account to pay for staff costs, instead of to the Bureau's contractual services account as stated in the Motion. Additionally, the correct Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund No. is 212 instead of 512 as stated in the Motion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, instruct the Controller to transfer \$50,000 from the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund No. 212 to the Bureau of Engineering Fund No. 100/78, Account No. 1010 Salaries General for the planning and design of an equestrian bridge across the Los Angeles River in the Atwater Village area of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund as sufficient funds are available in the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund. The use of these funds is consistent with the Ordinance which created the Fund. The cost of construction of the bridge is estimated to be \$1.35 million, and while the source of this funding has not been identified, various options are being pursued.

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In the last ten years park equestrian riders have had to contend with a possibly very dangerous condition in the Los Angeles River just north of Los Feliz Boulevard. About 3,100 feet north of Los Feliz Boulevard there is an area of the Los Angeles River that is being used as a horse crossing for equestrian riders who ride and maintain their horses in the Atwater Village area. Everyday equestrians cross the sometimes fast moving Los Angeles River to exercise their horses in Griffith Park. Inevitably some of these horses may slip and fall due to the slippery cement and algae lined floor of the River Basin. Though steps have been taken to limit the city's liability from such accidents, there might still remain significant exposure to potential legal action in these instances.

The only reasonable way to address these concerns would be to construct an equestrian bridge across the Los Angeles River. Preliminary estimates are that such a concrete and steel reinforced bridge would cost about \$1,350,000.

Sufficient funds are available in the Equestrian Trust Fund to undertake preliminary work for this project. The Equestrian Trust Fund contains annually assessed Equine License Fees paid by equestrian riders in Los Angeles and the funds are devoted to "provide for construction of new equestrian facilities."

Action is needed to begin work on this effort by transferring a small amount from the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund to be used for initial planning and design; and to instruct involved City departments to identify funding sources for the construction of the project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, subject to the approval of the Mayor, \$50,000 be transferred from the Equestrian Facilities Trust fund No. 512 to the Bureau of Engineering Fund No. 100-78, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for the planning and design of an equestrian bridge across the Los Angeles River in the Atwater Village area of the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Recreation and Parks be directed to report within 180 to the Council with recommendations on potential funding sources for the further design and ultimate construction of the equestrian bridge.

PRESENTED BY:



JOHN FERRARO

Councilman, 4th District

SECONDED BY:

