

further the intent of this Motion, as attached to the Council file, in transferring funds to the Department of Transportation and accepting the private monetary donation.

7. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the fund instructions, as described in the above recommendations, in order to effectuate the intent said instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO or the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: No

(Transportation Committee has waived consideration of this matter.)

SUMMARY

On December 4, 2012, your Committee considered a Motion (Alarcón - Krekorian) relative to the installation of equine traffic control devices, related funding mechanisms, and equestrian improvements. According to the Motion, 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 RAP, 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 LADOT 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 (Council File No. 12-0307-S1), Council District 7 has identified various sources of funds to assist the 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 RAP and established when the golf course was approved, has \$250,000 available for equestrian-related improvements along Foothill Boulevard in the adjacent community.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to continue this matter pending further clarification in regard to the proposed funding sources by the RAP and CAO. Subsequently, on December 11, 2012, the Committee further considered the above Motion. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend: 1) authorizing the acceptance of a

\$50,000 donation by Melanie Coto; 2) authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 from the Lopez Canyon Landfill Community Amenities Trust Fund if the donation is not available; 3) authorizing fund transfer of \$59,000 from Council District 7 funds to the LADOT; 4) instructing the RAP, LADOT, BOE, City Planning, and requesting the City Attorney to prepare a Project Concept Report and Work Plan within 45 days and submit it to Council; 5) request the City Attorney to amend the Ordinance establishing the Equestrian so as to enable it to be generate interest; 6) authorizing the Controller and CAO make the necessary technical corrections to carry out the intent of the Motion; and 7) authorizing the LADOT to make technical corrections to the funding instructions in the above recommendations in order to effectuate the fund instructions. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ALARCON:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT

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