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Griffith Park includes access points to the Hollywood Sign and the Griffith Observatory which are heavily impacted by visitor traffic.

The Department of Recreation and Parks, under the direction of their General Manager, is conducting a three week feasibility study, over Spring Break, from March 21, 2015 through April 12, 2015, on opening a 1.1 mile section of Mount Hollywood Drive, from West Observatory Road to near the 3-Mile Tree, from 10:00AM to 10:00PM. This section will be opened for vehicular accessibility of park visitors to the vista point for the Hollywood Sign, the 3-Mile Tree area, and the Mulholland Trail leading to Mount Lee.

Additionally, this study looks into lessening the burden on the limited space available at the Griffith Observatory and aiding in traffic congestion. It also looks into allowing Western Canyon Road to become parking on one-side only for safer pedestrian access to the park, the Observatory and the trails.

The upper roads to Griffith Park have been closed and restricted to the public, with the exception of City trucks, movie trucks and firetrucks. This strip of Mount Hollywood Drive was previously closed in 1992 due to rain and washout, and has never reopened to public vehicular traffic until now. In its time, it has become a much appreciated roadway for hiking and biking. In this report, the Department of Recreation and Parks should consult with all users including hikers, bikers, emergency responders, film companies, Recreation and Park staff and visitors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks report back to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee on their findings from this study, after reviewing with all concerned parties.

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