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The City's Mobility Plan 2035 contemplates a Neighborhood Enhanced Network (NEN) of low-traffic (or traffic-calmed) local streets that are comfortable for walking, bicycling or other low-speed modes of travel. In the Third Council District, many streets have a high potential to be part of the NEN because, although the streets themselves do not cross rivers and waterways, they have pedestrian bridges that allow passage by people using alternative modes of travel. Similarly, many pedestrian bridges and tunnels over and under the 101 Freeway in the Third District have the potential to form part of the NEN.

Some of these pedestrian bridges and tunnels are not ADA-accessible or usable by bicycles, scooters or skateboards because they have steps or are obstructed by posts or other barriers; some are not optimally useful because they are not connected to sidewalks or do not have convenient curb cuts. Lack of lighting and security concerns sometimes present issues, especially for tunnels. In the Third District, both the Los Angeles River, Aliso Creek and Browns Canyon Wash have existing or planned bicycle or multi-use paths that are part of the low-stress active transportation network. Freeway bridges and tunnels provide alternatives to congested and dangerous entrances and exits and, where the 101 closely parallels Ventura Boulevard, provide access to shopping, services, schools and jobs.

Ensuring that the pedestrian bridges and tunnels and the streets leading to them are ADA-accessible, accommodate bicycles and other low-speed wheeled devices, and are safe is a low-cost way of promoting active transportation and achieving our environmental and public health goals.

In the Third Council District, these bridges over waterways include the following:

- Los Angeles River: Variel, Vanalden, Amigo, Etiwanda
- Arroyo Calabasas: Kittridge
- Browns Canyon Wash: Valerio, Arminta
- Aliso Creek: Hart, Valerio, Arminta
- Caballero Creek: Doman

In the Third Council District, pedestrian bridges and tunnels over and under the 101 Freeway include the west end of Del Valle, Sale, Oakdale, Shirley, Vanalden, and Etiwanda.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, other relevant departments and Caltrans, to be instructed to report within 90 days with:

- A list of pedestrian bridges and tunnels in the Third Council District
- The entity that owns or has primary responsibility for maintaining the bridge or tunnel
- Resources necessary to assess each bridge and tunnel for ADA compliance, lighting and safety issues, curb cuts and other deficiencies that must be corrected to make them safe, inviting and usable by the public;
- Resources necessary to implement these improvements; and
- Potential sources for funding improvements.

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