

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a horseback rider and horse owner who regularly rides the trails and roads around the Lake View Terrace neighborhood and Hansen Dam Recreational Area, traffic safety is of utmost importance. Unfortunately, I have witnessed far too many motorists who are either uninformed that they need to use caution and drive slowly around horses, giving them the right-of-way, or who blatantly disregard the rules of the road when horses are present, causing horses to spook and potentially causing harm to people, horses and property. The first step for harm reduction is to track equestrian/motorist collisions and encounters, and to share that information with the public. Thank you.

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Name: Christina Gonzalez

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Comments for Public Posting: We used to be able to ride safely, in the equestrian areas of our city, but that has changed dramatically. Drivers seem more distracted than ever, and it has become dangerous to ride our horses (or our bikes, even walk) like we used to. We have seen, in the city, a noticeable increase in erratic driving resulting in dramatic injuries and deaths. Without some kind of legal backup, as sad as it seems, nothing is going to change. If we lose those equestrian areas, and the people who live in them, we are losing a valuable segment of society in this city. I, for one, live where I do because I can ride my horses; otherwise I probably would not live within city limits. It has gotten that bad, and sadly, I know I am not alone. If for no other reason, we do hope action is taken. We do not need another community of good people, who pay a lot of taxes to maintain the lifestyle, to flee the city, even the state. Thank you.