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The north San Fernando Valley is home to many equestrians that frequently use City streets. On October 25, 2019, a vehicle hit two equestrians on Foothill Boulevard in Lakeview Terrace. Sadly, the horses were killed at the scene and the two riders were severely injured. The alleged hit-and-run driver was arrested hours after the incident.

Many people use the roadway to ride horses and enjoy the equestrian lifestyle. California Vehicle Code section 21050 states that any rider or driver of any animal on the roadway is afforded all the rights and is subject to all the duties of any other vehicle on the roadway. California Vehicle Code section 21759 also mandates the driver of a vehicle approaching a horse, horse drawn carriage, any ridden animal or livestock, shall reduce their speed and, if necessary, come to a stop prior to passing the animal as to not scare the animal and put it, or its rider, in danger.

Recognizing the co-existence of horses and vehicles in the community, it is critical that the City take a proactive approach to safety. This effort begins with effective tracking and analysis of the causes and ways to prevent crashes. The Department of Transportation's Vision Zero Program's goal is to make the streets safe for all, including pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, to report on the current method of tracking vehicular and equestrian collisions and methods to improve the safety of equestrian road users and minimize the number of crashes.

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