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July 28, 2021

BPC 21-134

The Honorable Public Safety Committee
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: VEHICLE AND EQUESTRIAN COLLISIONS.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, July 27, 2021, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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June 22, 2021
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: VEHICLE AND EQUESTRIAN COLLISIONS

REVIEWED BY: *Richard M. Tefank*

RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE
7/22/21

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report; and,
2. That the Board TRANSMIT this report to the Public Safety Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Public Safety Committee instructed the Department, in coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), to report on the current method of tracking vehicular and equestrian collisions. It was further requested to report on the methods to improve the safety of equestrian road users and minimize the number of crashes.

It was revealed that the Department has existing protocols to track traffic collisions between vehicles and equestrians. All collisions that result in a traffic collision report being completed requires a report number, known as a Division of Records (DR) Number. During the process of obtaining a DR Number through the Consolidated Crime Analysis Database, various Modus Operandi (MO) Codes are entered to classify the type of collision that captures collisions involving animals.

Furthermore, the LADOT was contacted and advised they have installed multiple rapid rectangular flashing beacons at equestrian crossings. The LADOT is working with the various district offices to determine other locations where enhanced safety measures would be beneficial. Several signals at these locations have equestrian push buttons, which are mounted above the pedestrian push button, that provides increased safety for horse riders seeking to cross a roadway.

The Department and the LADOT is committed to improving traffic safety for all road users. The equestrian community is especially vulnerable and requires unique engineering traffic safety measures to protect the rider and horse. The Department is dedicated to Vision Zero and the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities for all modes of transportation. The Department will continue to work closely with LADOT in providing traffic collisions statistics and enforcement where warranted.

Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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If you have any further questions regarding this correspondence, please contact
Captain Al Pasos, Acting Commanding Officer, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0680.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved By *July 27, 2001*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachment

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 24, 2021
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TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Director, Office of Special Operations

SUBJECT: VEHICLE AND EQUESTRIAN COLLISIONS

The Los Angeles Police Department was directed by the Public Safety Committee to report on the protocols for tracking vehicle and equestrian collisions. There is currently a system in place to track vehicle collisions with animals using Modus Operandi codes. In the last five years there have been a total of 131 vehicle collisions with animals, three of these collisions have involved horses. Transit Services Bureau has been working with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to improve traffic safety for equestrians.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Sergeant Roy Yoo, Office of Special Operations at (213) 486-8440.



ROBERT E. MARINO, Deputy Chief
Director, Office of Special Operations



A note from the desk of...

COMMANDER GERALD A. WOODYARD
ACTING COMMANDING OFFICER
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU

Date: June 22, 2021
To: Director, Office of Special Operations
Subject: VEHICLE AND EQUESTRIAN COLLISIONS

Assistant Chief Marino,

It was requested that Transit Services Bureau (TSB) coordinate with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report on the current method of tracking vehicular and equestrian collisions. It was further requested to report on the methods to improve the safety of equestrian road users and minimize the number of crashes.

At the direction of TSB, Traffic Group completed the attached analysis on the number of collisions involving vehicles and equestrians for your review and approval. Transit Services Bureau recommends the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) to review and approve the report, and, that the Board transmit the report to the Public Safety Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (213) 922-3614.

Gerald

Attachments

FACT SHEET
VEHICLE AND EQUESTRIAN COLLISIONS
June 17, 2021

BACKGROUND

The Public Safety Committee instructed the Department, in coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, to report on the current method of tracking vehicular and equestrian traffic collisions. It was further requested that methods to improve the safety of equestrian road users and minimize the number of crashes be provided.

FINDINGS

Tracking Collisions

It was revealed the Department has existing protocols to track traffic collisions between vehicles and equestrians. All collisions that result in a State of California Traffic Collision Report, California Highway Patrol Form 555, being completed requires a report number, known as a Division of Records (DR) Number. During the process of obtaining a DR Number through the Consolidated Crime Analysis Database, various Modus Operandi (MO) Codes are entered to accurately classify the type of collision that occurred. The MO Code of 3010 is utilized to track and retrieve traffic collisions involving animals.

A query was conducted to determine the number of collisions involving vehicles and equestrians. It was revealed that the number of collisions involving animals is minimal and mostly involve dogs; however, three of the 131 collisions involved horses. The below chart provides a 5-year analysis of the traffic collisions:

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS INVOLVING ANIMALS			
Five Year Review (01/01/16 - 06/14/21)			
	Count of Animal Involved Collisions	Count of Horse Involved Collisions	Count of Horse Involved Collisions with INJURY
2016	28	2	0
2017	23	0	0
2018	14	0	0
2019	47	1	1
2020	11	0	0
2021	8	0	0
TOTAL	131	3	1

**Data query completed via LAPD CAMS using MO code '3010' and review of each report*

FACT SHEET
VEHICLE AND EQUESTRIAN COLLISIONS

June 17, 2021

Improved Safety Measures

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) was contacted and advised that they have installed multiple rapid rectangular flashing beacons at equestrian crossings. The LADOT is working with the various district offices to determine other locations to improve equestrian crossings. Furthermore, several locations have equestrian push buttons mounted on the signals, which are positioned above the pedestrian push button, that provides increased safety for horse riders seeking to cross a roadway without having to dismount from the horse.

In 2013, the Department published a Department Traffic Coordinator Notice entitled "Equestrian Enforcement Procedures." The purpose of the Notice was to provide clarification of the various California Penal Code, Vehicle Code, and Los Angeles Municipal Code applicable to ensuring equestrian safety.

SUMMARY

The Department and LADOT are committed to improving traffic safety for all road users. The equestrian community is especially vulnerable and requires unique engineering traffic safety measures to protect the rider and horse. The Department is dedicated to Vision Zero and the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities for all modes of transportation. The Department will continue to work closely with LADOT in providing traffic collisions statistics and enforcement where warranted.

Prepared by:
Traffic Coordination Section,
Traffic Group

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to tracking vehicular and equestrian collisions and methods to improve safety of equestrian road users and minimize the number of crashes, as a part of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Vision Zero Program goal to make the streets safer for all including pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez - Lee):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department, in coordination with the LADOT, 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On April 7, 2021 the Public Safety Committee virtually considered a Motion (Rodriguez - Lee) relative to tracking vehicular and equestrian collisions and methods to improve safety of equestrian road users and minimize the number of crashes, as a part of the LADOT Vision Zero Program goal to make the streets safer for all including pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians. According to the Motion, the North San Fernando Valley is home to many equestrians that frequently use City streets. California Vehicle Code (CVC) 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. CVC 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. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
DE LEON:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

KK 4-7-21

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-