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Recent severe weather events have highlighted critical public safety issues caused by flooding on major thoroughfares in Council District 2. The San Fernando Valley's relatively flat topography, combined with significant rain accumulation in short periods, leads to rapid and dangerous flooding along streets vital to the local transportation network. This flooding frequently results in stranded cars, significant traffic congestion, and hazardous conditions for motorists and first responders.

A particularly acute example of this danger occurs along Vineland Avenue, adjacent to the Hollywood Burbank Airport. During recent large storms, this section of roadway experienced severe flooding that submerged and stranded numerous vehicles.<sup>1</sup> This forced other drivers to make unsafe U-turns across active railroad tracks to avoid the flooding, contributing to a hazardous situation that could have led to a major accident.

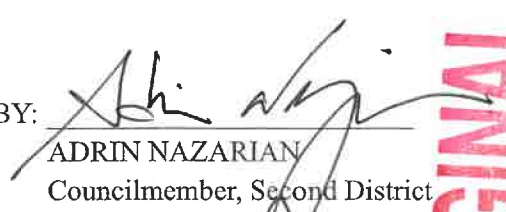
The current response to these predictable flooding events is often reactive, occurring only after vehicles are already stranded and traffic is gridlocked. These unsafe conditions need to be addressed through a more proactive and coordinated strategy of traffic control and storm preparation to protect public safety, prevent property damage, and maintain mobility during inclement weather.

I MOVE that the Department of Transportation (LADOT), in coordination with the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and the Emergency Management Department (EMD), be instructed to report back to the City Council in 60 days with a comprehensive plan for proactive traffic management and storm preparation for major streets in Council District 2 that are prone to significant flooding.

I FURTHER MOVE that this report include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

1. Street drainage preparation at chronically flooded areas.
2. An identification of the most critical and recurrent flooding hotspots on roadways in Council District 2, including but not limited to Vineland Avenue adjacent to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.
3. A detailed protocol for the pre-deployment of traffic control resources, including traffic officers, detour signage, and digital message boards, in advance of and during predicted major storm events.
4. A plan for the rapid deployment of physical barricades to prevent vehicles from entering deeply flooded or impassable street sections.
5. A strategy for a public information campaign to alert residents and commuters about flood-prone areas and alternative routes during storm events.

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(1) Kurzweil, Tony. "Heavy rain floods North Hollywood street, stranding motorists." *KTLA*, 14 October 2025, <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/cars-left-stranded-in-north-hollywood-amid-severe-thunderstorm-warning/>. Accessed 16 October 2025.

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