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On January 20, 2016, the Council adopted the amended Mobility Plan 2035 (Council File No. 15- 0719-S15). The amended Mobility Plan 2035 is a comprehensive revision of the 1999 Transportation Element, which seeks to relieve traffic gridlock by giving people a range of transportation choices. In addition, among various transportation policy objectives, the amended Mobility Plan 2035 reclassified arterials citywide to better fit particular neighborhood circumstances, through a series of transportation networks for automobiles, buses, trains, bicycles, and pedestrians. Many neighborhoods in the San Fernando Valley have a longstanding tradition of equine keeping.

The city must continue to establish policies to protect, preserve and enhance this tradition. Many Valley equestrian communities enjoy a network of public equestrian trails for use and safe travel by riders. Oftentimes, however, equestrian trail connections are constructed as part of a project that makes its way through the city's development process.

The Complete Streets Design Guide accompanies the amended Mobility Plan 2035, outlining the vision for designing safe, accessible, and vibrant streets in the city. The guide compiles design concepts and best practices that promote safe and accessible streets, and can be modified as best practices and innovations in street design continue to evolve; and its oversight falls under the authority of the Planning Department, Department of Transportation, and City Engineer (*Municipal Code Section 17.05, Design Standards*).

A plausible alternative approach to the existing implementation of equestrian trail connections, is to codify equestrian networks and horse trails as part of the amended Mobility Plan 2035 street design standards, and plan check permitting process.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Building and Safety, and Bureau of Engineering, to prepare a report with recommendations to codify equestrian networks and horse trails as part of the amended Mobility Plan 2035 (CF 15-0719-S15), and its accompanying Complete Streets Design Guide (*Municipal Code Section 17.05, Design Standards*), and in addition, through the Plan Check permitting process.

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