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IN SUPPORT OF MAINTENANCE FOR BRIDGES AND TUNNELS ACCOMMODATING EQUESTRIAN USE IN LOS ANGELES CF 24-0294

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) is writing to express our strong support for the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for maintaining pedestrian bridges and tunnels that also accommodate equestrian use. These infrastructures are vital for the safety and enjoyment of equestrians in our city.

One notable example is the tunnel connecting Griffith Park to the equestrian community of Atwater Village. This tunnel is essential for providing a safe passage for horses and their riders, away from the dangers of traffic. Similarly, the tunnels connecting the Los Angeles Equestrian Center to Griffith Park are crucial for keeping equestrians safe and ensuring seamless access to the park's extensive trail system.

Maintaining these tunnels in a condition that is accessible to horse traffic and clear of obstructions is an important issue for the equestrian community. Equestrians seek a stress-free environment to enjoy the city's beautiful trails, and the condition of these tunnels is paramount to that experience. Ensuring they remain safe and usable is not only beneficial for the equestrians but also enhances the overall quality of our city's recreational infrastructure.



The LAEAC is willing and eager to assist in identifying the tunnels and bridges that are of particular concern to equestrians. We believe that with our collective efforts, we can create a safer and more enjoyable environment for all users of these facilities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to facilitating the enjoyment of our city's infrastructure. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact T. Hagans 818.937.3551 or email to thagansequinela@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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