



# Virginia Range Horses Community Informational Meeting

**5/16/22**

City of Reno  
Nevada Department of Transportation  
Wild Horse Connection  
American Wild Horse Campaign

# Meeting Purpose

Discussing community informed solutions to reduce accidents between vehicles and horses.

Presenting solutions and work completed to-date.

# Meeting Overview

## **Facilitator Role**

Direct the panel questions. Moderate Q&A between all sources

## **Participants' Role**

Concisely ask questions. Provide your perspective. Share your proposed solutions.

**Meeting is being recorded. All chat, live comments, video.**

# Meeting Flow

<b>5 mins</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Councilmember Duerr</i>
	<b>Introductions &amp; Rules of Engagement</b> <i>Facilitator: Erica Olsen, OnStrategy</i>
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	<b>Fencing – Proposed Solutions (Cattle Guards &amp; Daybreak Project East Gate)</b> <i>Brooklyn Oswald and John Flansberg, City of Reno</i>
<b>20 mins</b>	<b>Feeding – Proposed Solutions (Signage &amp; Diversionsary Feeding)</b> <i>Corenna Vance, Wild Horse Connection &amp; Tracy Wilson, American Wild Horse Campaign</i>
	<b>Speeding &amp; Lighting – Proposed Solutions (Speed Study Findings &amp; Signage)</b> <i>John Flansberg, City of Reno</i>
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<b>~30 mins</b>	<b>Live Public Discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b>

# Panelists

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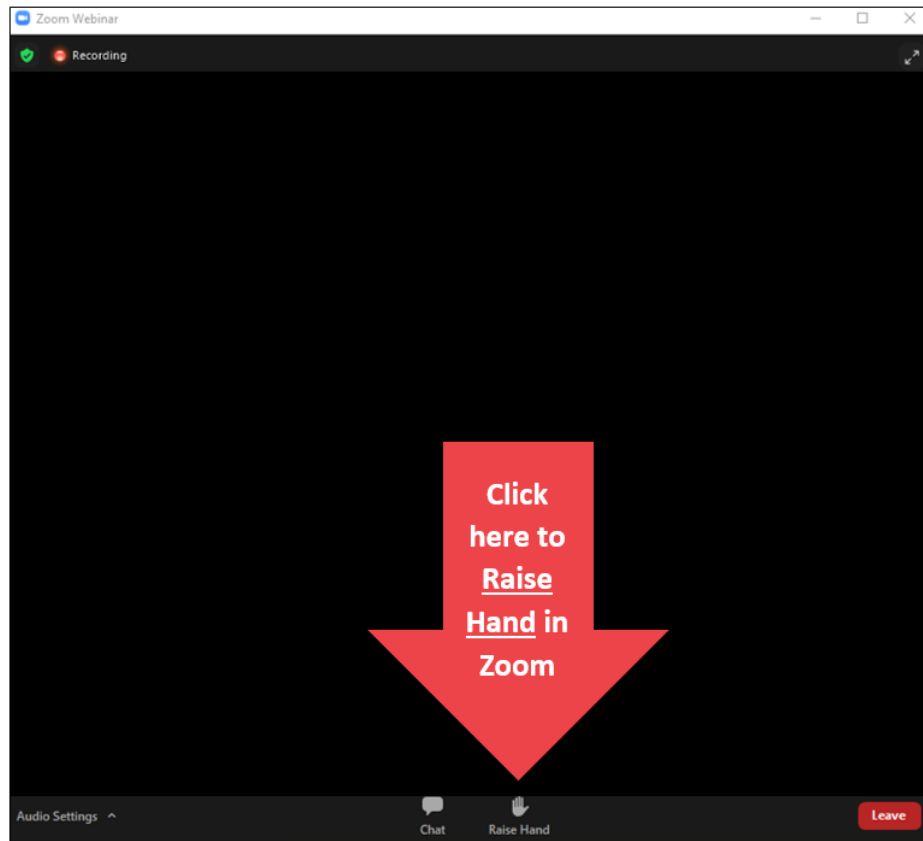
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# How to Participate In Live Q&A

## Zoom

1. Click Raise Hand in the webinar controls
2. Hit Unmute when prompted



## Phone

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2. Dial \*6 to unmute when prompted

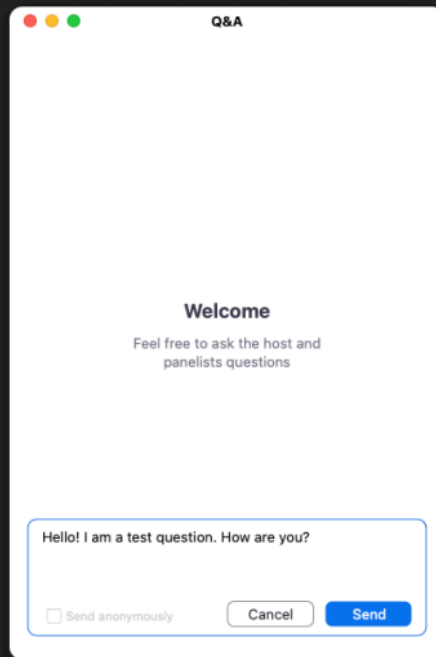
Please try to limit **comments to 3-4 minutes.**

When you are brought in, **you will remain in the system so you can ask follow up questions.** Please allow all speakers to finish.

You are able to **share your screen.**

# How to Participate In Zoom Q&A

## Q&A: Zoom



The screenshot shows a white Q&A window with a title bar containing three colored dots (red, yellow, green) and the text 'Q&A'. The main content area has the heading 'Welcome' followed by the text 'Feel free to ask the host and panelists questions'. Below this is a text input field containing the text 'Hello! I am a test question. How are you?'. At the bottom of the input field, there is a checkbox labeled 'Send anonymously' which is currently unchecked. To the right of the checkbox are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Send'.

Click the Q&A icon to submit a question.

Type your question and hit “send”.

You can view all participant-submit questions in the Q&A window. To “up-vote” a question, click the thumbs up icon below the question you wish to “up-voting”.

# Rules of Engagement

**Be concise** to allow us to hear from as many people as possible.

**Be considerate and respectful.** We appreciate your input about the issues and not about individuals.

**Listen and be heard.** We are here to hear all perspectives and reduce misunderstandings.



# Unanswered Questions

## **Parking Lot**

Questions that can't be answered today.

## **Additional Questions in Queue**

Questions in chat that we could not get to today.

# Fencing

*Brooklyn Oswald & John Flansberg, City of Reno*  
***Community Concerns & Working Solutions***

# Animals in Roadways

## Completed

- Palisades conditions and removal of horse guards
- Daybreak Project East Gate and fencing
- Updated Title 18 Land Development Code

## In-Progress

- Canyons Project fencing
- Canyons Edge PUD amendment request
- Rio Wrangler Parkway gate project
- Bella Vista Ranch Phase II

## Under Consideration

- Considering options for wildlife crossing at Geiger Grade
- Joint fencing program in South Reno

# Daybreak



# Daybreak & Rio Wrangler vandalism



# Gates Improperly Closed & Vandalized Fences

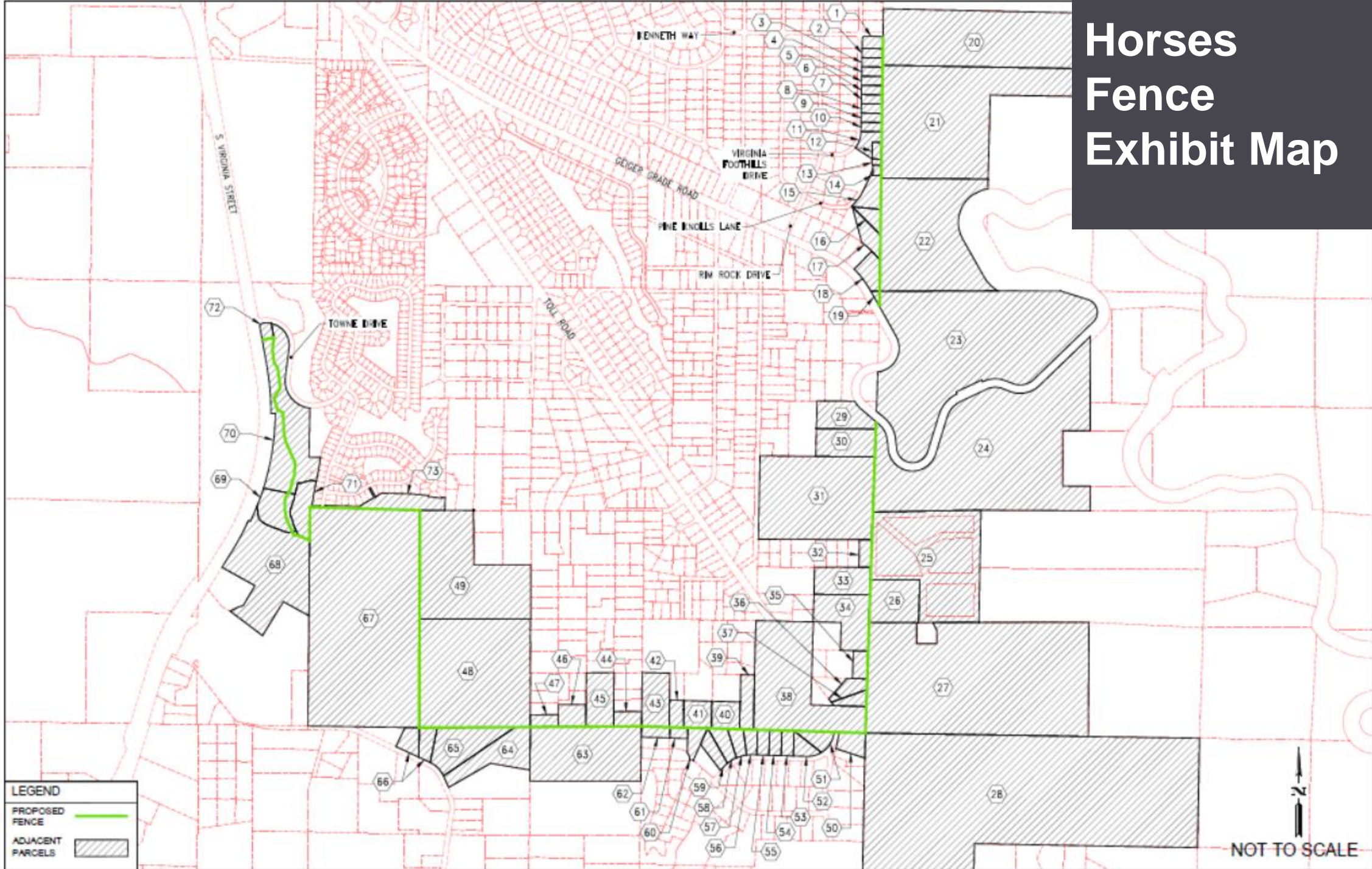
## Completed & In-Progress

- Rio Wrangler camera installations
- Gate-closing education campaign

## Under Consideration

- Two new cattle guards at Toll Rd. & Ravazza Rd.
- Considering options for wildlife crossing at Geiger Grade
- Joint fencing program in South Reno

# Horses Fence Exhibit Map



# Feeding

*Corenna Vance, Wild Horse Connection &  
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# Illegal Feeding & Diversionary Feeding

## Completed & In-Progress

- Diversionary feeding purpose
- Approved diversionary feeding has been ended for the season
- Future sites will be an approved distance from roads/buildings
- Signage related to illegal feeding

## Under Consideration

- Public service campaign

# Illegal Feeding Signage



## **DO NOT FEED**

### Virginia Range Wild Horses

- They can only digest range forage.
- Your "harmless" snack can KILL.
- Apples, carrots, fruit, or ANY food can cause choking and/or colic, often resulting in painful death.

#### **Wild Horse Laws:**

**Illegal to Feed or Harass Wild Horses**  
**NRS 504.490, NRS 569.040**

**Keep Gate Closed**  
**NRS 207.220**

wildhorseconnection.org  
Range Management

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**UP TO \$2,000 FINE**

# Preliminary analysis of the Jan-April time period comparing 2020 to 2022 shows:



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**Mortality Rate (mostly predation) will result in  
further reduction of foal survival numbers  
(2021 had 46% mortality of foals born)**

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**More preliminary data shows a downward trend in  
the population count of individually identified horses**

# Speeding & Lighting

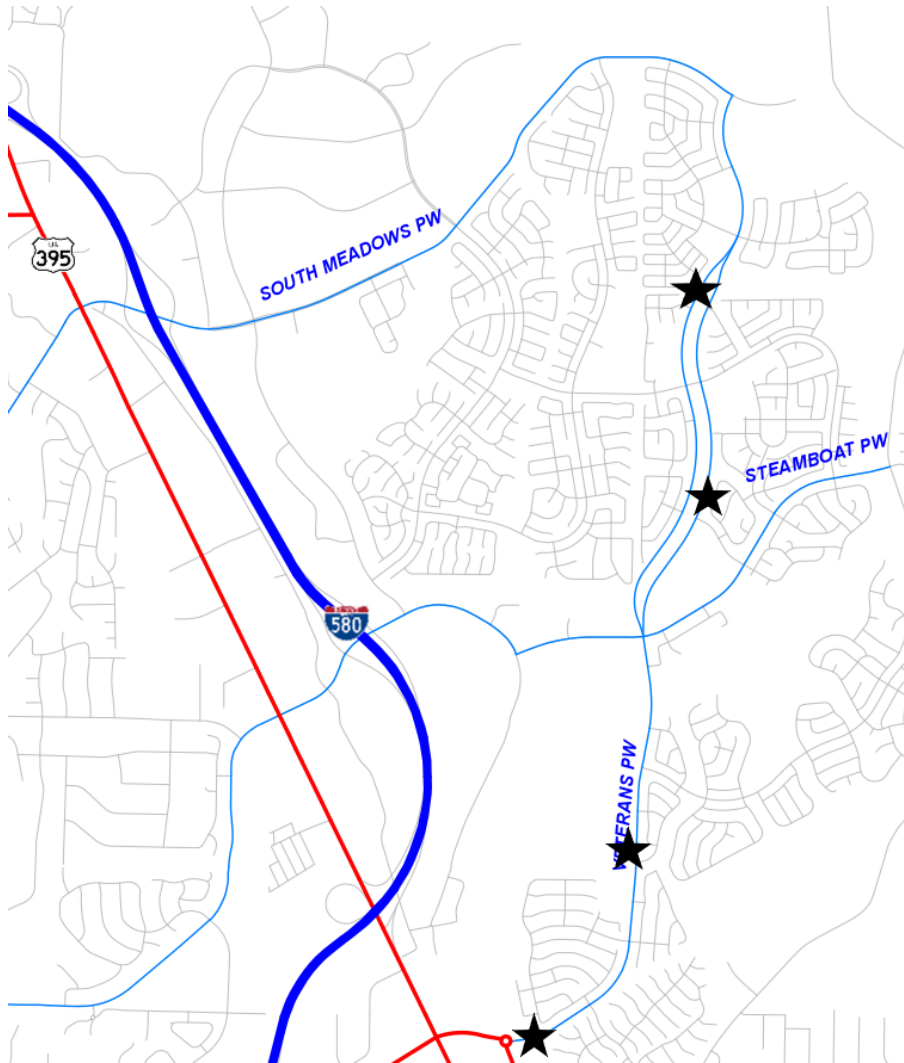
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# Veterans Parkway Speed Study

- Staff performed a Federal Highway Administration USLIMITS2 speed study on Veterans Parkway.
- Roadway geometrics, land use, pedestrian & bicycle activity, free flow vehicle speeds, crashes, amongst other factors are considered.
- The 85<sup>th</sup>-Percentile Speed was measured at 50 MPH. The 50<sup>th</sup>-Percentile Speed was measured at 43 MPH.
- 45 MPH (50<sup>th</sup>-Percentile) posted speed limit was selected due to pedestrian and bicycle activity.



# Speed Radar Locations





# Actions Taken To Improve Safety

## Completed & In-Progress

- South Veteran's Parkway Speed Study
- Installation of speed radar feedback signs (4 total)
- Rio Wrangler Parkway & Steamboat Parkway lowered speed limits
- Traffic safety committee evaluation of locations for possible installation

## Under Consideration

- Social media campaigns and public outreach campaigns on dangers of speeding
- Research into creating an advisory speed limit at night vs regulatory speed during day on Veterans Parkway.

# Lack of Sufficient Lighting to See Wildlife on Roadways & Preservation of Dark Skies

## Completed

- New developments with LED light installations

## In-Progress

- Renovation of existing lights with LED fixtures

## Community Ask

- Contact NV energy to report streetlight outages. <https://www.nvenergy.com/outages-and-emergencies/streetlight/report-issue>

Contact form accessible [here](#).

# Existing Lighting



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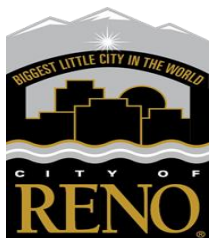
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# Wrap & Next Steps

Information will be distributed around Sept. as progress is made on proposed solutions.

Thank you for your time and participation!  
Feedback form at link below.

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Up-to-Date Info:      [Reno.gov/Horses](http://Reno.gov/Horses)