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 Memorandum

DATE: February 11, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager 
FROM: John Flansberg, Regional Infrastructure Administrator
DEPT: Regional Infrastructure and Public Works
SUBJECT: Virginia Range Horse Fencing Progress Update

This memo provides an update on the Virginia Range Horse Protection Project, including:

- **Phase 1 (North Phase):** Completed fencing from Mira Loma Drive to Kenneth Way; summary of expenditures and funding sources.
- **Phase 2 (South Phase):** Planned extension south from Kenneth Way to Toll Road to connect into fencing already installed by the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

PHASE 1 – North Phase (Mira Loma Drive to Kenneth Way)

- Fence construction completed May 2025 by Soil-Tech, Inc.
- Completion provides continuous wildlife fencing barrier from Mira Loma Drive to Kenneth Way. (See project photos below.)

Funding & Expenditures:

Table 1: Funding Sources for Horse Protection Project Phase 1:

Reno Funds Allocated: SLFRF (Council 3/8/23)	\$500,000
Reno Funds Allocated: Contingency Fund (Council 5/22/24)	\$ 60,000
Reno Funds Allocated: Contingency Fund (Council 6/12/24)	\$315,000
Reno Funds Allocated: SLFRF (Council 7/23/25)	\$37,211
Total Phase 1 Funding Sources	\$912,211

Table 2: Expenditures for Horse Protection Phase 1:

JUB Design Contract for Phase 1 – North	\$98,988
Emergency Fencing	\$22,124
Soil-Tech Phase 1 Construction Contract	\$419,286
JUB Phase 1 Construction Management Contract	\$24,985
Total	\$565,383
Funds remaining from Phase 1 to carry forward to Phase 2	\$346,828



PHASE 2 – South Phase (Kenneth Way to Toll Road)

Project Update:

On December 11, 2024, Council authorized the City Manager to award a contract for the Horse Protection Project – South Phase in accordance with competitive bidding laws in an amount not to exceed \$660,000 from General Capital Funds. The first set of bids were received on May 1, 2025, and staff were ultimately unable to recommend the award of a bid due to issues with obtaining private property easements necessary for fence construction and the need to re-align the proposed fence. Staff worked with the consultant, J-U-B Engineers and local horse advocates – Wildhorse Connection, to finalize and obtain easements to be able to bid the project a second time.

The second round of bids were opened on December 2, 2025, and both bidders were non-responsive, submitting incomplete bid packages. Staff waited until after the new year to readvertise the bid package for a third time. Bids were opened on January 22, 2026, with two responsive bidders. The low bidder, Soil Tech, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$686,335, which exceeds the \$660,000 that the Council authorized the City Manager to sign for.

Staff will bring an item on the February 25, 2026, agenda recommending that council authorize the approval of the bid award (\$686,335) + contingency (\$16,019) for a total of \$702,354. Funding is available as outlined in Table 3 below.

Completion of the portion of fencing between Kenneth Way and a recently completed fence by the Nevada Department of Agriculture on Toll Road, is critical. Without this section of fence in place, horses will be funneled down Toll Road or Geiger Grade to South Reno where we have previously experienced vehicular and horse collisions. Please see the fencing alignment at the end of this memo.

Funding & Expenditures:

Table 3: Funding Sources for Horse Protection Project Phase 2:

Contingency funds carry forward from Phase 1	\$346,828
State Funds Allocated: NDOT (reimbursement)	\$280,000
Donation: Wild Horse Connection (Council 12/4/24)	\$ 15,000
Donation: Wild Horse Connection (Council 1/22/25)	\$ 32,500
Council Donation Ward 2 (FY25 Q3 augmentation)	\$ 20,000
Council Donation Ward 2 (FY25 Q4 augmentation)	\$10,000
Council Donation Ward 6 (FY25 Q3 augmentation)	\$5,000
Community Foundation of Northern Nevada Donation	\$ 10,000
Washoe County Contribution (reimbursement)	\$30,000
RTC (reimbursement)	\$40,000
Total	\$789,328

Table 4: Expenses for Horse Protection Project Phase 2

JUB Design and Construction Management for Phase 2	\$86,974
Soil-Tech Proposal Base Bid + contingency	\$702,354
Total	\$789,328

Phase 2 – South Phase Fencing Alignment

