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Safe Streets Study is Under Way and We Want Your Input

In late 2016, the City Council authorized the Administration to begin two major studies: Safe Streets and Safe Highways. The goal of each is to determine what is needed to make our streets and highways safer for pedestrians and cyclists and to increase safe connections to transit and amenities like the Burke-Gilman Trail, Interurban Trail, parks, and schools.

The *Safe Streets* study looks at surface streets throughout the City, with an eye toward addressing key conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists on streets with high traffic volume, high speeds, and insufficient pedestrian amenities. We also want to develop an enhanced Capital Improvement Program with specific projects ranked according to priority.

How can you help? A good place to start is the LFP *Safe Streets* webpage, www.lfpsafestreets.com, where you can sign up for email updates about the project, complete an online comment form, and stay current on public outreach efforts.

Another way to help is to join me, members of the City Council, and key project staff at an Open House on Tues-

day, March 21, 2017, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 17425 Ballinger Way NE. We want to hear your ideas for how to make our streets safer and what projects you would like to see implemented to improve safety.

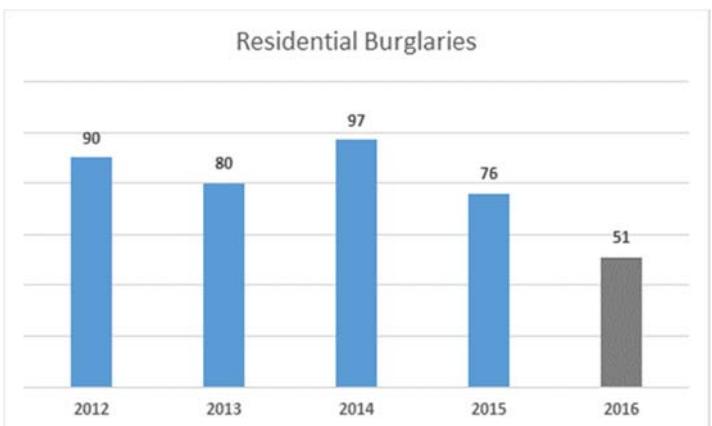
The other study, *Safe Highways*, is also under way. It looks at the two state highways in Lake Forest Park (SR 522, Bothell Way NE; and SR 104, Ballinger Way NE) and how to make them safer, more accommodating to transit, and more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. As with *Safe Streets*, there will be opportunities for public input for this study as well.

Also, the upcoming Sound Transit 3 (ST3) projects will make uniform bus rapid transit street improvements along SR 522. The *Safe Highways* study will look at what other improvements are needed to make SR 522 a better neighbor, and to interact in a more positive way with our community as mass transit becomes a reality.

While we're talking about pedestrians, remember to keep your eye out for the upcoming Fun Runs and other spring and summer events. Happy spring! – Mayor Johnson

Crime Reduction is Priority No. 1 for Lake Forest Park Police Department

Crime reduction is the top priority for the Lake Forest Park Police Department and, in 2016, the City achieved its lowest residential burglary rate in recent years. Community education, proactive police work, and the vigilance of our citizens is making Lake Forest Park one of the safest places to live in the Puget Sound region. The Police Department's webpage has resource material that will continue to discourage criminals from doing business here in Lake Forest Park. Check out the Crime Prevention page on the City's website, www.cityoflfp.com. Once there, click on Departments/Police Department/Crime Prevention.



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ST3 Brings Sense of Opportunity and Urgency as Council Looks at Streets and Highways

How will we get around in Lake Forest Park when light rail comes to Shoreline in 2023 and bus rapid transit comes through Lake Forest Park in 2024?

With the approval of ST3 last fall, Sound Transit is scheduled to spend an estimated \$372 million in the SR 522/523 (Bothell Way NE/N 145th Street) corridor between I-405 and I-5, and a good deal of it is in Lake Forest Park. ST3 will add Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service along the same segment of this corridor. To do this, ST3 will construct:

- ◊ Bus-only Business and Transit (BAT) lanes going northbound;
- ◊ Sidewalks on both sides of Bothell Way NE from N 145th Street to Ballinger Way NE;
- ◊ Two BRT stations; and
- ◊ A 300-car parking structure.

This raises a key question: how can we ensure the new transit options serve Lake Forest Park citizens as well as they serve commuters passing through Lake Forest Park?

Important questions like this are on the minds of your City Councilmembers and they have been on a mission for the past few years to study the City's surface streets and highway corridors. *Mobility* is the first goal of the Strategic Plan, adopted in 2016. The strategy will be to work with ST3 during the preliminary engineering state and beyond to ensure, to the extent possible, that the concerns of LFP citizens are accounted for in the design. With this in mind, two studies, *Safe Streets* and *Safe Highways*, are funded and under way this year.

Safe Streets is a multimodal look at getting around Lake Forest Park. If you don't use a personal vehicle, it can be challenging to get from one point to another. This study looks at where we can put sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes to best allow cyclists and pedestrians to safely move around our community and get to schools, the town center, parks, transit stops, regional trails, and more. Once connections are identified, how are they prioritized and how are they funded? The consulting firm of Fehr & Peers is on the job and has prepared an interactive website to engage the community on these needs. You can check out the website at www.lfpsafestreets.com.

Safe Highways is a corridor study of the two state routes, SR 522/Bothell Way NE (50,000 average daily trips) and SR 104/Ballinger Way NE (18,000 average daily trips), that run through Lake Forest Park. Unlike in neighboring cities, these highways run through single-family residential neighborhoods. Over the years, they have encroached further and further into the Lake Forest Park life and landscape. The *Safe Highways* study is our best opportunity to examine ways to achieve a better balance. Consultants have put in proposals for this work and interviews are under way at this time.

Each study, when placed against the backdrop of ST3, gives us a unique opportunity to consider many questions. For instance, can adding sidewalks along Bothell Way NE

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Healthy Creeks, Healthy Environment

The City's Strategic Plan includes a healthy environment goal, and one of the key elements is to develop a healthy creeks plan for Lyon Creek and McAleer Creek. In response, the City engaged the consultant services of Gray and Osborne, Inc., to evaluate five City-owned culverts on Lyon Creek in 2017. These culverts were selected because they are either nearing the end of their useful life or are barriers to fish passage. The goal of the study is to



Lyon Creek Culvert at 195th Street

have preliminary designs and cost estimates for these culverts the City can use to plan for and fund their replacement. Later in the spring, the study will be presented to the City

Council for review and posted to the City's website. Priority projects will be incorporated into a future Capital Improvement Plan.

Concurrently, the City is working with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify privately-owned fish barriers and develop preliminary cost estimates for their mitigation or removal. The goal is to restore fish passage capacity; maintain public infrastructure; reduce flooding, and one day recover fish populations, including salmon, in Lake Forest Park creeks.

Planning Updates—Environmentally Critical Areas and Status of Tree Regulations

Environmentally Critical Areas

Draft Ordinance No. 1150, amending LFPMC Chapter 16.16 (Environmentally Sensitive Areas), was initially crafted to meet state requirements to maintain compliance with the state Growth Management Act. Specifically, these updates reflect Best Available Science. Additional amendments are proposed to clarify conflicting or vague language. The City Council held a public hearing at its meeting on January 23, 2017, and held it open for two additional meetings to encourage public comments. Here are some highlights of this update:

- New wetland standards
 - * Larger standard buffers only reducible by 25 percent (subject to critical areas report)
 - * Take habitat value into consideration for more targeted assessment of wetland value
- Change stream buffer classification system
 - * Use State classification system to facilitate better assessments by stream biologists
 - * Increase standard buffer width for intermittent streams
 - * Standard buffers can only be reduced by 25 percent (subject to critical areas report)
- Add Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas – limiting uses that might produce groundwater pollution within a certain distance of LFP Water District's wellfields
- Create an incentive for permanent protection of a wider range of critical areas through a new

conditional use, 'Conservation Cluster Housing' - allowing 3- to 10-unit small cottage-scale residences if 50 percent of the project property is set aside as a conservation easement (subject to public hearing).

Status of Tree Regulations Update

Last September, the City Council imposed a six-month moratorium to limit tree removals while the City Council updates the City's tree regulations. Before the moratorium expires on March 22, 2017, the Council has been working very hard to develop new regulations that promote retention of mature tree canopy coverage over removal and replacement. Since the moratorium was imposed, the Council has considered the proposed regulations at four committee of the whole meetings, three work sessions, and two regular meetings, including a public hearing on February 23, 2017.

The primary goal of the update is to implement a canopy-based regulatory and permitting system that results in no net loss in tree canopy coverage while allowing property owners to make reasonable use of their property. If the current proposal is adopted, the City will be required to conduct a citywide tree canopy study every five years to evaluate the effectiveness of these regulations.



Lyon Creek
culvert
doing its
job!

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improve pedestrian mobility *AND* open up options for better bike access from our neighborhoods? Can SR 104 be rebalanced to limit cut-through traffic *AND* retain a neighborhood feel? Can ST3 make Bothell Way a transit-rich corridor *WITH* a friendlier boulevard feel? Will Metro Transit routes made obsolete by the BRT be retooled for better local service? Can SR 522 be rebuilt in a way that allows for proper treatment of the pollutants coming off the highway?

Our final question to you and the community is this: what is our collective, transformational *vision* for getting around in Lake Forest Park when the ST3 area-wide mass transit build-out is completed in the 2040s?

Stay tuned to the City website, www.cityofflp.com, for information about the outreach events. We hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you there.



Each year, courts throughout the nation celebrate national Juror Appreciation Week. This year, Washington State Juror Appreciation Week is May 1 – 5, 2017. Your local judges and court staff would like to extend their sincere gratitude to those of you who serve on jury duty during the year.

Through your service, you have ensured that the right to trial by a jury is guaranteed for all in our community.

We would also like to thank the many private companies, government agencies, small businesses, school districts, and all those who encourage and support their employees when they are called to jury service..

Upcoming City Council Meetings

All meetings take place at City Hall

City Council Work Session Meeting
April 13, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Regular Business Meetings
March 23; April 13 & 27, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee
March 16; April 20, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Communications Committee
March 20; April 24, 4:30 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole
March 20; April 24, 6:00 p.m.

For the complete City calendar, please
visit our website at www.cityoflfp.com

CITY HALL

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Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 206-368-5440
Fax: 206-364-6521
Web: www.cityoflfp.com

PERMIT COUNTER

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PASSPORTS

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Phone: 206-957-2834

MUNICIPAL COURT

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 206-364-7711
Fax: 206-364-7712

POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 206-364-8216

Domestic Violence
Victim Advocate: 206-417-8267

Did You Know? LFP is Part of NEMCo

To better serve the citizens of our region, the cities of Lake Forest Park and Kenmore partnered with the Northshore Fire District and Northshore Utility District to create NEMCo—the Northshore Emergency Management Coalition. NEMCo's responsibilities include:

- ⇒ Sponsor training and educational opportunities;
- ⇒ Train city and district employees in emergency management;
- ⇒ Develop and operate a joint Emergency Operations Center;
- ⇒ Coordinate emergency volunteers; and
- ⇒ Maintain community emergency response resources.

To find out more about training opportunities, go to www.cityoflfp.com and search "Emergency Volunteers."



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Early Registration for Spring-Summer Recreation Programs with City of Shoreline begins Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Live in LFP? Interested in recreation? Take advantage of recreation programs offered through the City of Shoreline. LFP residents are eligible for a 24-hour early registration period prior to the start of each season's programs, plus an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals) through the entire year! Spring/Summer 2017 early registration for LFP residents is Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 12:01 a.m. online and 8:00 a.m. in person. To receive notices of early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook, and Twitter. To set up an account or register, go to shorelinewa.gov/RegisterNow.



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