

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1929

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE
REVISED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 state legislative session began on January 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy setting role of the City Council to identify and adopt an agenda that includes state legislative requests and positions; and

WHEREAS, the City has needs that are worthy of state funding and consideration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE POLICY ADOPTED. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park hereby adopts the revised legislative policy for the 2023-2024 State of Washington legislative session, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and reserves the right to amend and readopt it from time to time.

Section 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

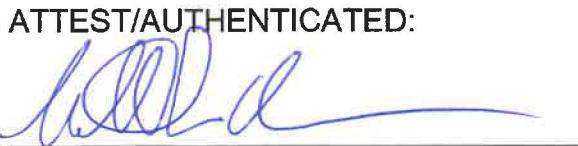
PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 9th day of November 2023.

APPROVED:



Tom French
Deputy Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: November 3, 2023

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: November 9, 2023

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City of Lake Forest Park
State Legislative Agenda 2023-24
 Revised for the 2024 Session



Top Priorities

Lyon Creek Fish Barrier Removal

The City is grateful for the state's allocation of \$1.8 million for the Lyon Creek Culvert near State Route 104. The project is now fully funded and will proceed in coordination with the replacement of the state-owned culvert on SR 104. Completion of this project, anticipated for 2025, will total 8 replaced culverts along Lyon Creek. The City is thrilled with this progress and intends to continue working upstream to remove all barriers for salmon to access Lake Ballinger.

State Route 104 Investments

State Route 104 runs through the heart of Lake Forest Park. It is a two-lane highway that carries roughly 26,000 vehicles per day and increasingly more commercial freight. SR 104 is not only in poor condition but lacks safety measures that would increase the use of multimodal transportation options. The state is responsible for the **maintenance** and improvement of this facility. WSDOT has indicated an overlay is scheduled for 2027. The City is working with WSDOT to request the advancement of that timeline and incorporation of **complete streets principles** in any improvements. Additionally, the City has taken the initiative to facilitate construction of a **roundabout at 40th Place NE** where an existing four-legged, skewed intersection has several safety and traffic challenges. The design is nearing completion and **there is a funding gap of \$2.0M for construction**.

City Financial Challenges

The 1% cap on property tax revenue has created an unsustainable fiscal structure for cities. Rising insurance rates are adding to this pressure. LFP's liability premiums have gone up 21% over the last year. Bedroom communities like LFP are acutely impacted by this limitation and will not be able to continue providing current levels of municipal services to residents without a change, either through adjustment of the cap or other revenue tools.

Behavioral Health Care System Needs

LFP is a member of the Regional Crisis Response (RCR) agency which provides co-responder services to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The City supports sustainable funding for co-responder services, crisis stabilization centers in all areas of the state and investment in behavioral health facilities for individuals in need of longer-term care.

Other Legislative Priorities

City Tools & Resources: LFP supports the expansion of city tools and resources including incentives for development of affordable housing at the 30-50% AMI range and new revenue options for cities.

Recyclable Materials & Solid Waste: LFP is a leader in recycling. As a city, we have a waste diversion rate of 70%. The City supports product stewardship programs that divert products from the waste stream.

Traffic Safety Cameras for Bus Lane Violations: LFP supports legislation authorizing cities to use traffic safety cameras to enforce transit lane violators. Camera enforcement presents an unbiased and consistent method of enforcing transit lane violators which maintains public safety and improves transit service.