# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK PREPARING FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

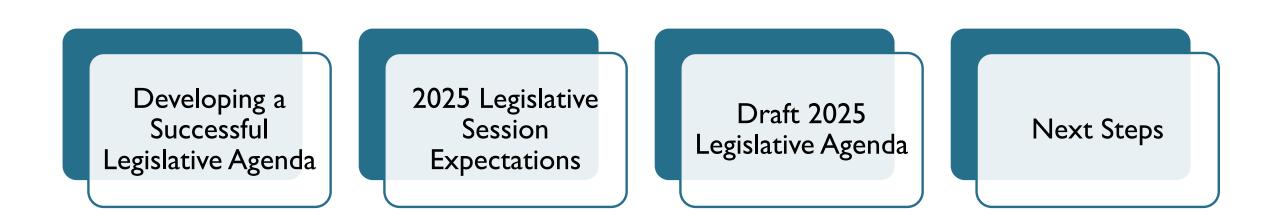
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## OVERVIEW



## DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Create a **biennial agenda** to align with the state's biennial budget cycle
- Keep the agenda **focused** on the top 3-5 priorities for the city
- Consider the political and budget context
- For funding requests:
  - Apply to relevant grant programs before going to the Legislature
  - The state prefers to be the "last dollar in" on projects that are ready to proceed
  - Have strong **community support**

## SUCCESSES TO DATE

- 2017 \$540,000 for the Lyon Creek Culvert design
- 2018 \$1,200,000 for the Lyon Creek Culvert design
- 2018 \$300,000 for Five Acre Woods acquisition
- 2019 \$500,000 for Burke Gilman Trail connector feasibility
- 2019 \$650,000 for SR 104/40<sup>th</sup> Place NE Roundabout
- 2021 \$432,000 for Lakefront Property Acquisition
- 2022 \$100,000 for Burke Gilman Trail connector design
- 2023 \$1,820,000 for the Lyon Creek Culvert construction

## TOTAL DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS TO CITY OF LFP: **\$5,542,000**

### 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION EXPECTATIONS



#### First year of the two-year biennium, 105-day session

#### Tasks

- Develop 2025-27 Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets
- Consider and adopt policy bills

#### Budget Context

- September 2024 revenue forecast projected a decrease of \$525M in the current biennium
- Transportation budget will continue to be constrained, discussions about a package
- Capital budget is not expected to increase in size like it has in recent years

#### Political Context

- Three initiatives on the November ballot have significant impacts on the state budgets if passed
- Not likely to have a shift in political majorities but there will be many new members
- House & Senate Committee on Committees

### DRAFT 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Lakefront Property

State Route 104 Roundabout

State Route 104: Complete Streets & Multimodal Connections

City Financial Challenges

### NEXT STEPS

Council approval of Legislative Agenda

Brief the I<sup>st</sup> District Legislators on City Legislative Agenda

Legislative Committee Days: December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

2025 Legislative Session begins on January 13<sup>th</sup>

Olympia Hill Day in 2025 - TBD

## **QUESTIONS?**

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