

CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

PREPARING FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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OVERVIEW

Developing a
Successful
Legislative Agenda

2025 Legislative
Session
Expectations

Draft 2025
Legislative Agenda

Next Steps

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**

SUCCESSSES 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 104/40th 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 1st District Legislators on City Legislative Agenda

Legislative Committee Days: December 9th – 13th

2025 Legislative Session begins on January 13th

Olympia Hill Day in 2025 - TBD

QUESTIONS?

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