



# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

## CITY COUNCIL

### AGENDA COVER SHEET

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	August 8, 2024
<b>Originating Department</b>	Executive
<b>Contact Person</b>	Phillip Hill, City Administrator Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney
<b>Title</b>	Resolution 24-1961/Accepting an Addendum to the Equity Analysis and an updated Speed and Safety Analysis for NE 178 <sup>th</sup> Street from 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE to State Route 104, identifying a school walk zone for Brookside Elementary, and authorizing the use of traffic safety cameras for the zone

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#### Legislative History

- First Presentation August 5, 2024 – Special City Council Meeting
  - Second Presentation August 8, 2024 – Regular City Council Meeting
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#### Attachments:

1. Resolution 24-1961/Accepting an Addendum to the Equity Analysis and an updated Speed and Safety Analysis for NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street from 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE to State Route 104, identifying a school walk zone for Brookside Elementary, and authorizing the use of traffic safety cameras for the zone.
  2. Addendum to the Equity Study completed by ECONorthwest dated July 31, 2024.
  3. Updated Speed and Safety Analysis completed by Transpo Group dated July 31, 2024.
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#### Executive Summary

This Resolution proposes to identify a school walk zone for Brookside Elementary along Northeast 178<sup>th</sup> Street and authorize the use of traffic safety cameras to enforce the 25-mph speed limit in the zone. ESHB 2384, as codified in RCW 46.63.210, expanded the definition of school walk zone to include an area “within a one-mile radius of a school that students use to travel to school by foot, bicycle, or other means of active transportation.” ESHB 2384, codified in RCW 46.63.250, and LFPM 10.06.010 authorize the use of traffic safety cameras to enforce speed limits in school walk zones. The

new definition of school walk zone better addresses the concerns of Council and the community than the current race zone designation.

### **Background**

On Northeast 178<sup>th</sup> Street, there is currently a school speed zone for Brookside Elementary located between 35th Avenue Northeast and 37th Avenue Northeast, with traffic safety cameras operating when children are present or warning flashers are active with a reduced speed limit of 20 mph. Northeast 178<sup>th</sup> Street from 25th Avenue Northeast to State Route 104 is a walking route within a one-half mile radius of Brookside Elementary that students use to travel to school by foot, bicycle, or other means of active transportation, and therefore falls within the definition of a school walk zone. This Resolution proposes to modify the existing school zone traffic safety cameras to monitor vehicle speeds in the new school walk zone throughout the day, which would allow the cameras to be activated 24 hours a day and seven days a week to monitor the 25-mph corridor speed limit, while also continuing to monitor the 20-mph school zone speed limit during the morning and afternoons when Brookside Elementary School is in session. The school walk zone cameras will replace the race zone cameras in the same location.

### **Fiscal & Policy Implications**

The city has incurred additional consultant costs for the update to the two studies and will incur additional costs in the placement of eighteen (18) “school walk zone” signs along NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street as required by law at an estimated cost of \$3,500. There is no outlay of capital to Verramobility for their work and infrastructure as it is included in the monthly fees. The administration anticipates increased personnel costs associated with administering this program.

### **Alternatives**

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adopt the Resolution</li></ul>	Traffic safety cameras will be used to enforce a school walk zone for Brookside Elementary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reject the Resolution</li></ul>	Traffic safety cameras will not be used to enforce a school walk zone for Brookside Elementary

### **Staff Recommendation**

Review and adopt Resolution 24-1961, accepting the addendum to the equity study and the updated speed and safety analysis, identifying a school walk zone for Brookside Elementary, and authorizing the use of traffic safety cameras to enforce the speed limit in the zone.