



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	June 13, 2024
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator Chief Mike Harden Jeffery Perrigo, Public Works Director
Title	Resolution 24-1958/Adopting the Lake Forest Park Healthy Streets Initiative

Legislative History

- First Presentation – August 14, 2023, City Council Committee of the Whole
 - Second Presentation – February 8, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting
 - Third Presentation – May 20, 2024, City Council Committee of the Whole
 - Fourth Presentation – June 27, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 24-1958
 2. Draft Healthy Streets map
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Executive Summary

Following initial discussions in August 2023 and February 2024 regarding the concept of a healthy streets program for the city of Lake Forest Park, Councilmembers Riddle, and Goldman have worked with Director Perrigo and Chief Harden in conjunction with the city's traffic engineering consultant to identify streets within the city that are appropriate for the application of a healthy streets program.

The attached map identifies the streets that are determined appropriate for such a program, which would be implemented through the city's Traffic Calming Group, providing that group with another tool to address traffic calming requests from residents. It is anticipated that a Healthy Streets solution could

be implemented where it is otherwise cost-prohibitive to re-engineer a road with improvements such as chicanes, speed pillows, or bulb-outs or where digital speed signs are likely to prove ineffective due to the geometries of the roadway.

As with other traffic calming requests, the Traffic Calming Group would require a petition signed by 70% of the neighbors on the section of the roadway to be considered for a Healthy Street designation prior to its review. The city would not penalize or enforce a Healthy Street.

It is anticipated that improvements related to a Healthy Street designation would be limited primarily to signage at the neighborhood's entrance and possible street artwork or other enhancements to visually indicate that the space de-emphasizes the automobile. Possible physical improvements would be submitted for review by the Traffic Calming group, as safety and/or maintenance considerations may require review.

Background

Healthy Streets are closed to pass-through traffic but open to people walking, rolling, biking, and playing. This program aims to open more public space for people to use, improving community and individual health.

During the COVID pandemic, cities realized the long-understood benefit of de-emphasizing the automobile in favor of other modes of transportation. The stay-at-home order provided an opportunity to utilize narrow, residential streets for multi-modal transportation without the worry of conflicts with automobiles.

The map of streets proposed for this program focuses on local streets, access roads, and alleys, denoted in gray. As noted, all classifications of arterial streets, high-traffic streets serving commercial, multifamily, schools or churches, and cul-de-sac or dead-end streets are proposed as not eligible for this program.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

It is not anticipated that this program will have any significant fiscal implications. The Traffic Calming Group currently meets regularly to review traffic calming requests, and this program will merely add another possible solution that would be less costly than re-engineering a road.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt the Lake Forest Park Healthy Streets Initiative	The city's Traffic Calming Group will be provided another tool to address the traffic concerns of residents.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not adopt the Lake Forest Park Healthy Streets Initiative	The city's Traffic Calming Group will continue addressing the traffic concerns of residents utilizing existing tools.

Staff Recommendation

Review the resolution for creating the Lake Forest Park Healthy Streets Initiative and the associated map.