

CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK PEDESTRIAN STREET PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The goal of the Lake Forest Park Multimodal Healthy Streets Program is to provide safe spaces for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized models of transportation and general street enjoyment to occur safely on and around residential streets.

FUNDING: Funding will be allocated through the City's biennial budget. Matching funds may also be utilized from partners.

PROCESS: Requests for a residential street into a Pedestrian Street should come from the residents and users of that street. Streets will be considered based on the criteria below. A street may be converted only after a Public Meeting has been held and the City Council approves its inclusion in the program. Pedestrian Streets may be seasonal or permanent.

STREET CONVERSION: Public Works Department shall implement appropriate features to designate that the street is part of the program. Signage at the entrances to the street is a required feature. Additional non-permanent features can be added by the residents of the street like handball courts, hopscotch, basketball, etc. as long as it does not impede local and emergency travel through the street.

OVERSIGHT: The program will be managed by the Lake Forest Park Public Works Department in partnership with the Lake Forest Park Police Department.

CRITERIA: Among other criteria, review and approval of each street brought into the program shall be based on viability, public safety, maintenance needs, and budget.

In selecting a street, the following criteria shall be considered:

- Minimum of 2/3 approval from neighborhood residents
- No impact to emergency service access to impacted area
- No impact to delivery of mail, packages, and other delivery services
- Public Work has the capacity to implement the necessary signage
- Does not meet traditional traffic calming criteria
- Experiences negative impact from cut through traffic
- Streets are distributed throughout the City

REVIEW: Pedestrian Streets should be reviewed for need, upkeep costs, and neighborhood interest on an annual basis. Removal from the program to be based on either a street no longer meeting the Criteria or by neighborhood request with majority neighborhood support.