



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	January 9, 2025
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator Chief Mike Harden
Title	Resolution 25-1995/Supporting the addition of a Healthy Streets Initiative within the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and Adopting a Healthy Streets Map

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 13, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting
 - Fifth Presentation – January 9, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 25-1995
 2. 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 worked with Administration 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, based on discussion with the council, were determined appropriate for such a program. The program would be implemented through the city's Traffic Calming

Group, providing that group with another tool to address residents' traffic calming requests. Healthy Streets solutions 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 roadway's geometries.

As with other traffic calming requests, a petition signed by 70% of the neighbors on the section of roadway to be considered for a Healthy Street designation would be required before review by the Traffic Calming Group. There would be no penalties or enforcement of a Healthy Street designation by the city.

It is anticipated that improvements related to a Healthy Street designation would be limited primarily to signage at the entrance to the neighborhood 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 and access roads. 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

This program is not anticipated to have any significant fiscal implications. The Traffic Calming Group currently meets regularly to review traffic calming requests, and this program will 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 Healthy Streets Initiative and the Healthy Streets Map 	<p>The city's Traffic Calming Group and residents will be provided a resource identifying streets eligible for the Healthy Street Initiative</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not adopt the Healthy Streets Initiative and Healthy Streets Map 	<p>The Traffic Calming Group will work to prepare a new map based on council feedback</p>

Staff Recommendation

Adopt Resolution 25-1995, adopting the Healthy Streets Initiative and the Lake Forest Park Healthy Streets Map as presented.