

City of Lake Forest Park State Legislative Agenda 2023-24



Top Priorities

Lyon Creek Fish Barrier Removal

In the last 7 years the city has replaced 6 culverts along Lyon Creek and fish activity has already increased. For these investments to be optimized and fish habitat restored, additional resources are needed. The structurally deficient state-owned culvert under SR 104 is funded, and construction is planned for 2024. There will be no increase in fish habitat from this state investment unless a downstream city owned culvert is addressed. To minimize impacts to the community through road closures and achieve cost savings through coordination, the city would like to address the fish barrier at the same time. The City is working toward design completion – the remaining need is \$2.42M for construction.

State Route 104 Investments

State Route 104 runs through the heart of Lake Forest Park. It is a two-lane highway that carries roughly 26,000 vehicles per day and increasingly more commercial freight. SR 104 is not only in poor condition but lacks safety measures that would increase the use of multimodal transportation options. The City has identified specific improvements that are needed along this state facility.

- **Roundabout:** The City has taken the initiative to facilitate construction of a roundabout at 40th Place NE where an existing four-legged, skewed intersection has several safety and traffic challenges. Design is nearing completion and there is a funding gap of \$900,000 for construction.
- **Bike/Ped Improvements:** LFP requests bike/ped infrastructure to improve non-motorized access to transit. Key improvements will increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and encourage the use of transportation alternatives.
- **Maintenance:** SR 104 is in desperate need of asphalt maintenance. The City requests SR 104 maintenance be prioritized by the state.

City Financial Challenges

The 1% cap on property tax revenue has created an unsustainable fiscal structure for cities. Bedroom communities like LFP are acutely impacted by this limitation and will not be able to continue providing current levels of municipal services to residents without a change, either through adjustment of the cap or other revenue tools.

North King County Crisis Receiving Center

The Cities of Lake Forest Park, Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, and Shoreline have identified a critical flaw in the existing crisis system: the lack of an alternative to hospital emergency rooms, jails, or inpatient stays to serve individuals in crisis. They've identified a solution and a partner to implement the solution but there is an outstanding need for capital dollars to make the solution a reality.

Other Legislative Priorities

City Tools & Resources: LFP supports the expansion of city tools and resources through full funding of the Public Works Trust Fund, incentives for increased density, and new revenue options for cities.

Recyclable Materials & Solid Waste: LFP is a leader in recycling. As a city, we have a waste diversion rate of 70%. The City supports product stewardship programs that divert products from the waste stream.

Lake Forest Park supports those elements of the Association of Washington Cities' Legislative Agenda and Sound Cities Association Agenda that best serve the interests of the City.