CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	October 22, 2026
Originating Department	Public Works
Contact Person	Nova Heaton, Director of Public Works
Title	Guardrail Slope Stabilization Design Recommendations

Legislative History

- First Presentation – Council Regular Meeting October 22, 2026

Attachments:

1. (none at this time)

Executive Summary

The City of Lake Forest Park (City) has been working diligently on guardrail repairs with King County, but have exhausted our ability to utilize their public works crews for two critical guardrail repairs given slope stabilization issues. The Public Works Department is performing field reviews with GeoEngineers (one of the City's on-call consultants) to explore alternative methods to stabilize slopes and repair two critical guardrails on 49th Place NE and 40th Avenue NE.

Background

The Public Works Department has been making guardrail and handrail improvements a priority in the City. Two important guardrails and a handrail have been repaired thus far in 2026, but more work is necessary. Two critical guardrails with unstable slopes have either been struck by a vehicle and/or are falling off slope due to a combination of factors. The City needs engineering expertise to assist in review and design recommendations to occur as part of guardrail replacement on two existing guardrails on 49th Place NE (approximately 150 feet) and 40th Avenue NE (approximately 100 feet).

The City is currently working with one of the City's on-call consultants to review and prepare a scope and fee for City Council approval (if necessary).

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The City had budgeted over $200,000 in funds for guardrail repairs in 2026 and has spent about $30,000 on repairs thus far. The City anticipates putting out a construction contract in late 2026/early 2027. The cost of all construction work associated with this contract is expected to fall within the existing 2026 budget.

Staff Recommendation

Please consider this presentation as a single touch for the formal Council approval process.