

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1910

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND SOUND TRANSIT REGARDING REDUCING THE SPEED LIMITS ON STATE ROUTE 522 AND STATE ROUTE 104 WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, consistency of speed limits on the State Routes is essential for the safety of all users, whether vehicular, pedestrian, or multi-modal; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that a slight reduction in speed results in significant safety gains; and

WHEREAS, lowering speed limits is statistically proven to save lives in vehicle on vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, lowering speed limits is also proven to save lives when a pedestrian or multi-modal user is struck by a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The Highway Safety Manual shows that even a 1MPH reduction in operating speeds can result in a 17% decrease in fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit has been lowered to a uniform 35MPH on SR 522 in the Cities of Bothell and Kenmore; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit has been lowered to 35MPH on SR523 (145th Street) in the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit has been lowered to 35MPH on SR522 from 130th Street NE in the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle at 40MPH has a 10% chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle at 30MPH has a 50% chance of survival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION. The City Council of Lake Forest Park, Washington, directs the Administration to inform The Washington State Department of Transportation and Sound Transit of the City of Lake Forest Park's intention to formally make an application to reduce the speed limits on State Route 522 (Bothell Highway) and State Route 104 (Ballinger Way).

- This intent must be communicated by the Administration by written correspondence with two weeks of this Resolution taking effect, and application made within sixty days of this Resolution.
- The following changes will be requested and make an application for: State Route 522 (Bothell Highway) between Milepost 4.23 and Milepost 6.21, where the maximum speed limit shall be 35MPH and with an investigation of 30MPH for vehicles over a Gross Vehicle Weight of 10,000 pounds.
- State Route 104 (Ballinger Way) 25MPH for its entire length in the City of Lake Forest Park .

Section 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 10th day of August 2023.

APPROVED:

Jeff Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matthew McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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