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# Lake Forest Park Comprehensive Plan Update

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PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2024

# Tonight's Meeting

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Schedule Revisions

Equity Moment

Comprehensive Plan Element Updates – Framework & Objectives

Transportation Element

Climate Planning

Q&A

# Look Ahead

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# Planning Commission Review Schedule

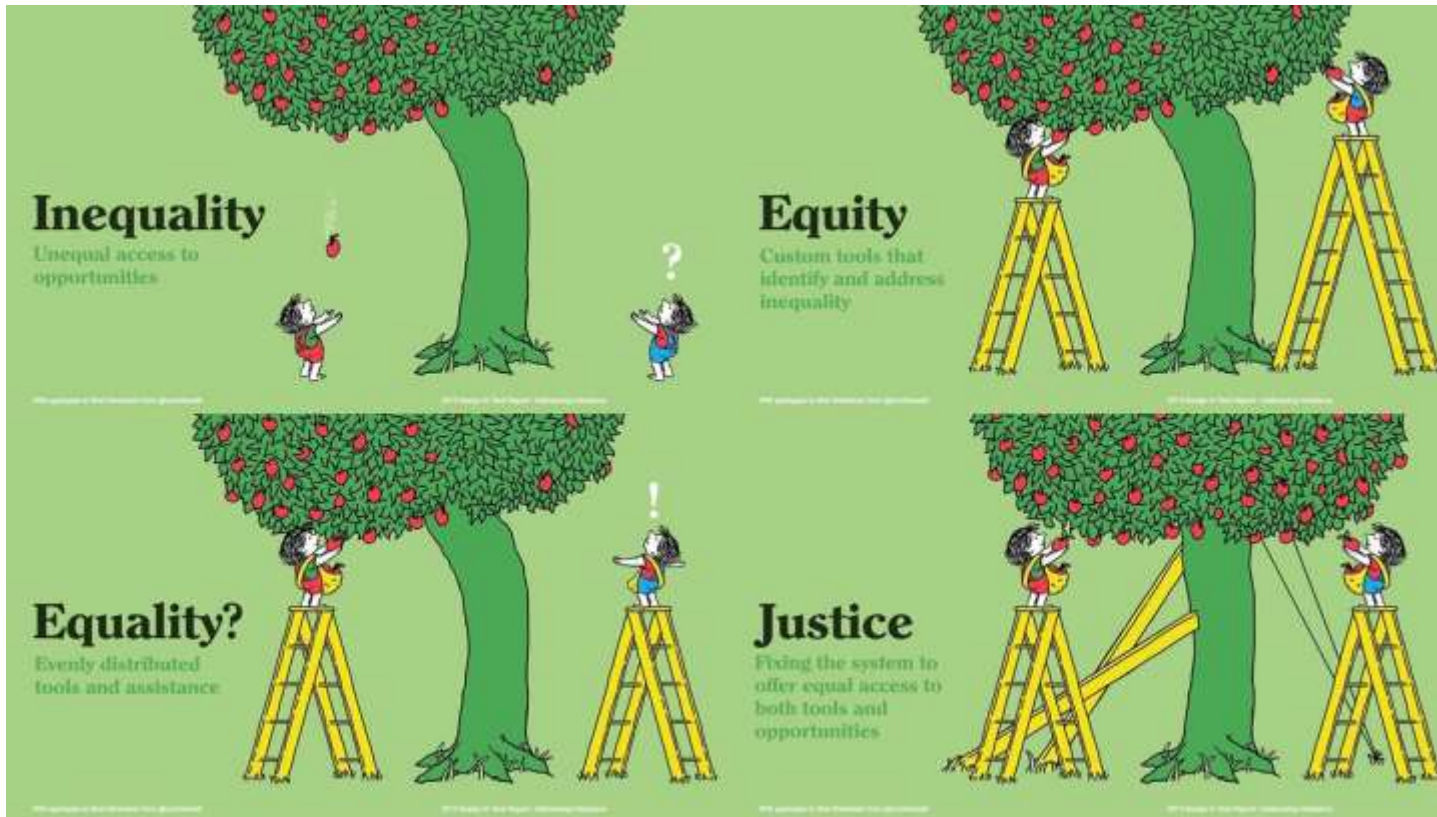
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Year	Month	Elements for Review
2024	Jan	Land Use; <del>Transportation</del> ; <u>Environmental Quality</u>
	Feb	<del>Transportation</del> ; <del>Climate</del> ; <u>Land Use</u> ; Environmental Quality; <u>Community Services &amp; Public Safety</u>
	Mar	<del>Housing</del> ; <del>Climate</del> ; <del>Environmental Quality</del> ; <u>Transportation</u>
	Apr	<u>Housing</u> ; <del>Climate</del> ; <del>Community Services &amp; Public Safety</del>
	May	<u>Economic Development</u> ; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Parks, Trails, and Open Space
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# Equity Moment

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# Equity Moment



**Equality** means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities.

**Equity** considers the specific needs or circumstances of a person or group and provides the resources needed to be successful.

# Comprehensive Plan Element Updates

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# Element Update Objectives

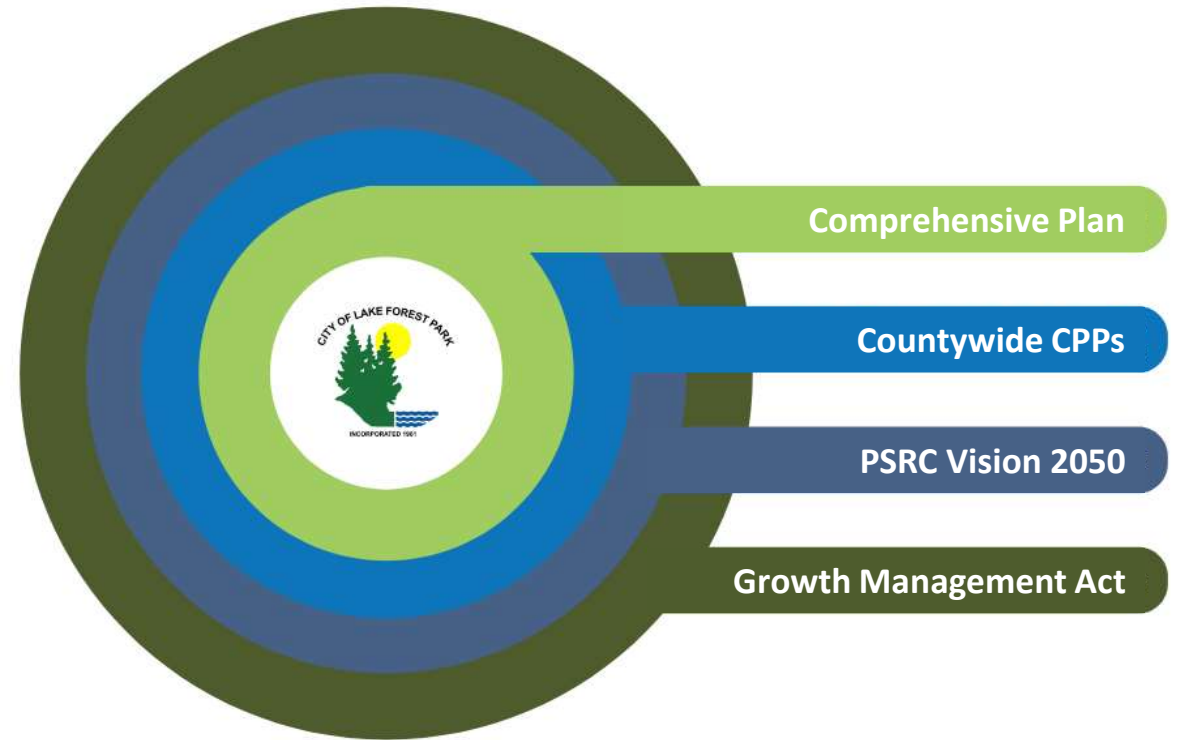
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## Regulatory Compliance

- GMA & Amendments
- King County CPPs
- PSRC Vision 2050

## Community Vision and Priorities

- Balance environmental preservation, economic vitality, and neighborhoods
- Support diverse cultures and perspectives
- Vibrant Town Center is the heart of the community
- Safe and connected neighborhoods





# Policy Framework

Framework Structure	Key Words	Recommendation
<b>Goals</b> should be a <u>high-level</u> , comprehensive, and intentionally vague overview of the future vision.	Facilitate, promote, encourage, preserve	Look for opportunities to <u>simplify</u> goals and confirm that policies are <u>consistent</u> with each goal.
<b>Policies</b> should be <u>moderately specific</u> steps to make the goals possible.	Maintain, enhance, encourage, promote, increase, designate, consider, coordinate, support, explore	<u>Policies lead to actions.</u> Policies should be phrased with “and” statements that may indicate actions within a policy.
<b>Actions</b> are <u>very specific</u> ; when completed, there will be a tangible or measurable result or product.	Develop, adopt, implement, map, evaluate, review, align, work, establish	Identify <u>actions that may already exist</u> within policies and suggest any new ones.

# Transportation Element

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# Findings & Recommendations

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## PSRC Vision 2050

The 2015 Transportation Element is **generally consistent**.

Required:

- Work to develop and operate a safe and convenient system for all users and the movement of freight and goods (MPP-T-11)

Note: WSDOT freight classification shows SR 522 as a T-3 corridor today. It was classified as a T-2 corridor in 2015. Currently Lake Forest Park does not have T-1 or T-2 classified routes.

Consider:

- Include freight needs in the prioritization criteria for street projects as appropriate.
- Assess and seek to minimize conflicts between active transportation modes and freight mobility when developing transportation improvement projects on designated truck routes.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Support safe and welcoming environment for walking and bicycling (MPP-DP-15)

## Consider:

- Continue the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program to address expressed concerns on low-volume residential roads.
- Incorporate selected projects of Safe Streets, Safe Highways, and Safe Streets Town Center Connections plans into the TIP, CIP, and 20-year financing plan.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Reduce the need for new capital improvements through investments in operations, pricing programs, demand management strategies, and system management activities that improve the efficiency of the current system (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi), MPP-T-3)

## Consider:

- Encourage all employers to consider implementing Commute Trip Reduction Program (CTR) strategies and practices to reduce drive-alone miles and vehicle miles traveled especially during peak demand hours.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Increase the resilience of the transportation system and support security and emergency management (MPP-T-31)
- Identify maintenance and system preservation projects and programs necessary to maintain the ability of the transportation system to provide safe, efficient, and reliable movement of people, goods, and services (RCW 36.70A.070, MPP-T-1-2, T-4)

## Consider:

- Prioritize the maintenance of the transportation system to maintain continued operation during natural and human-caused hazards.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Prepare for changes in transportation technologies and mobility patterns (MPP-T-33-34)

## Consider:

- Support the transition to electrification of personal and fleet vehicles by exploring the feasibility of installing charging stations for public use at City facilities open to the public such as parks and recreation centers.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Prioritize multimodal investments in centers and high-capacity station areas (MPP-RC-7-10, T12-13, T-19)
- Promote the design of transportation facilities that support local and regional growth centers and high-capacity transit station areas and fit the community in which they are located (MPP-T19-21)

## Consider:

- Improve access to the Town Center, a transit hub and planned high-capacity transit station which provides multimodal connections to other centers in the region, as identified in the Safe Street Town Center Connections and Safe Highways plans.



# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Identify racial and social equity as a core objective when planning and implementing transportation improvements, programs, and services (MPP-T-9)

## Consider:

- Prioritize inclusive outreach in the transportation planning process.
- Create equitable corridors that provide safe and inviting travel for all people, regardless of mode, age, or ability.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Reduce stormwater pollution from transportation facilities and improve fish passage (MPP-T32)

## Consider:

- Assess and implement feasible action items related to the transportation network identified in the Stormwater Management Action Plan, specifically enhanced street sweeping in the Lyon Creek Basin.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Develop a comprehensive concurrency program that addresses level-of-service standards for multimodal types of transportation and include implementation strategies (RCW 36.70A.070, RCW 36.70A.108, MPP-DP-52-54)

## Consider:

- Vehicle: Maintain vehicle LOS C/D
- Pedestrians: Strive to complete the pedestrian networks as prioritized in the Safe Street, Safe Highways, and Safe Streets Town Center Connection plans.
- Bicyclists: Strive to complete the bicycle network as prioritized in the Safe Street, Safe Highways, and Safe Streets Town Center Connection plans.
- Transit: coordinate with transit agencies to improve access to transit stops as prioritized in the Safe Street, Safe Highways, and Safe Streets Town Center Connection plans.
- Ensure that the development provides mitigation measures when required to maintain appropriate levels of service for all modes and to meet concurrency requirements.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Provide travel demand forecasts and identify state and local system projects, programs, and management necessary to meet current and future demands and to improve safety and human health (RCW 36.70A.070, MPP-T-4-5)

## Consider:

- Fehr & Peers is scoped to will coordinate with City staff and the project team include a light technical update to the forecast future travel demand based on the Town Center EIS to address this requirement and identify any future vehicle transportation improvements needed.

# Findings & Recommendations

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## Required:

- Include a 20-year financing plan, as well as an analysis of funding capability for all transportation modes (RCW 36.70A.070(3), RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv), WAC 365-196-415, WAC 365-196-430, MPP-RC-11-12, T-6, T-15)
- Include a reassessment strategy to address the event of a funding shortfall (RCW 36.70A.070(3), RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv), WAC 365-196-415, WAC 365-196-430, MPP-RC-1112, T-6)
- Identify stable and predictable funding sources for maintaining and preserving existing transportation facilities and services (MPP-RC-11-12, T-6)

## Consider:

- Review Safe Streets, Safe Highways, and Safe Streets Town Center Connections plans to identify and expand the TIP and CIP to meet the 20-year planning requirements including identifying funding sources.

# Climate Element

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# Summary of Climate Planning Requirements

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## Washington State Department of Commerce

The Growth Management Act now requires local climate action in comprehensive plans.

Required:

- The Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions sub-element, with goals and policies to reduce GHG emissions and vehicle miles traveled
- The Resilience sub-element, with goals and policies to improve climate preparedness, response, and recovery efforts

**Department of Commerce published guidance.**

# Summary of Climate Planning Requirements

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## Minimum Requirements for GHG Emissions sub-element

- Reduce overall GHG emissions generated by transportation and land use within the jurisdiction  
*(without increasing emissions elsewhere)*
- Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled within the jurisdiction  
*(without increasing GHG emissions elsewhere)*
- Prioritize reductions that benefit overburdened communities to maximize co-benefits of reduced air pollution and environmental justice

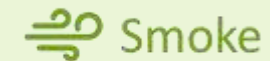
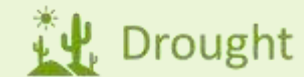
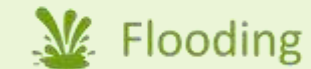


# Summary of Climate Planning Requirements

## Minimum Requirements for Climate Resilience sub-element

- Address natural hazards created or aggravated by climate change
- Identify, protect, and enhance natural areas to foster climate resilience, as well as areas of vital habitat for safe species migration
- Identify, protect, and enhance community resilience to climate impacts
  - Include social, economic, and built-environment factors
  - Support adaptation to climate impacts consistent with environmental justice

### Hazards to Evaluate:



# LFP's Approach to Climate Planning

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## Two concurrent paths for Lake Forest Park


- Adapt the draft Climate Action Plan policies
  - Distribute into existing elements of the Comprehensive Plan
  - Policies anticipated to end up in Land Use, Environmental Quality & Shorelines, Community Services & Public Safety, Transportation, Capital Facilities, and Utilities)
  - Some policies/strategies may be deferred to the Climate Element process
- Develop a separate Climate Element
  - New Element will exist independently within the Comprehensive Plan
  - Planning completed by June 30, 2025, to be adopted by amendment no later than December 31, 2025



# Discussion Topics

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- **Review the Climate Action Plan Memo.**
  - **CAP Policies.** Do you agree with the proposed location(s) of policies? **See Discussion Guide Q1a.**
  - **Defer to Climate Element.** Are there any climate planning topics that should be deferred? **See Discussion Guide Q1b.**
  - **Missing Topics.** Are there any climate planning topics that are missing from Path 1? **See Discussion Guide Q1c.**
- **Equity and Environmental Justice.** Brainstorm approach to environmental justice. **See Discussion Guide Q2.**

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# Discussion/Questions

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# Equity Review and Evaluation

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## Goal and Policy Evaluation Questions:

1. What do we intend to protect or prevent?
2. Who benefits, and how? Who is burdened, and how?
3. Does this contribute to identified racially disparate impacts, displacement, or exclusion?
4. Can the benefits be more widely distributed? Can the burdens be minimized or more widely shared?
5. Did impacted community members help identify new goals and policies?
6. Were policy and goal additions, alternatives, or improvements to undo racially disparate impacts addressed?
7. Were anti-displacement policies included to support those who are most at risk of physical, economic, or cultural displacement?
8. Does the policy language provide clear direction for implementation?
9. Are the policies clear in their intent, and do they provide clarity for measurement and tracking purposes?