



# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: In Person and Virtual / Zoom  
17425 Ballinger Way NE Lake Forest Park, WA 98155**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING VIRTUALLY:**

**Join Zoom Webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81709380902>  
Call into Webinar: 253-215-8782 | Webinar ID: 817 0938 0902**

The City Council Committee of the Whole is providing opportunities for public comment by submitting a written comment or attending in person to provide oral public comment.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE WITH ORAL COMMENTS:**

If you are attending the meeting in person, there is a sign-in sheet located near the entrance to the Council Chambers. Fill out the form, and the Deputy Mayor or Presiding Officer will call your name at the appropriate time. Oral comments are limited to 3:00 minutes per speaker. Oral Comments are not being accepted via Zoom.

The meeting is being recorded.

### **HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS:**

Written comments for public hearings will be submitted to the Committee if received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting; otherwise, they will be provided to the Committee the next day. Because the City has implemented oral comments, written comments are not being read under Public Comments. The City Clerk will read your name and subject matter into the record during Public Comments.

Meetings are shown on the city's website and on Comcast channel 21 for subscribers within the Lake Forest Park city limits.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

***The Council will not be accepting online public comments. This portion of the agenda is set aside for the public to address the Council on agenda items or any other topic the council might have purview or control over. If the comments are of a nature that the Council does not have influence or control over, then the Deputy Mayor or presiding officer may request the speaker suspend their***

comments. The Council may direct staff to follow up on items brought up by the public. **Comments are limited to a three (3) minute time limit.**

### 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Levy Lid-Lift Basics

B. Continued discussion regarding Healthy Streets initiative

### 4. ADJOURN

#### FUTURE SCHEDULE

- Thursday, May 23, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. – *hybrid meeting (Zoom and City Hall)*
- Thursday, June 13, 2024 City Council Work Session 6:00 p.m. – *hybrid meeting (Zoom and City Hall)*
- Thursday, June 13, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. – *hybrid meeting (Zoom and City Hall)*
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 *Juneteenth – City Offices Closed*
- Thursday, June 20, 2024 City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. – *hybrid meeting (Zoom and City Hall)*
- Monday, June 24, 2024 City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:00 p.m. – *hybrid meeting (Zoom and City Hall)*
- Thursday, June 27, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. – *hybrid meeting (Zoom and City Hall)*

*Any person requiring a disability accommodation should contact city hall at 206-368-5440 by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting for more information.*

# Levy Lid Lift Basics

Council Committee of the Whole  
Phillip Hill, City Administrator  
Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director



May 20, 2024

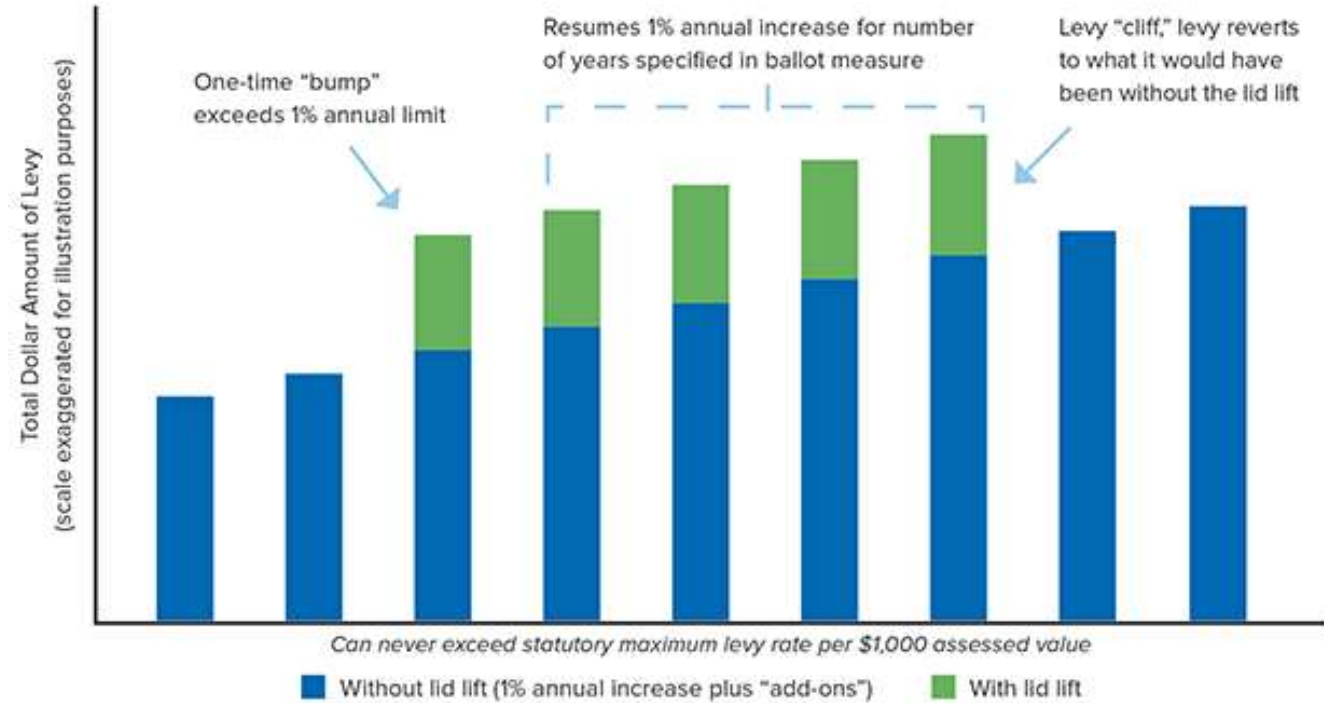
# What is a Levy Lid Lift

- A taxing jurisdiction that is collecting less than its maximum statutory levy rate may ask a simple majority of voters to “lift” the total levy amount collected from current assessed valuation by more than 1% ([RCW 84.55.050](#) – also see [WAC 458-19-045](#), which provides a better understanding of the process than the statute). The new levy rate cannot exceed the maximum statutory rate.
- The city’s maximum statutory rate in 2024 is \$2.81771 and the actual rate is \$0.80429. The city’s maximum rate is calculated as \$3.60 (maximum combined rate of all taxing authorities) minus 0.25810 (library) minus 0.52419 (fire).



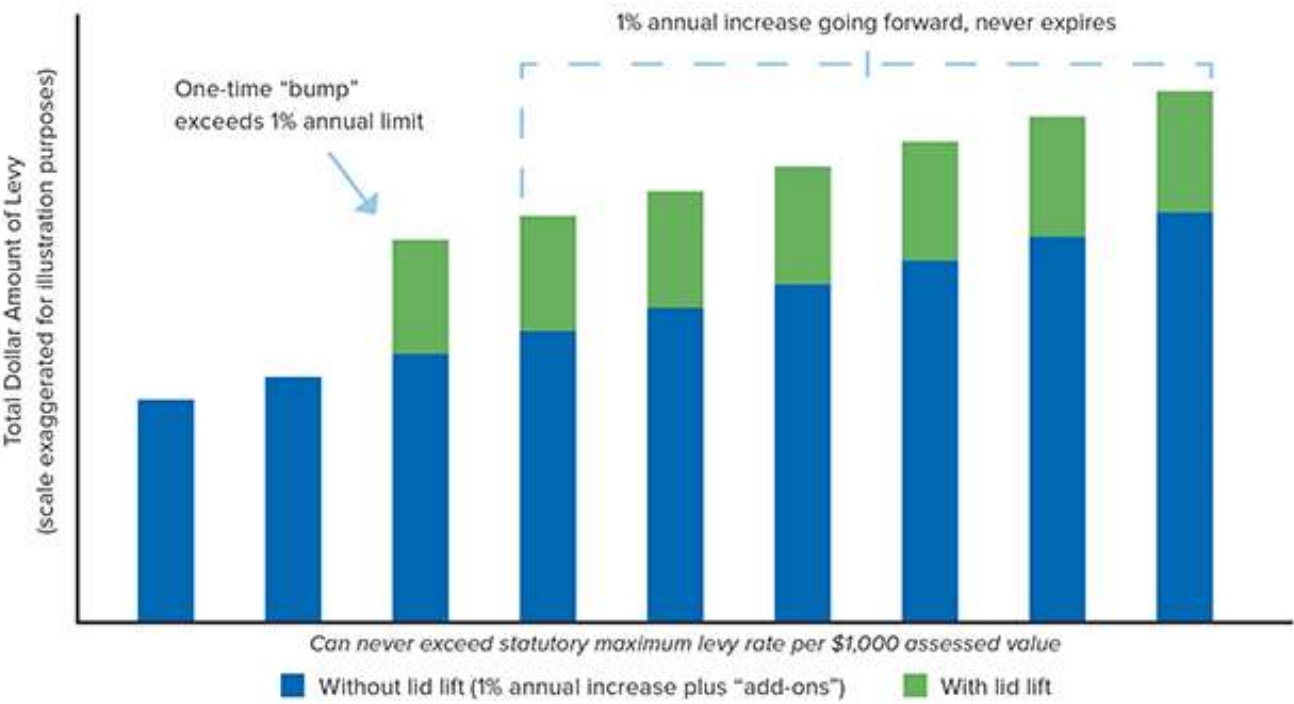
# Levy Lid Lift Process

- Council determines it appropriate to explore a levy lid lift with the community.
- Administration secures a consultant following city procurement policy.
- Consultant, Council and Administration engage residents over the course of several months and based on feedback the Council determines the type of lift and amount, and costs/programs covered by the new revenue.
- A nonbiased explanatory statement of the levy's purpose is created for the voters' pamphlet.
- Council must formally appoint a pro and con committee each no more than three members. Statements are included in the local voters' pamphlet.
- Council votes at a regular meeting to place the levy on a general election ballot. This deadline is the same date as that of the primary election.
- Measure is placed on the November ballot. Passing a levy lid lift requires a simple majority (50% plus one).

**SINGLE-YEAR TEMPORARY LEVY LID LIFT**

# Single-Year Temporary Levy Lid Lift

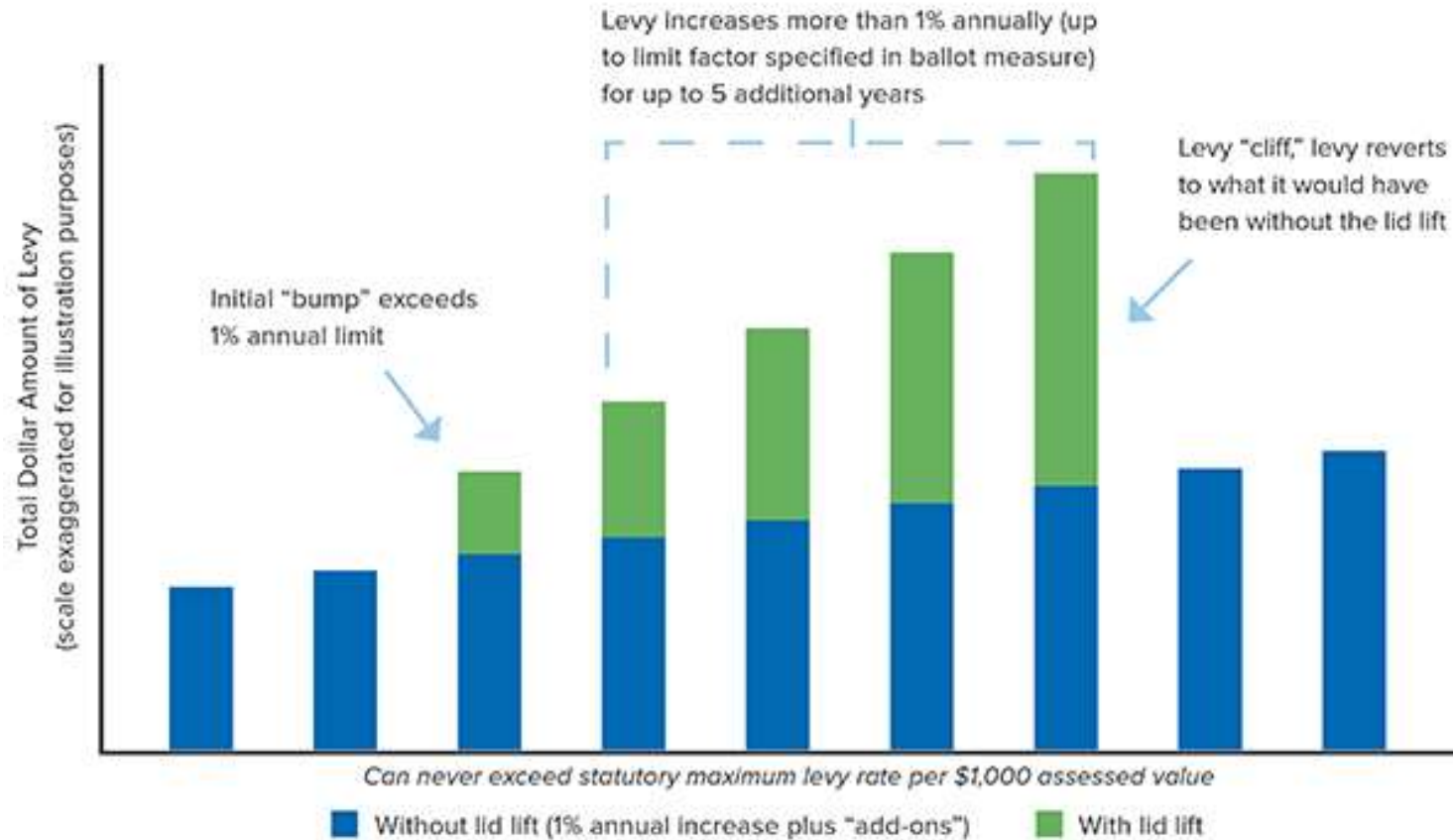
# SINGLE-YEAR PERMANENT LEVY LID LIFT



## Single-Year Permanent Levy Lid Lift



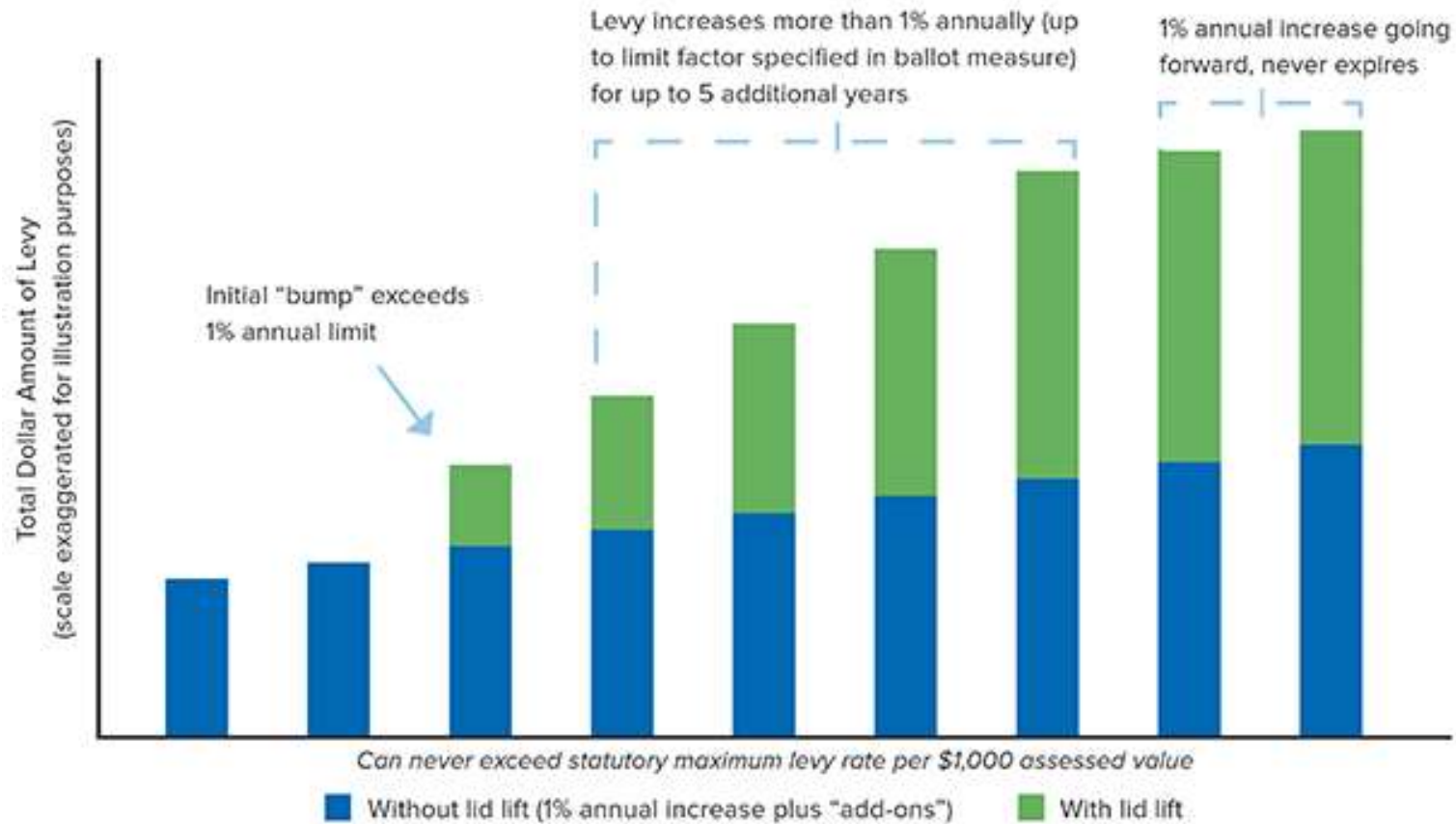
## MULTI-YEAR TEMPORARY LEVY LID LIFT



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**Multi-Year  
Permanent Levy Lid  
Lift**

A single-year lid lift ballot measure must:

- State the *maximum tax rate* to be imposed in the first year (for instance, \$1.50 per \$1,000 AV).
- If temporary, state the total duration of the levy (number of years).
- If permanent, state that it is permanent or that the dollar amount of the levy will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies.
- State the exemption for senior citizens and persons with disabilities under [RCW 84.36.381](#), if the jurisdiction wishes to exempt these individuals (*cities and counties only*)

The ballot measure does not have to state:

- The purpose, although doing so is a good idea
- The *increase* in the levy rate (for instance, an increase of \$0.20 per \$1,000 AV), although some jurisdictions do so
- The maximum total levy *amount* (for instance, a total levy amount of \$300,000)



## Single-Year Levy Lid Lift

A multi-year lid lift ballot measure must:

- State the total levy duration (number of years)
- If permanent, state that it is permanent or that the dollar amount of the levy will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies.
- State the maximum tax *rate* to be collected in the first year (for instance, \$1.50 per \$1,000 AV)
- State the *limit factor* to be used for all subsequent years (stated as an annual percent increase or inflation index). The amounts do not need to be the same for each year.
- State the exemption for senior citizens and persons with disabilities under [RCW 84.36.381](#), if the jurisdiction wishes to exempt these individuals (*cities and counties only*)

The ballot measure *cannot* state the maximum levy *rate* for subsequent years after the first year.

## Multi-Year Levy Lid Lift



## HB2044 – Effective June 6, 2024

- King County cities are now allowed to use voter approved levy funds to supplant existing funding.

**2024 Legislative  
Changes**



- Ballot Measures: <https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/elections/local-elections/ballot-measures>
- Levy Lid-Lifts: <https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/finance/revenues/levy-lid-lifts>

## Resources

# Questions?



## RESOLUTION NO. 24-XX

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF A HEALTHY STREETS INITIATIVE WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM WITH THE GOAL OF INCREASING SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS ON THEIR STREETS.**

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WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance for everyone to enjoy shared public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City has many public residential streets where residents enjoy taking walks, walking their pets, socializing with neighbors, and playing with friends; and

WHEREAS, vehicles traveling at excessive speeds or traveling near pedestrians can create unsafe conditions therefore discouraging people to use their streets for nonmotorized uses; and

WHEREAS, many of these public residential streets do not qualify for, or would require cost prohibited traffic calming measures through the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program should have another option when current options are too costly or would produce an undesirable outcome; and

WHEREAS, the opening of two Link Light Rail stations in Shoreline will presumably increase traffic through our City, a portion of which will presumably use residential streets; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Forest Park Police Department is committed to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission Target Zero initiative to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2030; and

WHEREAS, "Healthy Streets" is a term used to describe streets that are designated as a place open to people walking, rolling, biking, and playing; while not allowing vehicles other than those operated by local residents, guests, emergency services, deliveries, and other essential vehicles to utilize Healthy Streets;

WHEREAS, designating certain residential streets as a Healthy Street can promote more pedestrian friendly streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, Washington supports the inclusion of a Healthy Streets initiative ("Initiative") within the existing Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program with the goal of increasing pedestrian safety and enjoyment of residents on their streets and anticipates the Initiative will include:

A. The Initiative should allow for the designation of residential streets as requested that qualify for the Initiative. The Initiative should consider including the following:

1. Provide a publicly accessible map on the City's Website identifying which streets may apply for the Healthy Streets Initiative; and
2. Establish standard signage that communicates that Healthy Streets allow only local vehicular traffic, emergency services, and other essential vehicles; and
3. Establish standard features such as signage, street artwork, or other improvements to visually indicate entrances to Healthy Streets; and
4. Track implementation capital costs.

B. The Initiative's application process shall follow the established process used to request traffic calming measures from the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program; and

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. Should any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of Month, 2024.

Appendix 1: Potential criteria the Traffic Calming Group might use:

- Roads classified by **King County iMap** as arterials and collectors **and show the border of Lake Forest Park are ineligible**
- Roads that **directly serve or are the sole access for** commercial properties, multifamily residential buildings, and schools **are ineligible**
- Cul de sacs and dead end streets **not accessed off of an existing Healthy Street are ineligible**
- Roads that serve as the primary vehicle conduit through a neighborhood **are ineligible**

Attachment 2: map showing ineligible streets



LAKE FOREST PARK HEALTHY  
NON-VIABLE STREETS

- Arterial Street, Principal
- Arterial Street, Collector
- Arterial Street, Minor
- High traffic street; commercial, multifamily, schools, churches
- Cul de Sac or dead end streets

