



Traffic Analysis Report 2020-004

Somerset Place SE between Somerset Drive SE and Somerset Avenue SE



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Thank you for contacting the City of Bellevue with your concerns about vehicle speeds on Somerset Place SE.

After conducting a field review and speed and volume studies, we have compiled the data and our recommendations into this Traffic Analysis Report.

Please review the summary of findings and our recommendations on the next pages.



You specifically were concerned about vehicle speeds on Somerset Place SE. To address this concern, you suggested speed bumps.

Our findings include:

- Based on the recorded speed and volumes on the street, we do not recommend moving forward with physical measures, such as speed bumps.
- Physical measures such as speed humps are limited to streets where the majority of motorists are exceeding the speed limit by 10 mph. Also, our guidelines for measures apply to streets with average daily volumes of at least 300 vehicles.

- We recommend you utilize our yard signs or radar dolly to help encourage motorists to respect the speed limit. We encourage you to speak with your neighbors about the included education program recommendations. If you and your neighbors would like to move forward with these programs, please contact me at lglas@bellevuewa.gov or at 425-452-2841.

Summary of Findings

Below is a summary of the data we collected on Somerset Place SE between Somerset Drive SE and Somerset Avenue SE 8/28/2020 to 9/3/2020.



Road Characteristics

Somerset Place SE is a residential street approximately 26 ft wide. Parking is allowed on both sides of the street.



Residential Street

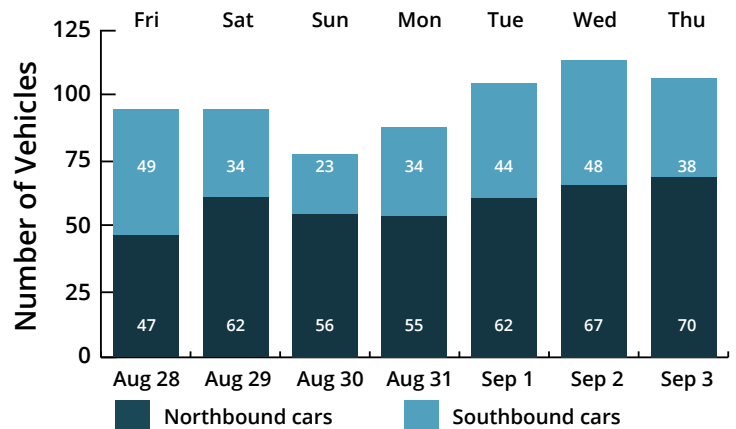
Somerset Place SE is a residential street in the Somerset neighborhood with a speed limit of 25 mph.



Daily Traffic

The mid-week daily average traffic on Somerset Place SE is 110 cars per day. Mid-week average includes data between Tuesday and Thursday for both directions of travel.

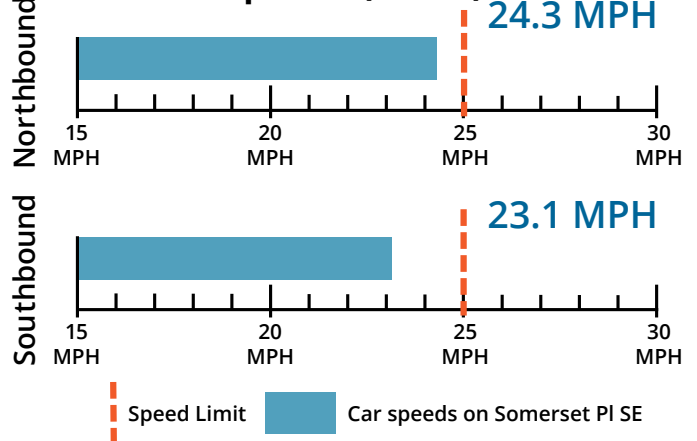
Traffic Volume by Day (2020)



Speed Study

When measuring vehicle speed, we use a metric called the 85th percentile speed. This speed, shown to the right, represents the speed at which 85% of all vehicles recorded are traveling at or below during our speed study.

Vehicle Speed (2020)



Collision History

A three-year collision study was conducted on Somerset Place SE between Somerset Drive SE and Somerset Avenue SE.

FINDINGS: There was one reported collision on Somerset Place SE near 136th Place SE. This involved a motorist backing into a parked vehicle.

Summary of Recommendations

Below are our recommendations for Somerset Place SE between Somerset Drive SE and Somerset Avenue SE based on the field reviews, data collection, and analysis. More detail on these recommendations are outlined in the Residential Traffic Guidebook (BellevueWA.gov/ResidentialTrafficGuidebook). By educating the community and encouraging safe driving, we can begin to change driver behavior and reduce vehicle speeds.



Educate the Community



Reduce Excessive Vehicle Speeds



Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Traffic Safety Yard Signs



This program involves lending communities portable signs that encourage motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly, and drive 25 mph.

To request signs, go to BellevueWA.gov/YardSigns or call 425-452-6457



Radar Dolly



You can borrow and place a radar dolly on your street for up to two weeks. This unit gives motorists feedback on the speed at which they are driving on a digital reader board, encouraging them to obey the speed limit. Should you like to borrow the radar dolly, please request it by calling 425-452-6457 or sign up on BellevueWA.gov/RadarDolly. Once we receive a request, city staff will contact you to make arrangements for both the drop-off and pick-up of the radar dolly at your home.



Vision Zero



Bellevue's Vision Zero initiative reflects the city's commitment to reduce traffic deaths and serious injury

collisions on city streets to zero by the year 2030. In 2015, the city council passed a resolution providing a framework to achieve this goal. It states "the life, safety and health of residents, employees and visitors to Bellevue is the city council's highest priority."

By participating in one of the recommendations, previous page, you are helping the City of Bellevue in our efforts to make our streets safer for everyone.

More Information

Find out more about these recommendations in our Residential Traffic Guidebook or by visiting the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services website.

GUIDEBOOK:

BellevueWA.gov/ResidentialTrafficGuideBook

WEBSITE:

BellevueWA.gov/NTSS

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