

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Street Maintenance Department..... (425) 452-7840
damaged signs, potholes, or icy streets

Police Traffic Division..... (425) 452-6940
loud noise, speeding vehicles, and illegal parking

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program..... (425) 452-6867
pedestrian safety issues, outreach

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)..... (425) 452-6103
updates and information on transportation NEP projects

General Transportation Questions..... (425) 452-6856
[http:// www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation)



August 4, 2010

Bellevue, WA 98008

Subject: Traffic Concerns on 168th Ave SE near SE 26th Place

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for participating in the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and letting us know your concerns on 168th Avenue SE near SE 26th Place. We have completed our field reviews and data analysis of the location and would like to share with you our findings.

Speed studies on 168th Avenue SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 18 mph, with 85% of drivers traveling at or below 23 mph along this 25 mph street. There were 267 vehicles recorded over a 48-hour period during this study, and the fastest speed recorded was 30 mph. These speeds are lower than would be needed to qualify this portion of 168th Avenue SE for physical traffic calming measures. Based on the City's guidelines for the installation of physical measures such as speed humps, 15% of motorists must be exceeding 35 mph.

The motorists who are speeding would best be addressed through our radar dolly program, which is described on Page 3 of this report. If you would like to get involved with this program, please contact Brian Casey at bcasey@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6867. Other options for you and your neighbors to participate in include the Neighborhood Speed Watch and Neighborhood Speed Reduction Program, which are also described in this report. Please refer to the enclosed green informational sheets for more details about these education programs.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at lglas@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2841.

Sincerely,

Linda Glas, P.E.
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department

Enclosures




General Information

48-Hour Speed Studies

Date Conducted	Location	Traffic Volume Recorded	Northbound Speed Study	Southbound Speed Study	Average Speed
07/20/10-07/21/10	168th Ave SE Near 2612	267 Vehicles	23 MPH*	23 MPH*	18 MPH

**85% of motorists were recorded traveling at or below this speed.*

Legend

 Speed/Volume Count



Recommendations

Radar Dolly—We have a portable radar sign on a dolly residents can borrow and place on their street for up to two weeks. This unit gives motorists feedback on the speed at which they are driving, encouraging them to obey the speed limit.



Radar Dolly

Neighborhood Speed Watch—One of the ways you can help to address periodic speeders is by borrowing a radar unit and participating in our Neighborhood Speed Watch Program. Using the radar unit, you can record information about vehicles you observe traveling at or above 30 mph. From this information, we will locate the registered owners of the vehicles and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed.

Neighborhood Speed Reduction (NSR) Program—This neighborhood-sponsored program involves lending portable signs to the neighborhood for four months, encouraging motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly and drive 25 mph.

Along with the signs, a neighborhood Pace Car program is organized with residents setting the pace for the motorists following them by driving 25 mph.



NSR Sign

Please feel free to contact Brian Casey at bcasey@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6867 if you feel your neighborhood would benefit from participating in the programs or recommendations listed above.



Southbound 168th Ave SE
north of SE 26th PI



Northbound 168th Ave SE
south of SE 26th PI

