

Recommendations for Resident Participation

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.



March 4, 2011

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Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Traffic Concerns on SE 58th St

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for participating in the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and letting us know your concerns on SE 58th St. We have completed our reviews and would like to share with you our findings and recommendations.

A speed and volume study conducted in January on 117th Ave SE / SE 58th St recorded the average speed of motorists as 22 mph with 85% of traffic traveling at or below 26 mph. We realize that there are some motorists choosing to drive faster than the speed limit. Unfortunately, this is the case on almost all streets in Bellevue. These speeds are lower than would be needed to qualify for traffic calming measures such as speed humps. Based on the City's guidelines for the installation of physical measures such as speed humps, 15% of motorists must be exceeding 35 mph. These guidelines were developed with the Fire Department due to the impact physical devices have on emergency response times. To address motorists choosing to drive above the posted speed limit, we encourage you to request police enforcement by calling 425-577-5656.

Although physical traffic calming measures cannot be installed on SE 58th St, there are a number of education programs, which are effective at heightening motorists' awareness of the speed limit. Borrowing a radar dolly, for example, would give you a better idea of traffic conditions on your street while also encouraging speeding motorists to slow down. If you have any questions or would like to participate in the Radar Dolly Program, please contact me at bcasey@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6867. We also encourage you and your neighbors to participate in the Neighborhood Speed Watch and Neighborhood Speed Reduction Programs described in the enclosed packet.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department





Eastbound on SE 58th St West of 118th Ave SE



Northbound on 117th Ave SE South of SE 56th St



Northbound on 117th Ave SE South of SE 58th St



Southbound on 117th Ave SE North of SE 58th St



Westbound on SE 58th St East of 118th Ave SE

General Information

Date Conducted	Location	Traffic Volume Recorded	Northbound Speed Study	Southbound Speed Study	Average Speed
1/25/11	117th Ave SE near 5624	187 Vehicles	26 MPH*	26 MPH*	22 MPH

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

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 Speed/Volume Count Location

