

## #2011-002 129th Ave SE south of SE 4th Pl

July 27, 2011

[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98004

**Subject: Traffic Concerns on 129th Ave SE south of SE 4th Pl**

Dear : [REDACTED]

Thank you for participating in the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and letting us know your concerns on 129th Ave SE near your home. We have completed our field reviews and data analysis of the location and would like to share with you our findings.

Speed studies on 129th Ave SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 19-20 mph, with 85% of drivers traveling at or below 25 mph along this 25 mph street. We realize that there continue to be motorists who choose to drive faster than the posted speed limit. Due to emergency response delays caused by physical measures, speed humps and other physical measures are limited to locations where speeds are much higher than 129th Ave SE. Our guidelines for the use of speed humps require that 15% of motorists must be exceeding 35 mph. For example, speed humps were recently installed nearby on SE 7th Place, where 15% of motorists were exceeding 36 mph. Based on our speed studies, 129th Ave SE does not qualify for speed humps.

With the economic downturn, many City programs saw significant reductions, including the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. Because staffing and funding have been reduced, we are requesting the assistance of neighborhoods more than ever in our efforts to improve traffic safety. Speeds often decrease where residents actively participate in traffic education programs, such as through the Neighborhood Speed Reduction Program, or by borrowing a radar dolly. If you continue to be concerned with speeds on your street, we encourage you and your neighbors to work with us in educating the public about traffic safety through one of our education programs.

We appreciate your concerns and look forward to working with you through our education programs. Please feel free to contact me at [lglas@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lglas@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2841.

Sincerely,

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



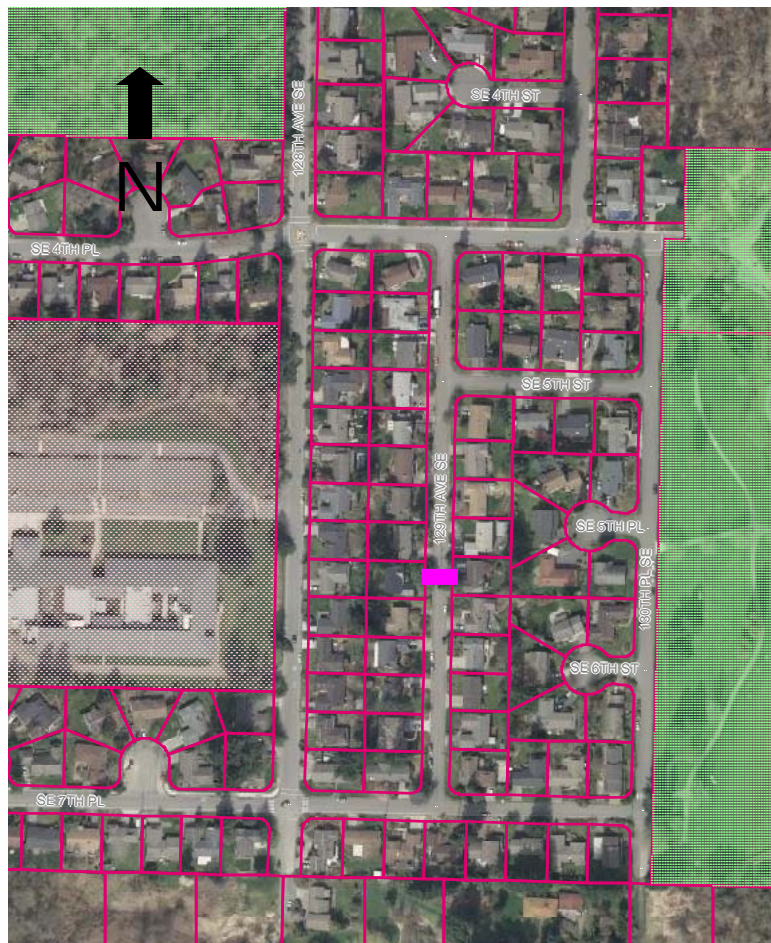
### General Information 48-Hour Speed Studies

Date Conducted	Location	Traffic Volume Recorded	Northbound Speed Study	Southbound Speed Study	Average Speed
6/14/11-6/15/11	129th Ave SE Near 539	377 Vehicles	23 MPH*	25 MPH*	19-20 MPH

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

#### Legend

 Speed/Volume Count



### ***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.



NSR Sign

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.

Please feel free to contact me at [lglas@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lglas@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2841 if you feel your neighborhood would benefit from participating in the programs or recommendations listed above.



### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Street Maintenance Department**..... (425) 452-7840  
*damaged signs, potholes, or icy streets*
- Police Traffic Division**..... (425) 577-5656  
*loud noise, speeding vehicles, and illegal parking*
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program**..... (425) 452-6867  
*pedestrian safety issues, outreach*
- General Transportation Questions**.....(425) 452-6856  
*[http:// www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation)*

