

### 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.



NSR Sign

#### 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.

Please feel free to contact me at [vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6103 if you feel your neighborhood would benefit from participating in the programs or recommendations listed above.



June 7, 2011



Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for continuing to share your concerns regarding traffic on 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE near your home. We have completed our review of vehicle speeds near your home on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and have prepared this report for you and your neighbors. It includes our findings and recommendations, as well as the results of Police Traffic's enforcement efforts over the past two weeks.

The Police Traffic officers who responded to your request for enforcement found speeds to be relatively low, compared to other neighborhood streets which receive similar complaints. This was on 5 different days for a total of almost 5 hours, resulting in 8 citations issued. A handful of motorists were travelling in the 30-32 mph range. An even smaller number of drivers travelled 33 mph or above. However, most of the motorists they witnessed travelled within 4 mph of the speed limit. Lieutenant Mike Shovlin of our Police Traffic Unit has been in touch with you regarding their enforcement efforts. As he noted in conversations with you, please contact him directly at (425) 452-4210 to discuss further enforcement efforts in this area.

Our traffic calming review also found that the majority of motorists are traveling on 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE at an appropriate speed. A recent 48-hour speed study conducted on 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE showed 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 30 mph. Our guidelines limit the placement where physical measures, such as speed humps or traffic circles to locations experiencing speeds in excess of 35 mph. These guidelines were developed in part to lessen the impact physical measures have on emergency response times.

Based on our field reviews and data collected, we cannot recommend physical traffic calming measures for 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE at this time. There will however, be sign upgrades, as noted by Darek Jarzynski of our office in his last e-mail to you.

We understand your concern regarding vehicle speeds. To address this, we encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our safety programs described in this report. We have found that when residents actively participate in educating their neighbors about traffic safety it has resulted in reduced vehicle speeds in other neighborhoods. In addition, we can provide you and your children with traffic safety materials, such as our Ped-Bee video and workbook, which can help instill safe walking practices.

We look forward to working with you in addressing your concerns and welcome your participation in our education programs. Please contact me at (425) 452-6103 or email [vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov), to get started.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lt. Mike Shovlin



