

### My Action Plan for SE 9th Street

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on SE 9th Street? Here is a checklist to help you get started:

- Talk to my neighbors and share the City's findings and recommendations
- List interested neighbors who want to help me with efforts:

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- Decide the educational programs we want to participate in:
  - Neighborhood Speed Watch
  - Radar Dolly
  - Sign and Pledge Program
- Contact City staff to set-up a training session and get materials
- Request Police Enforcement

Notes:

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### More info

Find out more about these recommendations in our **Residential Traffic Guidebook** or by logging on to **Streets are for Everyone (SAFE)**—Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services' blog.

- Blog:** <http://bellevuentss.wordpress.com>
- Guidebook:** [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/Guidebook\\_Web.pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/Guidebook_Web.pdf)



# TRAFFIC ACTION PLAN



## 2013-003 SE 9th St east of 159th Pl SE

April 22, 2013

Bellevue, WA 98008

Subject: Speeding Concerns on SE 9th Street east of 159th Place SE

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your continued concerns with vehicle speeds on SE 9th Street east of 159th Place SE. We reviewed your initial request in 2009 and shared with you our findings and recommendations. In your recent request, you noted that at that time, speed studies were conducted in July when school was not in session. We have now completed a field review and data analysis during school session and compiled this information into the enclosed Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

First, we would like to thank you for taking the time to borrow our radar dolly for two weeks – January 23rd to February 6th, 2013. The data collected by the radar dolly showed average vehicle speeds of 17 mph and that 85% of motorists were traveling 26 mph or lower on this 25 mph street. These speeds are similar to those from 2009. Vehicle speeds along SE 9th Street are typical for neighborhood streets in Bellevue and indicate that most motorists are driving this roadway appropriate for conditions. We do realize however, that there are some drivers who choose to drive faster than the speed limit.

In the mid 1990's, we installed two 25 MPH pavement markings, one for each direction of traffic on SE 9th Street. Our experience has shown these to heighten motorists' attention to the speed limit, and SE 9th Street is an example of how that has worked. In addition to physically changing the roadway with pavement markings, educating the community by creating awareness around traffic safety through targeted education programs and outreach are effective. We have suggested a few of these traffic safety programs in this report in which we encourage you and your neighbors to participate. If you are interested in these programs, please let us know and we can help you get started.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your concerns and borrow the radar dolly. We have prepared this report specifically for your location and look forward to working with you and your neighbors. Over the next few weeks, we will be mailing a postcard to residents in the area showing how they can find out the results of our studies and recommendations as well. Please contact me at [lglas@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lglas@bellevuewa.gov) should you wish to borrow the radar dolly again or participate in any of our programs described in this Traffic Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Linda Glas, P.E.  
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services  
Transportation Department





**Legend**

25 25 mph pavement marking

**Summary of Findings**

Location	Year of Study	Average Speed		85% Speeds*	
		Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound
<b>A</b> Speed study	2013		17		26
<b>B</b> Speed study	2009	21	21	26	27



**Customized Traffic Action Plan for SE 9th Street**

*Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement*

Out studies show the majority of speeds on neighborhood streets are local residents. By educating the community and encouraging safe driving, we can begin to change driver behavior and reduce vehicle speeds.

**Neighborhood Speed Watch**

Using a borrowed radar unit, you record information about vehicles you observe traveling at or above 30 mph. NTSS staff then locate the registered owners of the vehicles and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed. A partner to assist you with the data collection is recommended.

**Radar Dolly**

We appreciate you borrowing the radar dolly, which gives motorists feedback on the speed at which they are driving, encouraging them to obey the speed limit. Should you like to borrow the radar dolly again, please request it by calling (425) 452-6856 or sign up on [www.bellevuewa.gov/radardolly.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/radardolly.htm).

**Police Enforcement**

If you would like to request enforcement, please do so by calling (425) 577-5656. You can also submit a Traffic Service Request at [bellevuewa.gov/Traffic\\_Service\\_Request.htm](http://bellevuewa.gov/Traffic_Service_Request.htm). Please be specific about the location and times of your concern. The more information you can provide to Police, the better the chance they will be able to address your concern.

**Modifying Streetscape**

Physically changing how the road looks – whether with signing, pavement markings, or other traffic calming measures, works to alter the behavior of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

25 MPH Pavement Markings were installed on SE 9<sup>th</sup> Street in the mid 1990’s to heighten motorists’ attention to the posted speed limit. The results of the speed studies indicate it is working for the majority of drivers. No additional modifications are planned at this time.

**Sign and Pledge Program**

This program involves lending communities portable signs that encourage motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly, and drive 25 mph. The signs are moved by community volunteers from place to place throughout the neighborhood every few days. The second part of the program is a neighborhood pace car program. Residents who pledge to drive responsibly and drive the speed limit on all neighborhood streets receive magnetic bumper stickers or window clings to place on their vehicles. As these motorists drive 25 mph on residential streets, they set the pace for drivers behind them.

