

## My Action Plan for 140th Ave SE & SE 38th St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 140th Ave SE & SE 38th St? 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

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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



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## 2013-013 140th Ave SE & SE 38th St

October 21, 2013

[Redacted Address]

Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Safety Concerns at 140th Ave SE & SE 38th St

Dear [Redacted Name],

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with the intersection of 140th Ave SE and SE 38th St. We have completed field reviews and data analysis and compiled this information into the enclosed Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

Speed studies were conducted on 140th Ave SE south of SE 38th St. From the speed studies conducted in June 2013, 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 29 mph on 140th Ave SE. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. Accident studies were also conducted at this intersection, and there was one reported accident here in December 2012. Based on our speed studies and accident studies, this intersection does not qualify for a traffic circle.

Your e-mail noted several concerns with the 140th Ave SE and SE 38th St intersection including the "wide open nature" of the intersection and northbound vehicles turning left onto 139th Pl SE cutting the corner very close while making this downhill turn. Traffic Operations staff have reviewed this intersection and will be installing pavement markings on the northwest leg (139th Pl SE) and northeast leg (SE 38th St) as well as extending the centerline northward on the south leg (140th Ave SE). These channelization improvements will help define the travel lane for motorists as they navigate this intersection. Based on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the criteria for an all-way stop would be satisfied if 5 or more accidents were reported in the last 12 months. Also, based on field observations, it was determined that the traffic volumes entering the intersection are very low and do not satisfy minimum traffic volumes entering the intersection. For questions pertaining to these upcoming channelization improvements, please contact Traffic Operations Engineer Darek Jarzynski at [djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4277.

We encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our traffic education programs. To address speeding concerns, the City of Bellevue has a radar dolly that you can borrow. The radar dolly displays the speed of motorists, encouraging them to reduce their speed. The radar dolly has been effective in decreasing vehicle speeds in many areas of Bellevue. I encourage you to fill out the radar dolly request form. Once we receive this form from you, City staff will contact you to make arrangements for both the drop-off and pick-up of the radar dolly at your home.

We appreciate your concerns and look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me at [lglas@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lglas@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2841 to participate in any of the education programs described in this Traffic Action Plan.

Sincerely,

*Linda Glas*

Linda Glas, P.E.





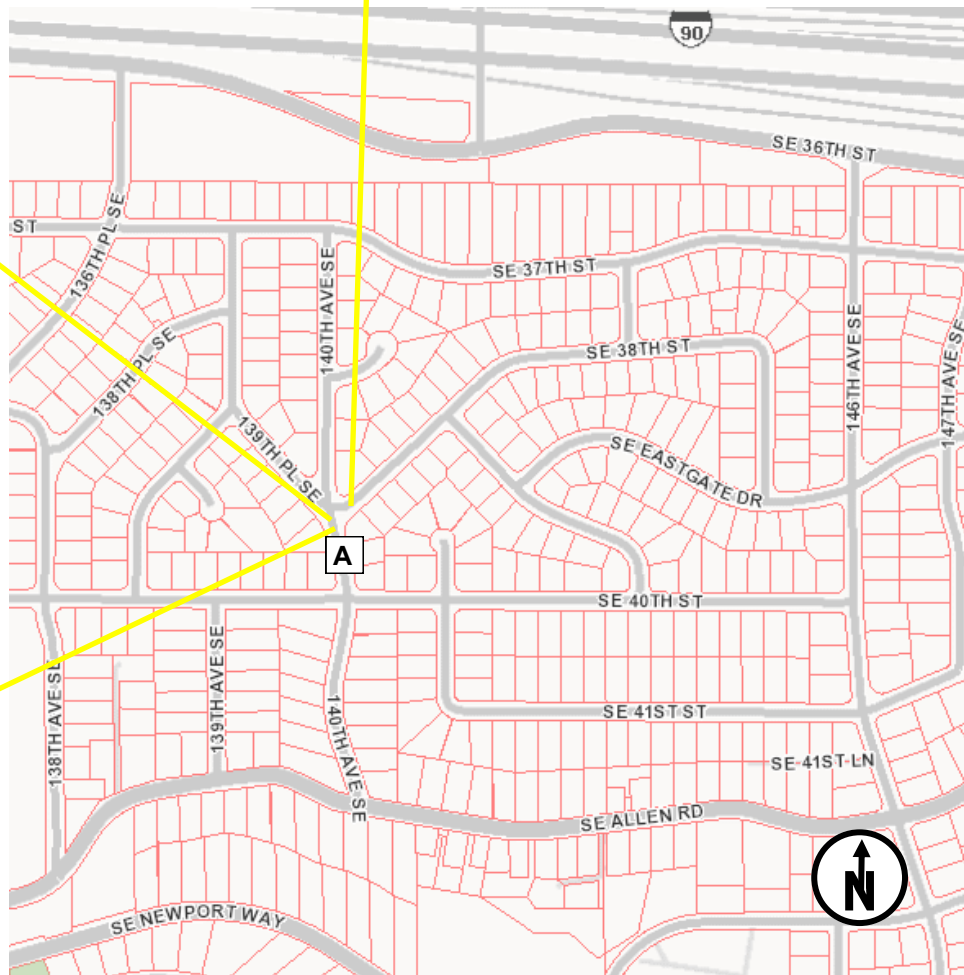
SE 38th St facing 140th Ave SE



140th Ave SE facing northwest towards 139th Pl SE



140th Ave SE facing north



## Summary of Findings

| Date of Study | Location of Study                         | Average Daily Traffic | Average Speeds |            | 85th% Speeds* |            |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|------------|
|               |   |                       | Northbound     | Southbound | Northbound    | Southbound |
| June 2013     | <b>A</b> 140th Ave SE south of SE 38th St | 344                   | 23             | 22         | 29            | 29         |

\*85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed

## Customized Traffic Action Plan for 140th Ave SE & SE 38th St

### Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement

By educating the community and encouraging safe driving, we can begin to change driver behavior and reduce vehicle speeds.

- Educate the Community
- Enhance Neighborhood Identity
- Reduce Excessive 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



You can borrow and place a radar dolly on your 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. Should you like to borrow the radar dolly, please request it by calling (425) 452-6457 or sign up on [www.bellevuewa.gov/radardolly.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/radardolly.htm).

### 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.

