

## My Action Plan for 129th Ave SE near SE 63rd St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 129th Ave SE near SE 63rd 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
  - ☐ 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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## 2013-014 129th Ave SE near SE 63rd St

[Redacted Address]

July 23, 2013

Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 129th Ave SE near SE 63rd St

Dear [Redacted Name],

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds on 129th Ave SE. We have completed a field review and data analysis and compiled this information into the enclosed Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

Speed studies were conducted on 129th Ave SE north of SE 63rd St. From the speed studies conducted in May 2013, 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 27 mph in the southbound direction and at or below 30 mph in the northbound direction on 129th Ave SE. Also, the average speeds on 129th Ave SE were recorded at 22-24 mph. Vehicle speeds along 129th Ave SE are typical for 25 mph neighborhood streets in Bellevue and indicate that the majority of motorists are driving this roadway appropriately for conditions. Volume studies were also conducted and the average daily traffic on 129th Ave SE was recorded at 429 vehicles.

You requested the installation of traffic calming devices such as speed humps in an effort to address vehicle speeds. Physical measures such as speed humps are limited to streets where the majority of vehicles are exceeding the posted speed limit by 10 mph. These guidelines were established based on the impact these measures have on emergency response, and reserving their use for those locations with significant speeding problems. On 129th Ave SE, 15% of traffic would need to be exceeding 35 mph. Based on our speed study, 129th Ave SE does not qualify for speed humps. Your e-mail contained the following statement: "It is customary for all cars to drive about 40 mph." During the weeklong study, only one vehicle was recorded travelling over 40 mph.

Thank you for your inquiry regarding 25 MPH signs. These signs are used to remind motorists of the 25 MPH speed limit when they are leaving an arterial or collector street and entering a residential area. In your neighborhood, there are 25 MPH signs south of SE 60th St on 129th Ave SE and 125th Ave SE. For motorists entering SE 66th St, there is a 25 MPH sign west of Coal Creek Pkwy. There is also a 25 MPH sign on 128th Ave SE north of SE 69th Pl. Thus, motorists are informed of the speed limit as they enter the residential streets in your neighborhood. Please see the map inside this report showing the locations of these speed limit signs.

Your e-mail contained the statement: "We are on (a street) with no sidewalks and lots of street parking." Many developments such as yours were built in the 1960s and had no code requirements to install sidewalks. In 2007 the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program was established to help address the sidewalk needs and priorities of the city's many neighborhoods. Residents are encouraged to be involved in the prioritization process for sidewalk projects. You can read more about the program here: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-sidewalk-plan.htm>. Regarding your inquiry about street parking, residential streets with parked vehicles actually slow vehicle speeds due to the narrower driving area. Wide residential streets with no or few parked vehicles tend to have higher speeds than those with more parked vehicles.





Thank you for your earlier submittal of the radar dolly request form. City staff will contact you to make arrangements for both the drop-off and pick-up of the radar dolly. 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. We also have other traffic education programs that we encourage you and your neighbors to participate in, such as the Neighborhood Speed Watch and the Sign and Pledge Program — described on the next page.

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.



129th Ave SE north of SE 63rd St, facing south



Legend

- A** Location of Speed Study
- 25** Location of 25 MPH sign



## Customized Traffic Action Plan for 129th Ave SE near SE 63rd 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.



#### 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.



### Summary of Findings

Date of Study	Location of Study	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
May 2013	<b>A</b> 129th Ave SE north of SE 63rd St	429	24	22	30	27

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

