

My Action Plan for 127th Ave SE near SE 16th St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 127th Ave SE near SE 16th 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:

- 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

Notes:

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



TRAFFIC ACTION PLAN



2013-020 127th Ave SE near SE 16th St

November 8, 2013



Bellevue, WA 98005

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 127th Ave SE near SE 16th St

Dear

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds and overgrown bushes on 127th Ave SE near SE 16th St. 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 127th Ave SE south of SE 16th St. The speed studies were conducted at the specific location per your request — just north of the driveways to 1608 and 1617 127th Ave SE. These studies, conducted in October, show 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 22 mph in both the northbound and southbound direction. The posted speed along this street is 25 mph. During our weeklong study, only one vehicle was recorded travelling over 30 mph at this location. Accident studies were also conducted along 127th Ave SE between SE 15th St and SE 18th St, and there was one reported accident here in 2001.

Another one of your concerns was overgrown bushes on 127th Ave SE. City staff conducted field reviews and worked with the resident at the northwest corner of 127th Ave SE and SE 16th St (12544 SE 16th St) to trim the junipers along 127th Ave SE and open up the sight lines along the curve.

To address those motorists choosing to drive faster than the posted speed limit, we encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our education programs as described on page 3 of this report. One of the options that would work well for the situation you've described is to borrow a radar dolly. The radar dolly displays a vehicle's speed on a reader board. The radar dolly has been effective in decreasing vehicle speeds in many areas of Bellevue by encouraging motorists to reduce their speed. 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.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors on the education programs suggested to address your traffic concerns. Please feel free to contact me at 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.



127th Ave SE near SE 16th St



127th Ave SE south of SE 16th St, facing north



127th Ave SE north of SE 16th St, facing south



Summary of Findings

Date of Study	Location of Study	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
Oct 2013	A 127th Ave SE south of SE 16th St	162	19	20	22	22

*85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed



127th Ave SE near SE 16th St

Customized Traffic Action Plan for 127th Ave SE near SE 16th 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.

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.

