

My Action Plan for 166th Way SE

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 166th Way SE south of SE Cougar Mountain Way? 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



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2015-026 166th Way SE



March 22, 2016

Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 166th Way SE

Dear 

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds on 166th Way SE south of SE Cougar Mountain Way. 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 166th Way SE near your home. The speed studies were conducted October 6-12, 2015 with average speeds of 30 mph in the northbound direction and 29 mph in the southbound direction. These studies also show 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 35 mph the northbound direction and at or below 34 mph in the southbound direction. A five-year accident study was also conducted along the 166th Way SE corridor south of SE Cougar Mountain Way, and there was one reported accident.

The majority of motorists driving on 166th Way SE are the residents of Cougar Crest, Belvedere and other homes south of SE Cougar Mountain Way. Because of this, we will initially focus on education. 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 to address your speeding concerns 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. Another option is a Traffic Safety Newsletter, which we would be happy to develop with assistance from you and your neighbors.

Based on our speed studies, the highest rates of speed are occurring 7-9am in the northbound direction and 5-7pm in the southbound direction. We have sent a copy of the speed studies to our Police Traffic Unit for review of enforcement activities. You are also welcome to request enforcement by calling 425-577-5656 or filling out and submitting the following link: http://bellevuewa.gov/traffic_service_request.htm.

You requested the installation of speed humps to slow down speeding motorists. 166th Way SE is the only route for emergency response to homes and neighborhoods south of SE Cougar Mountain Way including Cougar Crest and Belvedere. At this time, we will not pursue the installation of speed humps but instead focus on education, encouragement, and enforcement. In order to remind motorists of the 25 mph speed limit, we will be installing 25 MPH pavement markings. Motorists entering 166th Way SE off SE Cougar Mountain are notified of the speed limit with a "SPEED LIMIT 25" sign. We will install 25 MPH pavement markings near this sign for southbound motorists to bring further awareness of the speed limit. Likewise, we will install 25 MPH pavement markings on 166th Way SE north of SE 70th St for northbound motorists.



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, P.E.



Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Mid-Week Average Daily Traffic^	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
10/6-10/12	A 166th Way SE	719	30	29	35	34

^Mid-Week Average includes data between Tuesday and Thursday *85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed



Customized Traffic Action Plan for 166th Way SE

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.

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. 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.

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.

