

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC *news*

April 4, 2016

[REDACTED]
Bellevue, WA 98004

Subject: Traffic Action Plan #2015-028

Dear [REDACTED]

In 2014, you submitted a Request for Action form regarding concerns with speeding and cut through traffic on 158th Place NE. We reviewed your request and shared with you our findings and recommendations in a report sent to you in October of 2014. We have enclosed a copy of the report for your review. As part of our continued commitment to help improve traffic safety in your neighborhood, we have conducted a follow-up review of this location and would like to share with you our findings in this updated report. We also conducted the speed study at a slightly different location adjacent to your home per your request.

Additional speed studies were conducted November 3-9, 2015. These studies show motorists driving an average speed of 22-23 mph, with 15% exceeding 27 mph. The volumes have increased since our previous study — 477 vehicles/day in 2014 and 579 vehicles/day in our most recent study. Thank you for pointing out to us that our 2014 study was conducted while the nearby Jewish Day School was closed — between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Thus, we ensured that our follow-up review was conducted while school was in session. Many of these additional vehicles are affiliated with the Jewish Day School. Motorists going to and from the school are not considered to be cut through traffic. Cut through traffic pertains to motorists using residential streets without having an origin or destination in the neighborhood — such as the Jewish Day School.

Residents who are concerned with speeds of motorists going to and from nearby schools are encouraged to contact the school office. It is common for schools to send out friendly e-mail reminders to their students' families to be respectful of residents by obeying the speed limit. I encourage you to contact the Jewish Day School Administration to express your concerns regarding excessive vehicle speeds on 160th Ave NE/158th Pl NE.

We have noted your concerns with the condition of the 25 MPH pavement markings on your street just south of NE 4th St and just north of Main St. We have shared your concerns with our Street Maintenance Division. They conduct an annual review of existing 25 MPH pavement markings throughout the City and assess the condition of pavement markings and replace those with the greatest signs of deterioration based on their rankings.

We are pleased that you are currently borrowing a radar dolly from the City of Bellevue. The radar dolly has been effective in decreasing vehicle speeds in many areas of Bellevue by encouraging motorists to reduce their speed. Per the enclosed report from 2014, there are other education programs that are available. Please feel free to contact me at lglas@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2841 to participate in any of these programs.

Sincerely,

Linda Glas, P.E.
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department



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Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Mid-Week Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
11/3-11/9/15	B South of NE 2nd St	579	22	23	27	27
9/26-10/2/14	A North of NE 2nd St	477	20	20	24	24

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

