

My Action Plan for 138th Ave SE north of SE 26th St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 138th Ave SE north of SE 26th 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



2016-008 138th Ave SE north of SE 26th St



July 21, 2016

Bellevue, WA 98005

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 138th Ave SE north of SE 26th St

Dear 

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds on 138th Ave SE north of SE 26th 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 conducted on 138th Ave SE near your home are shown on the map on page 2 of this report. The speed studies were conducted June 3-9, 2016 along this 25 mph street. These studies show 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 27 mph in both the northbound and southbound directions. Our speed studies show average speeds along 138th Ave SE of 23 mph in the northbound direction and 22 mph in the southbound direction. A five-year collision study was also conducted along 138th Ave SE between SE 26th St and SE 24th St, and there were zero reported crashes.

You requested the installation of devices that would curtail speeding, streetlights, and a sign indicating that an autistic child lives in the area. Physical measures such as speed humps are limited to streets where the majority of motorists are exceeding the posted speed limit by 10 mph. These guidelines were established based on the impact these measures have on emergency response. Based on the speed study results, 138th Ave SE does not qualify for traffic calming measures.

There are currently zero streetlights on the street in front of your home. You can find more information about requesting streetlights—including a form to do so—on the Traffic Signals and Street Maintenance webpage: http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/street_light_requests.htm.

You also requested a sign warning motorists of autistic children in the area. The City of Bellevue no longer installs these types of signs (i.e. deaf, blind, autistic child) due to lack of evidence that these signs are effective or that they provide clear or enforceable guidance to motorists. Other concerns include inflating a false sense of security to parents and the child, false impression that areas without signs don't have children, and difficulty in determining which disabilities would be eligible for special signs. If you would like additional clarification on this policy, please contact Chris Long, Traffic Engineering Manager at 425-452-6013 or CLong@bellevuewa.gov or Jennifer Mechem, ADA Coordinator at 425-452-4471 or JMechem@bellevuewa.gov



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 jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6967 to participate in any of the education programs described in this Traffic Action Plan.

Sincerely,

John Murphy



138th Ave SE, looking south toward SE 26th. The street is relatively wide (32 feet) and experiences minimal parking along the roadway.

Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Mid-Week Average Daily Traffic^	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
6/3-6/9	A 138th Ave SE	382	23	22	27	27

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

Customized Traffic Action Plan for 138th Ave SE north of SE 26th 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.

