

## My Action Plan for 118th Ave SE south of SE 56th St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 118th Ave SE south of SE 56th 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
  - ☐ Radar Dolly
  - ☐ 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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## 2016-032 118th Ave SE south of SE 56th St

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 118th Ave SE near Newport Heights Elementary School

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds on 118th Ave SE near Newport Heights Elementary School. 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 118th Ave SE north of your home. The speed studies were conducted November 12-18, 2016 along this 25 mph street. These studies show 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 22 mph in both the northbound and southbound directions. Our speed studies show average speeds along 118th Ave SE of 17 mph in the northbound direction and 18 mph in the southbound direction. A ten-year collision study was also conducted along 118th Ave SE between SE 56th St and SE 58th St, and there were no reported crashes.

Physical measures such as speed humps are limited to streets where the majority of motorists are exceeding the posted speed limit by 10 mph. In addition, speed humps are limited to streets where the volumes exceed 300 vehicles per day. 118th Ave SE is a low volume street, where the highest number of vehicles per day recorded during our week-long study was 143 vehicles. Based on our guidelines involving speed and volumes, 118th Ave SE does not qualify for speed humps.

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](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, P.E.







118th Ave SE facing south



118th Ave SE facing north



## Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Mid-Week Average Daily Traffic^	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
11/12-11/18	<b>A</b> 118th Ave SE	132	17	18	22	22

^Mid-Week Average includes data between Tuesday and Thursday

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

## Customized Traffic Action Plan for 118th Ave SE south of SE 56th 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](http://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.

