



Woodridge traffic safety improvement project

Turn restrictions to remain in place following traffic reductions

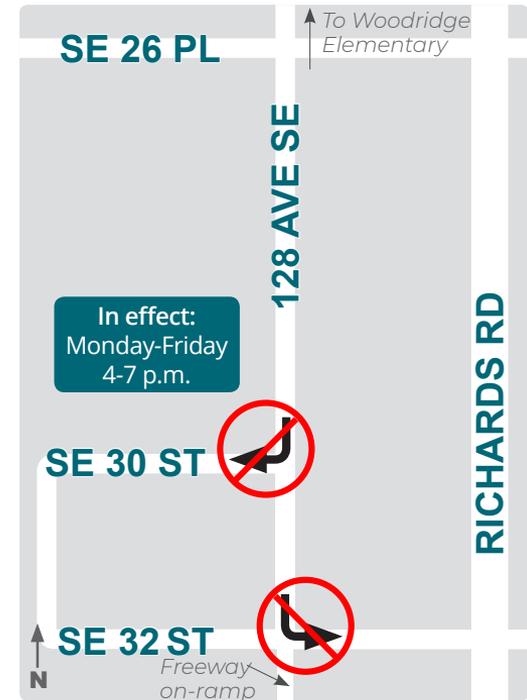
Pilot turn restrictions in Woodridge effective in discouraging commuter traffic; turn restrictions to remain in place.

The turn restrictions in Woodridge, installed to discourage evening commuter traffic from using neighborhood streets, will remain in place on a permanent basis following a year of traffic reductions, decreased congestion and community support. Since the installation of the signs in July 2018, two traffic studies have been conducted (October 2018 and May 2019) to evaluate the effectiveness of the turn restrictions. Key findings to date include:

- Evening and daily traffic volumes have decreased on most streets
- 75-80% reduction in left-turning vehicles from southbound 128th Ave SE to SE 32nd St
- Less congestion and fewer back-ups on 128th Ave SE
- Routing apps (e.g. Waze, Google Maps) no longer route drivers through the turn restrictions
- Bellevue Police officers have issued more than 340 citations
- The majority of comments received during the pilot project were positive

Background

A six-month pilot project began in July 2018 to discourage evening traffic from cutting through Woodridge; time-based (Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m.) turn restrictions were installed at 128th Ave SE/ SE 32nd St and 128th Ave SE/SE 30th St. These restrictions were selected after holding multiple community meetings and consulting with a volunteer group of Woodridge residents. The pilot was extended through June 2019 to allow for additional analysis.



Restrictions do not apply to buses or people biking

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