

From: [Murphy, John](#)
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: FW: 108th & Bell Way Restrictions
Date: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 11:26:39 AM

From: Murphy, John
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 3:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: 108th & Bell Way Restrictions

Hi Marilyn,

Thank you for your feedback on the pilot turn restrictions at SE 16th/108th. We've received similar sentiment from area neighbors that enforcement is key to ensuring compliance. We're looking at ways to enhance enforcement, thus increase compliance.

We've seen an overall decrease in commuter traffic since the pilot began in early September. This was the primary goal of the pilot. We continue to receive feedback (positive and negative) that will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee.

Your input is valuable to learning how the pilot is functioning.

Sincerely,
John

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From: [REDACTED] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Murphy, John
Subject: 108th & Bell Way Restrictions

Hello. I understand you are on the committee for traffic at this location. I live in Surrey Downs and am shocked at the amount of cars still using 108th SE to access Bellevue Way even after the restriction signs have been put up. I visit a friend in Enatai often and cross BW on 108th to go north to SE 11th often during the restricted hrs.

I have counted the cars lined up 108th every time and the # varies from 20 to 45. No lie!! These are NOT my neighbors. I see them coming from Main St.

Something's definitely not working! Perhaps a few days of patrol with citations?

With Sound Transit invading our neighborhood, Surrey Downs has basically 2 entrances--off 108th. Some fun getting in & out during "restricted" hours.

Marilyn Chisholm
[REDACTED]

From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [Sharon Pang](#)
Cc: [Murphy, John](#); [Gonzalez, Karen](#); [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: Traffic Restrictions on 108th Ave SE/SE 16th St, 4-7 pm
Date: Monday, December 04, 2017 1:54:37 PM
Attachments: [Pilot Modifications Postcard cropped.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Pang,

Thank you for your Nov. 29 email to the Bellevue City Council regarding the temporary traffic turn restrictions on 108th Avenue SE at SE 16th Street and SE 16th Street at Bellevue Way. You are correct that 108th Avenue SE from Main St to SE 34th St is a collector arterial that is expected to carry more traffic than a neighborhood street. However, commuter traffic has been a long-time concern for the Surrey Downs, Bellecrest and Enatai neighborhoods as well as Beaux Arts Village and more so due to light rail construction.

Attempts to mitigate commuter traffic often comes with tradeoffs in an effort to balance residential access needs with lessening traffic; it's difficult to both maintain full access *and* discourage traffic. As a result, there were some balances staff and the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee considered.

It is recognized that motorists traveling south into Enatai have additional travel options to access their home. Also, it is recognized that residents living north of SE 16th St must travel north to Main St and find other routes if they wish to travel south. This was taken into account to avoid seeing significant traffic diversions occur on 108th Ave SE between Main St and Bellevue Way as a result of lane reductions on 112th Ave SE; traffic diversion occurred when a city utility project similarly reduced lane capacity on 112th Ave se in 2015.

The pilot turn restrictions that began in early September have been effective in discouraging commuter traffic in the afternoon, not just near the turn restrictions but also in streets in Enatai, including 108th Ave SE, 112th Ave SE, and 113th Ave SE. This is the primary goal of the program. After three months of gathering feedback, measuring traffic volumes, and observing how the pilot is operating, modifications will be implemented in the coming weeks to increase compliance with the turn restrictions and improve community access.

As an Enatai resident, you should be receiving a postcard (attached) that explains the modifications. The turn restrictions will require:

- All southbound traffic on 108th Avenue SE must turn right at SE 16th Street, Monday-Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.
- All traffic must comply with the newly converted all-way stop intersection at 108th Avenue SE/SE 16th Street (in effect 24/7)
- No left turns onto Bellevue Way SE from westbound SE 16th Street, Monday-Friday, 4 to 7 pm.

As part of the changes to the pilot, new signs are being installed to bring more attention to the turn restrictions. Police enforcement will occur as resources allow.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and it will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee. The pilot is being extended through the end of the school year (June 2018) so that we can continue to evaluate it through traffic volume studies, operations, and feedback and determine if it will remain throughout light rail construction in South Bellevue.

Sincerely,

Marie Jensen
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From: Sharon Pang [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:53 AM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>; Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Traffic Restrictions on 108th Ave SE/SE 16th St, 4-7 pm

Dear Mayor Stokes, Deputy Mayor Chelminiak, City Councilmembers, Ms. Jensen, Mr. Murphy and Ms. Gonzalez,

I have been a resident of Enatai for 20+ years. I am writing to protest the traffic re-routing on 108th Ave. SE and SE 16th St.

I think it is futile and wishful-thinking to view 108th, between Main St. & Bellevue Way, as anything other than *an arterial street!* In as such, forcing drivers to turn off of the arterial -- and thus preventing them from using it -- makes no sense. This has been going on for 20 years. Twenty years ago is when the residents on 108th got a sweetheart deal with the City when it convinced authorities to place the ridiculous "Left or Right Turn Only" restriction going southbound on 108th at Main St. At the time, neighbors did not want drivers to "cut through" their street to access Bellevue Way. However, it is not "cutting through" if you are going to Enatai from downtown. Also, it is not "cutting through" if the street logically connects, in a relatively straight line, one major street (Main) to another major street (Bellevue Way). An arterial is going to have more traffic. The more cars there are, the more traffic there will be on all streets, especially arterials. This is just a fact of life.

How much special dispensation can residents of one street get in the City of Bellevue anyway? If the residents wanted to close down 108th completely, would the City agree to that, too? I'm sure there are many other streets that suffer from bad traffic in this city. Now that you have set this precedent, can residents of any busy street also start lobbying for special no-through-traffic signs? Maybe I'd like one on my street, too.

People who drive down 108 are not going on some meandering roundabout route to avoid traffic on other north-south streets. They are often merely taking the straightest course.

People who live on 108th live on an arterial. They may not be happy with increased traffic on their street, and for that I am sorry. That still doesn't change the fact that their street is an arterial directly connecting 2 other arterials. By trying to re-route drivers away from using 108th during 4:00-7:00 pm, you are merely causing drivers to find alternative routes, such as driving through Enatai, south on 104th Ave SE, to access I-90 in a roundabout path through Enatai. This just ends up foisting one arterial street's problems onto their neighbors.

Another thing I have noticed: The signs that state the restrictions are easily ignored by drivers, and many drivers ignore them or legitimately don't see them. That is because they either are too small, not lit, and/or they are located in places that people would not expect to see them (in the middle of the street just before a major intersection), and/or they are giving drivers such bizarre never-before-seen-anywhere-else restrictions that people are confused. And then there's that pesky enforcement issue, or lack thereof. It is also a bad precedent to institute confusing traffic restrictions the police have no intention of actually enforcing most of the time. And when they do enforce, *they must block traffic to give out tickets!*

Finally, by instituting these changes *without* the majority agreement of the citizens' advisory committee -- *set up to advise on the neighborhood traffic issues* – only sends the disconcerting message to all citizens that CACs are only set up for show.

Please remove the traffic restrictions at 108th Ave SE and SE 16th Street.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sharon Pang

From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [K Richards](#)
Cc: [Murphy, John](#); [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: Restrictions at SE 16th Street
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 12:54:26 PM

Dear Ms. Richards,

Thank you for contacting us about your daughter's infraction. The turn restrictions at SE 16th Street have been in place since September 2017 and in its early stages, police officers warned drivers and then began to issue citations.

Changes to traffic advisory signs and making the intersection at SE 16th/108th Avenue an all-way stop are the more current modifications. Police enforcement has been occurring as resources allow.

I understand there is some information (including a website) on the citation itself that explains options to address the infraction. It might be worth looking further into those options.

I'm happy to speak with you further if you'd like to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marie Jensen

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From: K Richards [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 6:00 PM

To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Restrictions at SE 16th Street

My teenage daughter got a ticket at this intersection at 4:11 this afternoon, when she was traveling home from Bellevue High School. No warning... which I find very disappointing, since this is the way she has travelled home from school for the past two years. I acknowledge she should have noticed the sign and turned onto SE16th, but it is still frustrating that she was ticketed, when a warning would have definitely sufficed (this was the first time she has ever been pulled over... that experience alone would have been enough). Is that part of the pilot project, to ticket on week one?

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Kirsten Richards

From: [Murphy, John](#)
To: [Tim Horsfall](#)
Cc: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: South Bellevue Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation
Date: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 4:45:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Tim,

Thank you for contacting Marie and me regarding the postcard you received that details the changes to the turn restrictions at SE 16th St.

You are correct in the way you interpret the restrictions (listed in your original email as #1 and #2).

Regarding the 108th Ave SE/Bellevue Way intersection: all legal movements at this intersection are permitted. For example, if you are leaving the gas station, you are 100% permitted to exit onto 108th Ave SE and then make a right, left, straight at Bellevue Way. That said, what you need to consider is *how* you get to the gas station, as you note below with the right onto southbound 108th Ave SE from SE 16th St example. Given that all southbound 108th Ave SE traffic must turn right at SE 16th St, you can't access the gas station directly from 108th Ave SE if you are traveling on that road north of SE 16th St. Please see below graphic for suggestions getting to the gas station using Bellevue Way or 108th Ave SE via SE 16th St.

Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
John Murphy

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From: Tim Horsfall [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Tim Horsfall < [REDACTED]>
Subject: South Bellevue Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation

Hello Marie, John,

I've received the flyers that were sent in the post and reviewed the details on the City of Bellevue website regarding the South Bellevue Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation, but I'm still slightly unclear

on something.

As I understand it, the restrictions are:

- 1) Southbound traffic on 108th Avenue SE must turn right onto SE 16th Street between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM Monday-Friday
- 2) Westbound traffic on SE 16th Street cannot make a left turn on Bellevue Way, and must turn right (or continue across Bellevue Way as of mid-December) between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM Monday-Friday

However, what's not entirely clear is whether it is permissible to make a left turn from southbound 108th Avenue SE onto southbound Bellevue Way. For example, if I a) exit the Chevron gas station onto southbound 108th Avenue SE, or b) take a right onto southbound 108th Avenue SE off SE 16th Street am I permitted to make a left turn onto southbound Bellevue Way? There doesn't appear to be anything in any of the flyers or on your website to explicitly prohibit such behaviour, but I've seen/heard rumours to this effect and wanted to make sure I am not missing something obvious!

Thanks for helping to clear this up.

~tim

From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: East Link construction traffic mitigation pilot at SE 16th Street modified and extended through June 2018
Date: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 3:24:52 PM

 Nanette L.,

Thank you for the improvements to the traffic mitigation in this particular area. I look forward to continuing success in the pilot program.

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (1 reply):

Turn restrictions have been in place on SE 16th St/108th Ave SE and SE 16th St/Bellevue Way since September 5 and have been effective at discouraging commuter traffic from using neighborhood streets...

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From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [Valerie Eggers](#)
Cc: [Wendy Jones](#); [Brooks Beaupain](#); [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: Enatai traffic mitigation pilot program
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:34:52 PM

Dear Ms. Eggers,

Thank you for your email to Mayor Stokes and me regarding the pilot turn restrictions at SE 16th Street. We appreciate hearing of your specific experience as it helps us to understand the effectiveness of the pilot.

The pilot turn restrictions that began in early September have been effective in discouraging commuter traffic in the afternoon, not just near the turn restrictions but also in streets in Enatai, including 108th Ave SE, 112th Ave SE, and 113th Ave SE. This is the primary goal of the program. After three months of gathering feedback, measuring traffic volumes, and observing how the pilot is operating, modifications will be implemented in the coming weeks to increase compliance with the turn restrictions and improve community access. As an Enatai resident, you should have received a postcard that informs neighbors of changes to the pilot.

During first three months of the pilot, we heard from that the community that access to Enatai is important. To address this, westbound SE 16th St traffic will be permitted to cross Bellevue Way (previously, westbound SE 16th St traffic was restricted); southbound traffic to Bellevue Way from westbound SE 16th St will still be prohibited Monday-Friday, 4-7 PM. The intersection at SE 16th/108th Avenue SE is being converted to an all-way stop which should improve compliance. Complete details of the modifications, including frequently asked questions, are posted at bellevuewa.gov/ELTraffic.

The concept of exempting certain residents for any traffic mitigation implemented due to East Link construction has been raised and discussed by the committee. The city advised the committee that the concept would not be pursued as there is no local or national program that allows preferential access for certain residents on public streets under similar circumstances.

I have shared your comment about traffic signal timing at 112th Ave SE/Bellevue Way with our Traffic Operations Division.

The pilot addresses the concerns the city has heard from Surrey Downs, Bellecrest and Enatai neighborhoods and Beaux Arts Village about increased commuter traffic during light rail construction. While the pilot restrictions come with changes for residents in accessing their neighborhoods, the intent is to discourage commuter traffic from using neighborhood streets to reach their destination.

Thank you again for your email. It and my reply will be shared with the City Council and the [Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee](#).

Most Sincerely,

Marie Jensen

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From: Valerie Eggers [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 6:45 PM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Stokes, John <JStokes@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Wendy Jones < [REDACTED] >; Brooks Beaupain < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Enatai traffic mitigation pilot program

Hello Ms. Jensen and Mayor Stokes,

My name is Valerie Eggers and I live in Enatai. I want to bring to the city's attention my concerns and observations regarding the traffic pilot program that the city implemented this fall at Bellevue Way and 108th and 16th Ave. I understand the intention of the program is to reduce the cut through traffic from Downtown Bellevue to the freeway via 108th, however, I believe that the solution the city has put in place is short sighted, ineffective, and unnecessarily penalizes the residents of Enatai.

This week, my daughter's soccer practice was moved to Bellevue High School. We live on 106th Ave SE so it is just a 5 minute drive up 108th to get her to practice. Driving home I had my first encounter with these traffic restriction signs. Wanting to honor the system, I turned right on 16th Ave as the signs instructed. I was very surprised to see at the traffic light that not only is traffic prevented from turning left onto Bellevue Way, but it is also restricted from continuing straight on 16th.

Tonight, I continued straight on 108th toward home. Despite the signs restricting left turns here, there were probably 20+ cars backed up the hill with the majority of them turning left onto Bellevue Way. Few cars can get through this way, because of backups and poorly timed lights at 112th so it took me 10 minutes just to get to the light at Bellevue Way. The signs also restrict traffic continuing southbound onto 108th.

So, if I follow the signs, I have to go north (completely out of my way) to find an intersection where I can turn left to go back into the Enatai neighborhood. Did the committee that passed this through and approved the expensive signage and lights realize that they restricted residents of Enatai from accessing their own neighborhood with this program? The signs should say "local access only" for continuing straight. They should be visible from Bellevue Way. Instead, the local access sign is up the hill at the Triangle pool so cars will already have passed through the intersection before they see

that.

Residents of Enatai are being hampered by traffic revisions and restrictions at all points of the neighborhood and it is very frustrating. We've had 10-12 weekends without access to I90 from our neighborhood with more to come. This doubles or triples our travel time. We have seismic retrofitting beginning at Enatai beach park which will affect traffic in this area. We have poorly timed lights at 112th and Bellevue Way that back traffic up at all surrounding points. We have flashing yellow arrows for left turns at very busy intersections which may let 1 car through and further backs up traffic. These should be left turn on green arrows only to actually allow for traffic flow.

In summary, I appreciate that the city want to lessen the commuters cutting through the neighborhood but *please* don't do it at the expense of the residents of Enatai. Please allow local access to our neighborhood during the 4-7pm hours and mitigate the commute traffic issue with better traffic light changes.

I have also copied the leaders of the Enatai Neighborhood Association, Wendy Jones and Brooks Beaupain, on this email.

Respectfully,
Valerie Eggers

From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [Eric Ness](#)
Cc: [Jensen, Marie](#); [Murphy, John](#)
Subject: RE: South Bellevue Traffic Mitigation
Date: Thursday, January 04, 2018 12:46:50 PM

Dear Mr. Ness,

Thank you for your email about the pilot turn restrictions at SE 16th Street; your feedback is very valuable.

Your concern for enforcement is valid. Early attempts by the Police Department at the launch of the program in September were met with extreme resistance by residents who felt inconvenienced by the turn restrictions. Also, officers often heard from motorists that they did not adequately see the advisory signs at the 108th Ave/Main St intersection nor the turn restriction sign at the intersection of SE 16th St/108th Ave SE.

Based on observations and feedback, adjustments are being made to the pilot (planned for next week). To bring greater attention to the turn restriction at 108th Avenue SE and SE 16th Street a “right turn only” sign will replace the existing turn restriction sign. Enforcement will be conducted, as it was at the launch, in the initial weeks once new signs are installed to help ensure drivers are aware of the turn restrictions that are in effect Monday-Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.

Regarding your suggestion of gates to enforce the turn restrictions, currently the City of Bellevue does not install such barriers on public streets that are prevent cars from turning only part of the day.

The pilot has had positive impacts on decreasing commuter traffic during the week near the intersection of 108th Avenue SE and SE 16th Street and we are hopeful this trend will continue as the pilot is extended through June 2018.

Sincerely,

Marie Jensen

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From: Eric Ness [mailto:ericsness@belleveuwa.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@belleveuwa.gov>
Subject: South Bellevue TrafficMitigation

Hi Marie,

My name is Eric Ness. My wife and I own a home in the Enatai section of Bellevue (██████████).

Like most of my neighbors in the South Bellevue area, I am concerned about the increase in neighborhood traffic caused by congestion on Bellevue Way. I am seeing an increase in traffic across the entire length of 108th Ave SE, both north and south of Bellevue way.

I must admit that I contribute to the traffic on 108th Ave SE as I typically bypass Bellevue Way, especially when heading to and from Shopping in the area surrounding Whole Foods (Uwajimaya, Home Depot, Trader Joe's etc.) I am willing to accept the turn restrictions along SE16th Street but something must be done to enforce these restrictions.

I have observed the proposed turn restrictions during the month of November and December (week days during commute hours) but I see little change in the overall usage pattern. I feel these restrictions will do little good unless they are enforced. While I regularly see Bellevue Police enforcing the 30 MPH speed limit on Bellevue Way, have yet to see a police officer enforcing the turn restrictions. That said, I also believe that enforcing left turn restrictions should be a lower priority for the Bellevue Police.

I feel the only practical way to enforce commute hour turn restrictions is to build a gate (or other barrier) that is activated during the restricted hours and physically prevents cars from turning. If a physical barrier is not part of the plan, I would urge the city to abandon the turn restrictions. The last thing we need is another regulation on the books that is ignored.

Respectfully,

Eric Ness

From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: "[Fritz Johnston](#)"
Subject: RE: 108th / right turn on 16th?
Date: Friday, January 05, 2018 3:11:00 PM

Hey Fritz

You cannot do what you describe Monday-Friday, 4 to 7 pm.

You could try southbound Bellevue Way to eastbound SE 16th to southbound 108th and reach Chevron.

Thanks for checking,

Marie Jensen
425-452-2064

From: Fritz Johnston [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#)]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: 108th / right turn on 16th?

If one is travelling south on 108th and wanted to go to the Chevron station is it OK to proceed down the hill on 108th and turn into the gas station?

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Fritz Johnston
[\[REDACTED\]](#)

From: Geraldine Finch
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: RE: 108th & SE 16th.
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 8:38:16 AM

Thanks for the reply. There is no alternate route. Didn't anyone do a Google Earth and modify the signs saying "except for residents of SE 17th"? Thoughtless on the part of the City

On Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:42:33 AM PST, <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Finch,

Please accept my sincerest apologies for not responding to your December 4, 2017 email. I had drafted a response to you and inadvertently forgot to send it. As a resident on 109th Ave SE accessing your street via SE 17th Street, you will either need to access your home before or after the restricted hours of 4 to 7 p.m. (Monday through Friday) or find an alternate route.

This traffic mitigation program was implemented to address concerns that the Surrey Downs, Bellecrest and Enatai neighborhoods, as well as Beaux Arts Village, had about increased commuter traffic during light rail construction. The pilot is intended to discourage commuter traffic during the weekdays while East Link light rail construction is occurring on Bellevue Way and 112th Ave SE. While the pilot has resulted in some inconvenience for area residents, there are decreases in afternoon, weekday commuter traffic.

You may have noticed that new signs were installed this weekend at the intersection of 108th Avenue SE and SE 16th Street. This next phase of the pilot will run through June 2018, upon which traffic volumes, enforceability and community sentiment will again be considered to determine if the pilot should continue throughout the duration of East Link construction.

Thank you for contacting me again.

Sincerely,

Marie Jensen

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From: Geraldine Finch [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 4:22 PM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: 108th & SE 16th.

I believe I contacted you before, but you never responded. We live on SE 17th and turn in off of 108th SE to go home. Please clarify as there is no other way to access our house.

From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: East Link construction traffic mitigation pilot at SE 16th Street: Changes effective Jan. 13, 2018
Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018 1:28:19 PM

 Nanette L.,

Thank you. These stop signs, with new turn restriction clarification, will certainly enhance the safety and livability of the neighborhood.

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (1 reply):

On Saturday, Jan. 13, city crews will be installing new signs at the intersection of SE 16th Street and 108th Ave SE as a modification to the pilot turn restriction program aimed at discouraging...

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From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: East Link construction traffic mitigation pilot at SE 16th Street: Changes effective Jan. 13, 2018
Date: Sunday, January 14, 2018 11:41:14 AM

 Erin P.,

Thank you City of Bellevue and the NTMC members who have contributed to these ideas by listening and providing input about these decisions of which the new All WAY STOP signs on 108th Ave SE (both north and south bound) 24/7 days and times. And the RIGHT TURN ONLY during Mon-Fri 4-7pm will help reduce traffic on 108th Ave SE.

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (2 replies):

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From: [Murphy, John](#)
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: FW: SE 108th ave turn restrictions
Date: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 11:25:32 AM

From: Murphy, John
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:45 PM
To: [REDACTED] >
Cc: Jensen, Marie <[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto: MJensen@bellevuewa.gov)>; Potuzak, Kyle <[KPotuzak@bellevuewa.gov](mailto: KPotuzak@bellevuewa.gov)>
Subject: RE: SE 108th ave turn restrictions

Hi Sean,

My colleague Kyle Potuzak forwarded me your message regarding the turn restrictions at SE 16th St/108th Ave SE.

We measured traffic volume reductions three weeks following the implementation of the pilot back in September 2017. During subsequent field visits, community input, and feedback from our officers who were enforcing the restriction, we noted that compliance may not have been as pronounced later into the pilot as it was during the initial weeks. With this information, staff made several changes to the pilot this past Saturday (January 13). The main change is the installation of an all-way stop at the SE 16th St/108th Ave SE intersection. We are hoping the edgelit (i.e. blinking lights around the edge of the stop sign) stop sign and subsequent pausing of motorists will increase attention to the turn restriction signage and thus improve compliance and ultimately keep volumes at bay. We will be evaluating the operation and effectiveness (e.g. compliance, total volumes) of the changes during the next few weeks. Officers will be conducting enforcement as their schedules allow.

As with many traffic control If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
John

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From: Sean Roulette-Miller [[mailto: \[REDACTED\]](mailto: [REDACTED])]
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To: Sean Roulette-Miller <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto: [REDACTED])>
Cc: Potuzak, Kyle <[KPotuzak@bellevuewa.gov](mailto: KPotuzak@bellevuewa.gov)>
Subject: Re: SE 108th ave turn restrictions

I meant to write that traffic has been increasing not overeating :)

On Jan 15, 2018 8:50 AM, Sean Roulette-Miller <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto: [REDACTED])> wrote:

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Hi Kyle,

I was wondering the status of the turn restrictions pilot at 108th and Bellevue way. When the signs first went in I noticed an immediate reduction in traffic, however I have noticed that traffic has been overeating. I feel that more people are ignoring the restrictions now as there has been little enforcement. I'm wondering if there could be more enforcement actions and if the pilot is being evaluated

thanks
Sean

From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Murphy, John](#); [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Response: Turn restrictions at 108th Ave SE/SE 16th St
Date: Monday, January 22, 2018 1:06:09 PM

Dear Ms. Lescher,

Thank you for your Jan. 17 email to the Bellevue City Council and staff about your recent observations of the turn restrictions at SE 16th Street and 108th Avenue SE.

As with any new or modified traffic revision, there is typically an adjustment period for drivers. The modifications are just a week old and officers have been conducting enforcement. We expect increased compliance as drivers become more familiar with the new all-way stop and right turn only sign.

We will continue to use city communications tools to educate the neighborhoods about the changes to the pilot program. As you are well aware, drivers may be making a conscious decision to ignore the turn restrictions and if they are observed by police disobeying them, they will be ticketed.

Feel free to send me any photographs or other observations you have as they will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee and Police Department.

Most sincerely,

Marie Jensen
East Link Outreach
Bellevue Transportation Department
425-452-2064

From: Nanette Lescher
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [Jensen, Marie; jmurhy@bellevuewa.gov](#)
Subject: Turn restriction at 108th & SE 16th
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 5:57:17 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.txt](#)

Council, Marie, John,

Good Evening.

I'm am a resident of Bellecrest who lives on the corner of 108th and SE 17th.

I've been an active proponent of the M-F, 4:00-7:00 PM, turn restrictions at the corner of 108th and SE 17th that are in place.

I've followed the implementation process, in its various stages as they have been utilized, from day one, to the point we are at today.

Even after various meetings and conversations with John, Marie, and our hard working officers, like Sgt. Sanabria from the BPD, about the difficulties surrounding driver compliance, I still had high hopes that people are basically law abiding citizens.

I was convinced that the new signage that was installed on 1/13 would remove all non-compliance issues. Was I wrong!

I've been out for two nights this week, photographing and videotaping the lines of traffic forming due to drivers deliberately ignoring a legal traffic law. Drivers, many times, ignore the stop signs altogether!

I'm attaching three photos from this rainy evening on Wednesday 1/17 @ 5:00 PM.

The safety issues are even worse now, due to this horrible rain, and driveways are still blocked, while bike riders coming down 108th (yes, in the rain) are fearing for their own lives.

I will be out every evening, whenever traffic enforcement is engaged elsewhere, to document the offenders (from a safe spot, and without confrontation).

You may contact me at this e-mail address if needed.

Nanette Lescher



Bellevue

From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: Opportunity to be a positive role model: Comply with all-way stop and turn restrictions at SE 16 Street/108th Ave SE
Date: Friday, January 19, 2018 9:20:46 PM

 Nanette L.,

I, too, hope that people will obey the traffic laws, and that, in particular, the parents of the Bellevue High students will teach them how to obey traffic laws, insuring that the next generation of adults, will continue the tradition of good citizenship.

I agree, those living on SE 16 are in a gray area. Their unique position in this program could use some discussion.

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (2 replies):

An all-way stop was recently installed at SE 16th St and 108th Ave SE. As with any new traffic control device, it often takes a few days/weeks for motorists to adjust to the changes. We are committed...

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Nextdoor, 875 Stevenson Street, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA 94103

From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: Opportunity to be a positive role model: Comply with all-way stop and turn restrictions at SE 16 Street/108th Ave SE
Date: Friday, January 19, 2018 10:03:04 PM

 mariska c.,

Living on SE 16th, I would really appreciate the ability to turn left as well.

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (3 replies):

An all-way stop was recently installed at SE 16th St and 108th Ave SE. As with any new traffic control device, it often takes a few days/weeks for motorists to adjust to the changes. We are committed...

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From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: Opportunity to be a positive role model: Comply with all-way stop and turn restrictions at SE 16 Street/108th Ave SE
Date: Monday, January 22, 2018 4:45:56 PM

 Elsie Y.,

Please allow left turn for those who live on that street.

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (4 replies):

An all-way stop was recently installed at SE 16th St and 108th Ave SE. As with any new traffic control device, it often takes a few days/weeks for motorists to adjust to the changes. We are committed...

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From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: Opportunity to be a positive role model: Comply with all-way stop and turn restrictions at SE 16 Street/108th Ave SE
Date: Friday, January 19, 2018 2:18:09 PM

 Joe M.,

I am formally requesting a left turn be allowed as well for the 6 households to the left (east) on SE 16th. It's a no-brainer...

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (1 reply):

An all-way stop was recently installed at SE 16th St and 108th Ave SE. As with any new traffic control device, it often takes a few days/weeks for motorists to adjust to the changes. We are committed...

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Nextdoor, 875 Stevenson Street, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA 94103

From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [K Richards](#)
Cc: [Murphy, John](#); [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: Restrictions at SE 16th Street
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 12:54:26 PM

Dear Ms. Richards,

Thank you for contacting us about your daughter's infraction. The turn restrictions at SE 16th Street have been in place since September 2017 and in its early stages, police officers warned drivers and then began to issue citations.

Changes to traffic advisory signs and making the intersection at SE 16th/108th Avenue an all-way stop are the more current modifications. Police enforcement has been occurring as resources allow.

I understand there is some information (including a website) on the citation itself that explains options to address the infraction. It might be worth looking further into those options.

I'm happy to speak with you further if you'd like to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marie Jensen

East Link Outreach and Community Relations Lead
City of Bellevue Transportation Department
425-452-2064

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From: K Richards [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 6:00 PM

To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Restrictions at SE 16th Street

My teenage daughter got a ticket at this intersection at 4:11 this afternoon, when she was traveling home from Bellevue High School. No warning... which I find very disappointing, since this is the way she has travelled home from school for the past two years. I acknowledge she should have noticed the sign and turned onto SE16th, but it is still frustrating that she was ticketed, when a warning would have definitely sufficed (this was the first time she has ever been pulled over... that experience alone would have been enough). Is that part of the pilot project, to ticket on week one?

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Kirsten Richards

From: Nextdoor
To: [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: Re: Opportunity to be a positive role model: Comply with all-way stop and turn restrictions at SE 16 Street/108th Ave SE
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 3:02:58 PM

 Chris N.,

I'm confused. Is it optional to turn right at the stop sign? I drove north on 108th last night and there was a line of cars backed up past the stop sign and I didn't see a single car turn right.

Original post by East Link Outreach City of Bellevue Marie Jensen from City of Bellevue (6 replies):

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Nextdoor, 875 Stevenson Street, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA 94103

From: Paul Zahner
To: [Jensen, Marie](mailto:Marie.Jensen@bellevuewa.gov)
Subject: Re: The New Turn Restrictions on 108th AVE SE
Date: Monday, January 22, 2018 7:07:58 PM

Thanks Marie.

One additional item that has recently been brought to light on the Nextdoor community bulletin board: Instead of a RIGHT TURN ONLY sign at SE16 and 108th SE perhaps a DO NOT ENTER sign would be a more effective message to those who might be inclined to choose the wrong business decision. This different sign would also allow those neighbors that live on SE16th east of 108th SE to turn left onto their own street (a dead end) and not have to disobey the right turn only restriction.

Thanks.

On Jan 22, 2018, at 3:07 PM, <[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Marie.Jensen@bellevuewa.gov)>
<[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Marie.Jensen@bellevuewa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Zahner,

Thank you for your email and support of the efforts to mitigate traffic diverting into neighborhoods. As with any new or modified traffic revision, there is typically an adjustment period for drivers. The modifications are just a week old and officers have been conducting enforcement. We expect increased compliance as drivers become more familiar with the new all-way stop and right turn only sign. The signage that we currently have in place (advanced blinking stop ahead sign, blinking stop sign, stop legend, advanced signage at 108th/Main) is generally considered above and beyond normal required signage for such an installation. Unfortunately, officers have noted that many of those motorists who violate the right only and have been cited have noted that they indeed see the sign pointing them to turn right but they blatantly ignore it. Our officers describe this as a business decision that motorists make. That said, we continue to monitor compliance and conduct field reviews in an effort to increase compliance of both the stop sign and the right only sign; we will be moving forward with a stop-ahead sign for the northbound direction and use camera observation to determine additional changes. Your suggestions will be considered as we move forward (Bellevue Way is the prioritized movement for our signal system and has been incrementally tweaked since light rail construction began to give more "green time" for the north and south directions. Also, Bellevue Way has been flowing more freely since the South Bellevue Park and Ride has closed).

We will continue to use city communications tools to educate the neighborhoods about the changes to the pilot program. As you are well aware, drivers may be making a conscious decision to ignore the turn restrictions and if they are observed by police disobeying them, they will be ticketed.

Thank you again for your email.

Sincerely,
Marie Jensen

From: Paul Zahner [<mailto:>]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 11:56 AM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: The New Turn Restrictions on 108th AVE SE

I would like to express my appreciation of the efforts the city is expending to help mitigate the afternoon commuter traffic that cuts through our neighborhood on 108th Ave SE between 4 and 7pm. To place a stop sign at a previously unrestricted intersection is undoubtedly a serious undertaking.

I appreciated the police presence at this intersection on Monday and Tuesday but for every motorist I saw stopped there were dozens more that slipped past while the officer was informing the few hapless drivers that were able to stop. In fact yesterday evening about 5:30pm I witnessed so many cars on 108th waiting for the light to change on Bellevue way that the lineup was backed up the hill to near the stop signs at SE16th.

I would like to suggest a few improvements that might help increase compliance with the new restrictions.

- For a week, place a police cruiser or barrier that can be removed for busses across the southbound lanes on 108th SE making the restrictions very obvious. There might also be a need for one at the intersection of SE 16th to advise the motorists of the turn restriction there, as I have seen plenty of commuters turning left there to join Bellevue Way southbound in violation of the turn restriction.

- Place a more obvious Do Not Enter sign on the **south** side of the 108th / SE16th intersection so that the motorists will see it. The current sign is up too high and it is on the same pole as the stop sign, consequently easy to miss since the drivers attention is on the stop not the turn restriction. This new sign should be a large ground level sign that could be temporary, about a month, until the regular commuters understand the restriction.

- Increase the visibility of the signs at 108th and Main. These signs are too high up, too verbose and easily ignored, if seen at all. I would suggest larger temporary light signs that can't be ignored placed at street level. It is a tight intersection, I know, but I am sure there can be an improvement on the current advisory signs there.

- Time the traffic lights all along Bellevue Way to favor Bellevue Way flow in the extreme.

The main problem commuters have with using Bellevue Way in the evening is that it gets stopped at a number of stop lights, including 108SE, and becomes congested. If the lights were managed in the afternoon to favor Bellevue Way flow then the motorists stuck behind the stop light on the cross roads (108th and SE16th and other intersections) would soon find that staying on Bellevue Way was to their advantage

and they would change their habitual route.

I would suggest making the green lights favoring Bellevue Way flow four or even five minutes each and the green lights favoring the cross roads only 30 to 40 seconds, which is all that is needed for the busses to get trough.

Initially this light scheme would produce huge backups, bordering on chaos but that is the point. It is to entice the traffic back onto the arterials and away from the neighborhood.

I am not a traffic engineer and I have no doubt that some of these suggestions might cause other unintended consequences but I do know as a concerned citizen and neighborhood advocate that the current system is not working well and needs some modifications.

Thanks for your time.

Paul Zahner



Bellevue

From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [Brooks Beaupain](#)
Cc: [wendyrjones](#); [Todd Woosley](#); [A Laing](#); [Murphy, John](#); [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: 108th Pilot Program
Date: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 9:35:12 AM

Dear Brooks,

Thanks for your March 2 email about the pilot program; your perspectives and observations are appreciated and will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee and Police Department Patrol Division Sergeants.

Although I cannot speak to the specifics of what you observed at intersection of SE 16th Street/108th Ave SE on Feb. 28, I can share with you that since the modifications started in mid-January (all-way stop conversion, "right turn only sign" and lighted stop sign), there continues to be a notable decrease in traffic volumes on 108th Ave SE. Also, police enforcement has occurred at the intersection and will continue to occur. Additionally, Google and WAZE apps continue to reflect the traffic restrictions; influencing these apps' routing choices would be impossible without the use of regulatory signs.

The pilot intersection is one of many areas requiring police enforcement and enforcement occurs when resources are available. Violators have been ticketed and will continue to be ticketed when patrol officers are on duty at the pilot intersection.

The speed hump on 108th Ave SE was installed many years ago in response to neighbors' concern for speeding vehicles along the corridor and will remain in place. As we work to maintain a safe roadway for all travelers, the speed hump helps to reinforce a slower roadway environment that not only keeps vehicles speeds at bay but also creates a more inviting atmosphere for people walking and biking.

We recognize that drivers – some of them area residents, as noted by enforcements officers who have enforced the restrictions – are, in some cases choosing to ignore the turn restrictions when they are in effect. We've made appeals to local residents to comply but there seems to be a conscious "business decision" by residents and commuters to take the risk of being cited by the police.

We will continue to evaluate the pilot through traffic volume collection and community feedback as we have when the original pilot started in Sept. 2017. We will likely be updating the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee and neighborhood leadership in April.

We appreciate hearing from you and others about the pilot. Please continue to share your observations.

Sincerely,

Marie Jensen

425-452-2064

John Murphy
425-452-6967

From: Brooks Beaupain [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2018 12:34 PM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: wendyrjones [REDACTED]; Todd Woosley ([REDACTED])
[REDACTED]; A Laing [REDACTED] >
Subject: 108th Pilot Program

Marie & John,

Regarding the 108th Ave SE pilot program, and more specifically the most recent update with the addition of the 4-way stop at SE 16th, I thought I'd check in with a few observations and questions.

- While traffic volume may have dropped on 108th between 4-7pm, many of cars using 108th southbound continue right past the required right turn at SE 16th, even since the stop sign was added. This is from personal observation, as I use the street regularly. I recognize and appreciate that the police have limited personnel, and many other tasks and areas to cover... but why create new rules if you're not going to enforce them?
 - To that last point, two evenings ago during the 4-7pm window (about 6:30), I was driving north on 108th from Enatai, waiting to cross Bellevue Way, and facing me (on 108th southbound, by the Chevron station) there was a line of cars there. The last vehicle was a Bellevue Police SUV. The cars in front of the police vehicle proceeded through the intersection, either straight on 108th or left onto Bellevue Way southbound, and the police vehicle turned right onto Bellevue Way northbound. Given that 6:35 falls between the 4-7pm enforcement time, and given that while I sat at the red light I watched the cars come down the hill to the intersection, I wonder why, when there actually is a police presence, they don't even bother to enforce the law?

Most of us dutifully follow the rules even though we find them to be unnecessary and a hassle, but if the vast majority of people aren't following them and/or aren't even being cited when observed by police breaking the rules, why should we bother? It doesn't appear to me from my personal observations that the new stop sign and flashing lighted warning sign preceding it are having the desired effect of reducing avoidance of the new rule with the pilot program. This is the stop sign that I stated at our last meeting would primarily be a nuisance to regular users of the road during all hours except the 4-7pm window, and the response was that we just have to put up with a little nuisance in order to make sure we force people to turn right during the pilot program hours. It doesn't appear that the new signage is having the desired affect; perhaps you all would reconsider its effectiveness. Lastly, even if you do leave it, I would request that you remove the speed bump that is just to the north of the stop sign. Given that one must begin slowing for the stop sign before

reaching the speed bump (and northbound traffic will just be accelerating from the stop), it seems redundant to leave it there.

Thank you for your time,

Brooks

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From: [Murphy, John](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Transportation Reception; Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: Additional work needed - new 4-way stop 108th Ave SE and SE 16th St
Date: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 3:56:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Ron,

Your email was forwarded to me from our Service First group here at Bellevue City Hall. Thanks so much for your observations and suggestions regarding the recent installation of the all-way stop at 108th Ave SE/SE 16th St. We are continuing to evaluate the all-way stop but I'm happy to report that we are moving forward with your suggestion of placing the word "STOP" on the street for the northbound direction, similar to what is in place for the southbound direction. I need to coordinate this work with contractors but I'm hoping to get it installed in the coming weeks.

Thanks again for your suggestion. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,
John

JOHN MURPHY | *Associate Planner*

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From: Ronald Smith [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2018 4:26 PM
To: ServiceFirstVM <ServiceFirst@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Additional work needed - new 4-way stop 108th Ave SE and SE 16th St

A few weeks ago the city added two north and south bound stop signs on 108th Ave SE at SE 16th St. There already were east and west bound stop signs on SE 16th so this change created a 4 way stop. I have near been blind sided several times turning north bound on to 108th Ave SE from SE 16th Street - by drivers who are not aware of the new stop on 108th Ave SE. Some of this is obviously due to the stop being new. I did notice that on the 108th Ave SE South bound land next to the stop line the word "STOP" was also painted at the line. The North bound stop has only a stop line (and of course the stop sign) but does not have the STOP painted on the street. Can you please paint the additional lettering on the street? I think this will aid in this dangerous situation.

Happy to discuss if you have questions.



Ron Smith - Managing Director



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From: [Jensen, Marie](#)
To: [Tony Garana](#)
Cc: [Murphy, John](#); [Hampton, Jason](#); [K X](#); [Wendy Jones](#); [Brooks Beaupain](#); [Jensen, Marie](#)
Subject: RE: Construction alert: South Bellevue (Follow Up: Pilot program and other concerns)
Date: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 10:27:19 AM

Dear Tony,

I'm following up to your March 4 email to the City Council, me and others regarding your frustrations as a result of the light rail project. The city and Sound Transit are committed to mitigating impacts of East Link construction activities but that probably doesn't bring you much comfort at this moment. We truly appreciate the feedback you provide as it makes the city and Sound Transit work harder to coordinate with each other and others involved to be responsive to the community's needs.

As for the pilot turn restrictions at SE 16th Street, there continues to be a notable drop in afternoon traffic volumes on 108th Ave SE; discouraging afternoon traffic from using this roadway was the primary intent of the pilot. While there are some area residents who do not appreciate the intent of the pilot, there are other residents who support it. We continue to monitor traffic volumes and provide police enforcement (as resources allow) so that we can again evaluate its effectiveness in discouraging traffic on neighborhood streets and determine whether or not to continue it through the remainder of light rail construction.

This monitoring led to changes made at the SE 16th St/108th Ave SE intersection in mid-January, including allowing access into the Enatai neighborhood on westbound SE 16th across Bellevue Way. Access was of vital importance to both Enatai and Beaux Arts Village and as such, the pilot was adjusted accordingly.

Your most recent feedback about the pilot will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee.

As you and I recently discussed, the City's [Bellevue Way HOV Design project](#) is not currently funded for construction. There is an April 5 Open House, 5:30-7:30pm, Enatai Elementary School (cafeteria) that you may wish to attend to learn the current status of the design project. Marina Arakelyan (marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4632) is the project manager for the project and can help to answer any specific questions you may have.

I researched requests received by the Transportation Department sidewalks near SE 30th Street. Our records reflect your request received in Oct. 2015 for a sidewalk on 108th near the north end of SE 30th and a separate request received Jan. 2016 for a sidewalk on SE 30th between 105th and 106th. The Neighborhood Sidewalk Safety Program is currently evaluating 40 sidewalk projects including the suggested one on SE 30th between 105th and 106th. To check the status, please contact Kristi Oosterveen, Sidewalk Program Manager at 425-452-4496 or koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov. Should you have future sidewalk requests, you are encouraged to submit them [online](#).

With the light rail alignment being built adjacent to Bellevue Way and your proximity to it, your observations of how the area's landscape is undoubtedly changing are appreciated. Unfortunately, travel lanes and highway ramp closures are necessary to build portions of the light rail near where you and your family live, work, and take transit. I wish that I could guarantee you that construction would happen without incident and inconvenience. I am always happy to follow up on your concerns about light rail construction and help connect you to other city staff on other matters of concern to you.

Most sincerely,

Marie Jensen
425-452-2064

From: Tony Garana [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2018 4:03 PM
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Hampton, Jason <Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org>; Zahn, Janice <JZahn@bellevuewa.gov>; Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; K X < [REDACTED] >; Wendy Jones < [REDACTED] >; Brooks Beaupain < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Construction alert: South Bellevue

Hi Marie,

Somehow you have painted the 108th pilot traffic mitigation program as too rosy in your email, while you neglected to point out what I mentioned to you.

I have not met one single person or a neighbor from either Enatai or Beaux Art that is happy with this pilot, and we can't wait for it to disappear.

We have paid enough in the last two years so far, from the closure of South Bellevue park and ride to changes to our bus route Metro 249, the noises from the constructions, damages to our personal properties that went unpaid for seven months, to unlimited closure of I-90 ramps to now the closures of Enatai park, to more traffic diverted to our local streets, and in the future more constructions for the not needed HOV on Bellevue Way.

While my requests for sidewalks in our neighborhoods were shutdown very quickly.

My emails and multiple issues that I have raised throughout the two years, are with you and Sound Transits.

Would you like me to start a petition against the pilot program on 108th Ave SE, I will go door to door will this prove something to anyone? Please leave the 108th alone.

Tony Garana

On Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 5:22 PM, <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tony

Thanks for speaking with me just now about the what happened to you and your wife on Saturday. That had to be very frustrating as you both rely on current bus schedule information and reliable service.

It appears that King County Metro may have misunderstood Sound Transit's traffic control plans for the I-90 ramp closures this past weekend and therefore communicated the bus schedule for ST550 incorrectly to its bus drivers and riders. I've left a message with King County Metro Customer Service to inform them of your experience. Sound Transit is also following up with Metro to find ways to improve information sharing. As Jason mentioned, there is another weekend closure planned for March 10-11 and we expect that schedule information will be better communicated to drivers and riders.

Thank you for also sharing your thoughts about the pilot traffic mitigation program. As I shared, we are seeing a decent decrease in commuter traffic and recognize that some drivers are choosing not to comply (but I'm glad to hear that you are). I will be sure to notify you of the next Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee meeting.

I've shared your concern about the Bellevue Way HOV Design Project with the Project Engineer. Should you wish to receive project updates, you can [subscribe here](#).

I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Marie Jensen

From: Tony Garana [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 10:58 AM
To: Hampton, Jason <Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org>
Cc: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Zahn, Janice <JZahn@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction alert: South Bellevue

No, the bus to Seattle from Bellevue and that is Southbound was not there, and there was a Alert posted note on the Bus shelter.

Tony

On Sat, Feb 24, 2018 at 10:10 AM, Hampton, Jason <Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org> wrote:

Hi Tony,

Yes, all southbound bus stops should remain open. Only the northbound bus stop should be closed.

Is that not the case?

Best,

From: Tony Garana < [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 9:53:43 AM
To: Hampton, Jason
Cc: mjensen@bellevuewa.gov; JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov; jzahn@bellevuewa.gov
Subject: Re: Construction alert: South Bellevue

Jason,

The issue with HOV was to the City.

I my reading and understanding the item #5 correct ? it says all southeast bus stops will remain open??

1. Northbound Bus stops on Bellevue Way Southeast, south of the Wye at 112th Avenue

Southeast will be closed and riders will need to use alternate stops located on Bellevue Way Southeast, north of the Wye. **All southbound bus stops on Bellevue Way Southeast will remain open.**

Tony

On Sat, Feb 24, 2018 at 9:40 AM, Hampton, Jason <Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org> wrote:

Hi Tony,

You're right, it has been a while. Other than this morning's frustration, I hope you're doing well.

I'm sorry for the inconvenience this closure has caused you and your wife, and I apologize if the alert was not clear. The first section in the alert below highlights the closure and its effect on access from I-90 to Bellevue Way SE. The included map and key (item 5) communicate the impacts of this closure on transit. Info in the alert is also posted on the East Link project page and was shared by Marie via City of Bellevue communications channels. In addition to this alert, King County Metro and Sound Transit issued rider alerts on service impacts, both online and posted at the impacted stops.

To your question about why this partial ramp closure is different than past closures: in the fall the closures were mainly necessary for work on Bellevue Way SE. During many of the fall weekend closures, one northbound lane or one lane in each direction was maintained, and the ramps were not affected. This weekend's closure, similar to the closure late last month, is needed for work near, on and over the ramps which requires a closure to all northbound ramps. We expect this closure to be repeated over the weekend of March 10-11.

Is your last question referring to the City of Bellevue's Bellevue Way SE HOV project?

I'll work with my team this week to identify opportunities to improve the effectiveness of my alerts, and as always, I encourage you to reach out with any Issues related to East Link construction.

Thank you for your feedback.

Kind regards,

Jason Hampton
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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 24, 2018, at 9:05 AM, Tony Garana <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Jason,

It has been a while... few months.

After reading the Construction Alert email (see below) twice yesterday, and checked the

ST website (no alert posted on the Bus stop re-route)
<https://www.soundtransit.org/schedules/st-express-bus/550>

We both decided the ST550 will be going as usual to Seattle, and coming back to Bellevue there will be a re-route thru SE 8th.

Today I dropped my wife at 6:15 AM to the ST550 bus stop on 112th and Bellevue Way S (facing the closed P&R) and I came home, she called me back @ 6:30 AM to say there is no ST550 coming.

I drove and picked her up and drove her to Seattle and I drove back the long way thru SE 8th.

Just to make a point that someone is at liberty to make choices on their own and that is effecting our lives.

In the past with a partial closures of I-90 ramps, this did not happen both way with ST550 bus, why today?

Marie and John: The same is happening on 108th Ave SE to Bellevue Way too, someone is making this a success and victory, but in fact that a hardship for us residents and to close it.

I also hear that the Bellevue Way HOV will be going thru anyway even when we say No for it.

Tony Garana

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**Construction alert:
South Bellevue**

Feb. 21, 2018

In this alert:

- Upcoming weekend ramp closures
 - Weekday construction traffic impacts
 - Enatai Park-and-Ride one-day closure
 - Early morning concrete pours
 - Reminder of ongoing closures
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Weekend of Feb. 24-25 and March 10-11, three ramps from I-90 to Bellevue Way SE closed

Crews will continue work on drilled shafts adjacent to the I-90 ramps and Southeast 30th. Sound Transit's contractor plans to close all ramps from I-90 to Bellevue Way Southeast from Saturday, Feb. 24th at 5:30 a.m. through 9 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25th the closure will be repeated the weekend of March 10th and 11th. Work in the area is expected to begin at 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

During the closure of the I-90 to northbound Bellevue Way Southeast ramps, all lanes of Bellevue Way Southeast will remain open and drivers traveling southbound on Bellevue Way Southeast will continue to have access to eastbound and westbound I-90.

1. All lanes of Bellevue Way Southeast between the Wye at 112th Ave Southeast and I-90 will remain open.
 2. Ramps from southbound Bellevue Way Southeast to westbound and eastbound I-90 will remain open.
 3. No access from I-90 to northbound Bellevue Way Southeast
 4. The sidewalk on Bellevue Way Southeast in this area is also closed; people biking and walking should seek alternate [routes](#).
 5. Northbound Bus stops on Bellevue Way Southeast, south of the Wye at 112th Avenue Southeast will be closed and riders will need to use alternate stops located on Bellevue Way Southeast, north of the Wye. All southbound bus stops on Bellevue Way Southeast will remain open.
 6. Detour from I-90 to Bellevue Way Southeast and 112th Ave Southeast via I-405 and Southeast 8th.
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Weekday construction traffic impacts: Week of Feb. 26-March 2

I-90

Monday-Tuesday and Wednesday-Thursday 5.a.m. to 3 p.m., overnight: In addition to the normal Bellevue Way Southeast to I-90 west HOV ramp closure, next week, the HOV ramp will also be closed during the p.m. commutes on Monday

and Wednesday. During the closures the contractor is performing work to construct the columns and guideway.

112th Avenue Southeast

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Daily closures of one northbound lane of 112th Avenue Southeast, between Bellevue Way Southeast and Southeast 4th Street.

Monday-Wednesday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.: As needed, in order to complete utility work and facilitate wall construction, Sound Transit's contractor may close one southbound lane of 112th Avenue Southeast, between Southeast 8th Street and Bellevue Way Southeast.

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: As needed, daily closures of one southbound lane of 112th Avenue Southeast, between Southeast 4th Street and Southeast 8th Street.

Southeast 8th Street

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: In conjunction with work at the intersection of Southeast 8th Street and 112th Avenue Southeast, the eastbound curb lane of Southeast 8th Street will be closed between 112th Avenue Southeast and 114th Avenue Southeast.

Bellevue Way Southeast

Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Daily closures of one northbound lane of Bellevue Way Southeast, between the South Bellevue Station site and the Wye at 112th Avenue Southeast.

Monday-Friday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.: As needed, crews will close one southbound lane of Bellevue Way Southeast, between the Wye at 112th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 30th.

Enatai Park-and-Ride one-day closure

The Enatai Park-and-Ride will be closed Friday, Feb. 23rd for maintenance.

During the closure, commuters are encouraged to use a recently opened park-and-ride located at Bellevue Church of Christ off Southeast 11th. The Bellevue Church of Christ Park-and-Ride, located at [1212 104th Avenue Southeast](#), is served by the same routes as the Enatai Lot; it's just one stop north of the Enatai Lot. Find more information about park-and-ride options during East Link construction on the [East Link Park-and-Ride page](#).

Early morning work at I-90 in Bellevue

Crews plan to begin work between east and westbound I-90 as early as 4 a.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 26-March 2.

In order to complete necessary work and reopen the Bellevue Way Southeast to I-90 west HOV ramp by 3 p.m. each day, crews need to begin work earlier. Crews will minimize noisier activities to normal working hours, M-F 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and equipment/vehicles will utilize broadband backup alarms. Sound Transit's contractor is permitted to work expanded hours along Bellevue Way Southeast, including 24-hour work in the area south of the future South Bellevue Station site.

Reminder of ongoing closures

For information on previously announced long-term and ongoing closures click [here](#).

- Daily/overnight closure of the Bellevue Way Southeast to I-90 west HOV ramp
 - Sidewalk closures and detours on Bellevue Way Southeast and 112th Avenue Southeast
 - Closure of Southeast 15th at 112th Avenue Southeast
 - Winters House and Blueberry Farm Closure and new temporary lot
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For more information

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- Jason Hampton, [206-903-7177](tel:206-903-7177) or jason.hampton@soundtransit.org
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