

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 02, 2017 6:04 PM  
**To:** Marie Jensen  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Gonzalez, Karen  
**Subject:** Follow Up: Pilot turn restrictions at SE 16th Street

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your recent email to the Transportation Department regarding the pilot traffic mitigation at SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street. As several residents have sent feedback within the past week, this response is being sent to all of you.

We want to acknowledge your feedback. Some of you expressed frustration of additional commute time; others have expressed support because of reduced commuter traffic. The sentiment of not being able to use your preferred route to/from home and school activities and the additional time it takes for you to re-route has been a common feedback theme since the pilot began on Sept. 5. The goal of the pilot is not to frustrate you but to address concerns we've heard from neighbors about increased commuter traffic in neighborhoods during multiple years of light rail construction on Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. We are seeing positive results from the pilot as there has been a decrease in traffic volumes in Bellecrest, Surrey Downs, and Enatai neighborhoods and near Beaux Arts Village.

Throughout the efforts of the [Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee](#), there have been in-depth discussions on the tradeoffs associated with traffic mitigation tools particularly regarding residential access versus discouraging commuter traffic. We will continue to monitor the pilot and receive feedback so that adjustments may be implemented should the pilot continue.

Another sentiment expressed by some is for the city to exempt residents of these neighborhoods from the pilot by issuing a placard. This type of system is not prudent or plausible as there is no local or national program or case law, there are inadequate administration and enforcement resources to effectively sustain the program and such a system could create unwanted or unexpected driver behavior.

Your constructive feedback is vital in evaluating the pilot and will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee. For more information about the Committee and the pilot, go to [bellevuewa.gov/ELTraffic](http://bellevuewa.gov/ELTraffic) or contact us.

Most sincerely,

Marie Jensen  
East Link Outreach  
425-452-2064  
[mjensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mjensen@bellevuewa.gov)

John Murphy  
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services  
425-452-6967  
[jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov)

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turn restrictions at Bellevue way

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "A.J. Brush" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 26, 2017 at 3:08:10 PM PDT  
**To:** "<[kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)>" <[kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Turn restrictions at Bellevue way

Hello

I live in the Enatai neighborhood and my son goes to Bellevue high. His theater practice often finishes at 6 pm. We used to drive south on 108<sup>th</sup> and then straight into the Enatai neighborhood. If I follow the rules at this point I can no longer easily pick up my son and go home. Instead I have to drive around and down Bellevue way.

Thanks for listening  
AJ Brush  
[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98004

Sent from my Windows 10 phone

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Ashish Munjal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 11:48 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Cc:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** Unfair 4-7 PM turn restrictions on SE 16TH ST imposed by city officials

TO: council@bellevuewa.gov

CC: Karen L. Gonzalez (email: kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov) (425) 452-4598  
Marie Jensen (email: mjensen@bellevuewa.gov) (425) 452-2064  
John Murphy (email: jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov) (425) 452-6967

RE: Unfair 4-7 PM turn restrictions on SE 16TH ST imposed by city officials

Dear City of Bellevue Council Members,

This is to make you aware that three of your city officials Karen L. Gonzalez, Marie Jensen and John Murphy have made an unfair and a biased decision to block path between Bellevue high school and homes of students by imposing unfair 4-7 PM turn restrictions on SE 16TH ST. **These city officials are taking on a HUGE liability upon themselves, and the City of Bellevue, including all Bellevue Council members, by forcing several hundred new teenage drivers from safer local neighborhood streets onto riskier higher speed and high traffic street Bellevue Way.** The 4-7 PM turn restrictions on SE 16TH ST will affect all current and future BHS students that use SE 16TH ST to drive to their homes after end of school. There are days when the BHS traffic doesn't even clear up till 4:15 PM or 4:20 PM and these restrictions are interfering with the ability of parents and students to safely reach home by use of internal neighborhood streets.

**Who takes liability if there is a death or injury of a new teenage driver simply trying to come back from after a day in high school because the City decided to force the drivers to use streets with higher traffic?** Please be aware that a purpose of this email is to make you aware that three of your city officials - Karen L. Gonzalez, Marie Jensen and John Murphy, are taking on a HUGE liability upon themselves and the City of Bellevue, including all Bellevue Council members, by forcing several hundred new teenage drivers from safer local neighborhood streets onto riskier higher speed and high traffic street Bellevue Way.

**This email will be used in court as evidence that city officials were aware that they were forcing several hundred new teenage drivers from safer local neighborhood streets onto riskier higher speed and high traffic street Bellevue Way by enforcing turn restrictions on SE 16TH ST and knowingly took on liability for future death or injury of any BHS student driving back from school to their home on Bellevue Way because other ways were blocked by city officials.**

Numerous residents of the impacted neighborhoods have notified your three city officials that these restrictions have been forced onto residents without proper analysis of risk to new teen drivers heading home after a day of school at BHS. These restrictions affect all residents that have elementary school or middle school students today that will be going to BHS in the future. As a consequence of these turn restrictions, the city is forcing new teen drivers to use busier Bellevue Way

instead of internal residential streets that residents were previously able to use when coming back from high school to their homes.

As tax payers, we have access rights to public streets. 4-7 PM turn restrictions on SE 16TH ST are taking away 60 hours of access every month.

We have communicated that city's decision to impose turn restrictions on SE 16th is NOT a solution to ANY problem. **It is simply creating a NEW PROBLEM for several hundred residents. It is blocking the path between high school and several hundred homes.**

Why are City officials risking the lives of high school students returning to their homes by forcing them to use Bellevue Way that has high speed trucks and buses?

**If this is not resolved gracefully with an acceptable solution for all residents, it will be escalated to the state transportation officials, the Washington Governor and US department of transportation that have oversight on city's unfair transportation decisions.** Karen, Marie and John have indicated if enough residents raise a concern with turn restrictions on SE 16th, they will look into a possible solution.

We asked as to how many residents have expressed their concern and the officials refused to give that information.

City officials should not be creating a new problem for neighborhoods by attempting to solve a problem for other neighborhoods. The turn restrictions weren't there up until 30 days ago. Why can't city simply issue the local residents a pass or a sticker so the local residents using the direct path between high school and their homes are not impacted by the turn restrictions? The traffic from the high school doesn't even clear up on some days up until 4:15 or 4:20 pm.

Why can't the City do the following?

1. Issue a pass or a sticker to the local residents using the direct path between high school and their homes?
2. Change the restriction to 5-7 PM so at least high school traffic has enough time to leave before the restrictions kick in
3. Or simply allow all local residents full access to the streets that they had access to up until 30 days ago

Definitely the city officials have been influenced more by certain neighborhoods than others as creating a problem for neighborhoods while solving problem for another neighborhood **shows lack of experience of decision makers.**

It is sad to see that other advanced states like Texas are solving the transportation problems by enabling drivers with use of 85 mph toll roads and synchronized traffic lights for ~50 miles of driving across entire cities without stopping on traffic lights and our city officials are innovating restrictions to use of our own neighborhood streets by blocking path between high school and several hundred homes affected by the restrictions.

I am requesting that a city official acknowledge the receipt of this email.

Regards,  
Ashish Munjal  
[REDACTED]

Bellevue, WA 98004



## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Amy Neely [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 9:39 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** Turn restrictions on SE 16th ST

Please reconsider the 4-7pm turn ban on SE 16th ST. This has adversely effected everyone in my family who drives home during that time every day from work, after school activities, sports, grocery shopping, etc. I've also noticed that traffic in downtown Bellevue has been worse since the ban. Creating backups on every street in town and creating more traffic cutting through on 104th.

As much as I don't want people cutting through Enatai, I don't think it is fair to our residents to tell us that we can't drive down a public road to get into our own neighborhood. What about giving the residents sticker's for our cars or a sign that reads residents only. As they do around Bellevue high for the residents who need to park around their neighborhood.

Living in Enatai, we also deal with the Bellevue way closure as well during the weekends. Maybe if Bellevue limited it's growth, by not building apartments and condos on every corner, we wouldn't need to deal with so much traffic.

Thank you,  
The Neely Family

Sent from my iPhone

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic restrictions - Enatai

-----Original Message-----

From: BRENDA Nicholson [mailto: ]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 12:32 PM  
To: Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>  
Subject: Traffic restrictions - Enatai

Hello,

I wanted to give my comments about the traffic restrictions around Enatai.

I really feel this is not a solution as it restricts our access into our neighborhood. This can cause a lot of problems if parents are carpooling kids and have a 'route' that makes sense according to where kids live.

It also causes problems for Enatai high schoolers to get home. A couple examples that have happened in the past week....

1. my daughter had a dance practice after school and then needed to zoom home for a golf lesson. She parks in the lot off of 108th and cannot drive directly to our house.
2. My boys play football and leave the school anywhere between 6:15 and 7. Again they cannot drive directly home.
3. One afternoon I needed to take something to my son at BHS and I couldnt drive back home the same way which is the more direct way. Doesnt make sense to restrict people from getting to their neighborhoods via the best direct route.
4. I understand trying to keep people from driving down 108th that want to get to I-90 but now all traffic is going to Bellevue Way via Main street...which now backs up 3 blocks.
5. Traffic flow south on 112th going towards Bellevue Way....taking the left on Bellevue Way...light is so short its only letting 6-7 cars through at a time.

The city said they are addressing the needs of BHS and that 'most students' go home by 4. Thats not true. There are kids in sports, clubs, parents picking up and drop off, and tutorial that go on well past 4:00.

There should be a sticker or tag for Enatai residents. I know that has been mentioned and deemed 'too hard'. Thats not true either. There are parking passes issued to residents all around Bellevue High. Providing 2 bills with an address is required. That could be done for Enatai. We have to provide that info to schools to prove residence.

What about letting residents drive west on SE 16th and cross Bellevue Way to get to Enatai? Keeping the light at 108th and Bellevue free of 'through traffic'.

Thank you,  
Brenda Nicholson

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 10:38 AM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turn restriction @ SE 16th St

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Barbara Richter <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** October 27, 2017 at 10:19:10 AM PDT  
**To:** [kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** Turn restriction @ SE 16th St

It has been several weeks since the start of turn restrictions traveling south on 108th Ave SE. I appreciate the change and the relief in traffic flow during the hours of 4-7 PM. I am no longer prevented from returning home at the end of the day and the long waits caused by motorists trying to avoid rush hour traffic along Bellevue Way SE. The neighborhood is noticeably quieter and atmosphere once again serene. Thank you for listening to the concerns of all my near neighbors of the Bellecrest Neighborhood Association.

Barbara Richter  
[REDACTED]



## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Carole S. Fisher <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; kgonzalez@bellevuewa.com; Jensen, Marie; Council  
**Subject:** Traffic Mitigation on 108th Ave SE

Thank you for instituting the through-traffic mitigation on 108th SE between 4-7pm.

While it is sometimes personally problematic for me, I FULLY SUPPORT CONTINUING this change.

In addition, I believe that TRAFFIC PENALTIES for violators is the most important aspect of ongoing success.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Carole Fisher

[REDACTED]

Bellevue, WA 98004

[REDACTED]

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Christie Hammond <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 8:13 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Gonzalez, Karen  
**Subject:** RE: Enatai & Surrey Downs Traffic Revision  
  
**Expires:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:00 AM

Hi Marie,

It is good to hear from you. This is a lovely explanation, it does not however tell me that you will be addressing the concerns of residents and in what manner that might be.

Best Regards,

*Christie L. Hammond*



[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98009-3661  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov) [mailto:[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 8:09 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov); [KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov); [MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Enatai & Surrey Downs Traffic Revision

Hi Christie

Thanks for letting us know about your disappointment. As I mentioned in my voice mail to you yesterday, it was not our intent to send a reply that felt "canned." Our intent was to be responsive to the many emails received within days of each other by providing consistent information to address common concerns. The emails expressed similar sentiments – frustration of additional time to reach homes, the need for enforcement, and the concept of exempting residents from the restrictions.

The pilot has been our opportunity to learn about its effectiveness. We've seen an overall decrease in commuter traffic which as the primary goal of the program. And we continue to receive valuable input from residents about their experiences and observations.

We appreciate your continued feedback. Feel free to contact us should you wish to talk or meet.

Sincerely,

Marie Jensen  
East Link Outreach Lead  
425-452-2064

John Murphy  
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services  
425-452-6967

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**From:** Christie Hammond [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:40 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John <[JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov)>; Jensen, Marie <[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov)>; Council <[Council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Council@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Enatai & Surrey Downs Traffic Revision

Hello John and Marie,

I have written to voice my frustration with the current traffic "mitigation" on 108th Ave, as have many others. I have received your response (see below) and I have to tell you it is clearly a canned response.

This is not the personal touch and it makes you and the City look like you don't care about what your citizens have to say.

The issues here are too great and too personal to allow the perception that you don't care. You can do better.

Best Regards,

*Christie L. Hammond*



[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98009-3661  
[REDACTED]

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## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:52 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW: 4-7pm turn restrictions on SE 16th

Forwarding since your email address was wrong in the initial email that Colleen sent.

*Sandy*

City Council Office  
452-4088

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**From:** Colleen O'Donnell [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 20:03  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; mjensen@bellevuewa.gov  
**Subject:** 4-7pm turn restrictions on SE 16th

Dear council members,

My name is Colleen O'Donnell and I live on [REDACTED] 106th Ave SE. We travel to and from Bellevue High School every day. My daughter has a parking spot on the eastside of BHS so when she pulls out of the school parking lot her only choice is to turn right (as per the right turn arrow). This puts her going south on 108th Ave at around 4:00 each day. She would normally take a right onto SE 16th, proceed through Bellevue Way and up SE 16th to take a left at the very next street on 106th Ave. which is where we live.

If she follows the rules of the school, only being able to go right onto 108th and then has to take a right at the bottom of SE 16th street, how do you suggest she gets home? Should she then try and take a left onto the next street thereby slowing traffic on Bellevue way to wait for an opening on the crazy, busy southbound traffic of Bellevue Way? Doesn't this seem counter intuitive? Aren't we trying to get people off of the road sooner?

How too is she supposed to get gas coming out of Bellevue High School? If she has to take a right on SE 16th street how does she get to the Chevron?

These are the questions we are facing each day that we stood up and told you about at the meeting and that the majority of the people voted against when it came to a vote.

The people who live in Enatai are the ones that are being most adversely affected by the Sound Transit construction as it is and now you are making it more difficult to get in and out of our own neighborhood coming from our own neighborhood schools.

Please help us by listening to these valid complaints and change this crazy law that isn't helping the traffic patterns.

Thank you,

Colleen O'Donnell  
[REDACTED]

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 02, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic along 108th Ave SE, Bellevue

FYI

Sandy  
City Council Office  
452-4088

-----Original Message-----

From: Cheng See Dale [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 19:31  
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>  
Subject: Traffic along 108th Ave SE, Bellevue

Dear Council Members,

The pilot program seems to work and there is a reduction in traffic. I would support the continuation of the program.

Thank you very much for hearing our concerns and giving us support in this matter.

Cheng See Dale, Resident

Sent from my iPad

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 11:58 AM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW: 108th turn restrictions

**From:** Darren Koch [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** 108th turn restrictions

Karen,

My name is Darren Koch and I live at 109th ave SE in Bellevue (cross-street is SE 14th). I also work in Bellevue at 601 108th NE across from the Transit Center.

I'm writing about the traffic restrictions I encounter. I fully appreciate the goal that you are trying to achieve. Balancing the residents needs along the 108th corridor with the business needs of those who work in Bellevue is no easy matter.

My travel needs are not improved by the current situation. Every day, I could exit my office and drive down 108th directly, but am forced to detour around the main & 108th intersection. This is then compounded on the days when I need to travel from home to any location south due to the new restrictions. Next year, my son will start at Enatai Elementary and it will get worse.

I have a proposed simple solution. If you imposed a left-turn restriction on Bellevue Way and also at SE 16th during specific hours, you could greatly mitigate the issues of through-traffic, while allowing residents of Enatai & Bellcrest easy travel.

I would also suggest removing the restriction at main and 108th. It would allow easier access to Bellevue High and facilitate the connection from downtown to the south neighborhoods. The turn restriction onto Bellevue Way would mitigate the incentive of using 108th as a through-street. At a minimum, it would be great if you would consider lifting the restriction on nights & weekends.

Whatever the decision, I do realize this is a challenging problem. I have found in my work that trying a few different solutions, letting them have a chance to settle in, and looking at the results often yields the best results.

Best Regards,  
Darren Koch

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** E & C <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 3:38 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie; Gonzalez, Karen; Council  
**Subject:** Support for Traffic Mitigation Pilot on 108th Ave SE

Having lived on 108th Ave SE for over 37 years, my wife and I appreciate the continued support of the Bellevue City Council and the Bellevue City staff for our neighborhood and especially for trying to mitigate the impact of growing traffic over the years. The speed bumps, the planters and the prohibition on crossing Main Street from 108th NE have all helped, as did the modification to the ingress and egress to Bellevue High after the renovation of the school.

However, traffic volumes have continued to increase (and the number of cars exceeding the 25MPH speed limit) as commuters used our street as a way to avoid backups on Bellevue Way. Recently with the Sound Transit construction, it has been almost impossible to leave or return to our house during the main commuting times in the morning and afternoon. The traffic mitigation plan has certainly helped in the afternoons and I would strongly support continuing the program at least until the Sound Transit construction is complete and perhaps even afterwards. Traffic on 108th is a concern and topic of frequent conversation in my neighborhood as is the hope that Bellevue City will extend the pilot program.

Thanks for your support,

Erik Fromm  
[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98004

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW: South Bellevue Traffic

Marie, is this East Link traffic that he's referring to?

*Sandy*

City Council Office  
452-4088

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**From:** Fred Reininger [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 14:45  
**To:** Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** South Bellevue Traffic

I am writing to express my concern over the SE 16th traffic restrictions and what is happening in general. Since the SE 16 restrictions were put in traffic in front of our home on Killarney Way has increased in both speed and volume especially on wet nights when the commute is bad. It seems Bellevue is doing a lot to help commuters and forgetting about the residents. The timing of the lights now at SE 16th, 108th SE and 112th SE has over doubled the time it takes us to reach 405. I used to reach NE 70th in Kirkland in less than 10 minutes. Now it takes 8+ minutes just to reach the SE 8th ramps. Additionally the new proposed HOV lane down Bellevue Way will only increase auto pollution in our area by increasing the amount of vehicles sitting at idle in our neighborhood. There is NO PLACE for the cars to go now so why increase the road size? Why must fight this every few years. It has been killed at least 4 times in the past 20 years but keeps coming back. I have lived in Bellevue for 50 years and am amazed how the City continually does what it wants contrary to public input.

The priority of the City of Bellevue traffic planning should residents first. We pay your salaries not the commuters. Isn't it about time to work for those that pay you.

Fred Reininger  
[REDACTED]



## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 3:01 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic restrictions in Enatai and Beaux Arts Village

East Link?

*Sandy*

City Council Office  
452-4088

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**From:** Gina Pijpker [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 09:51  
**To:** Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Traffic restrictions in Enatai and Beaux Arts Village

Hello,

I am a Beaux Arts resident and am frustrated that Enatai and Beaux Arts residents cannot access our own neighborhoods via 108th and 116th. AND yet 104th is allowed as a means to access I-90? This is even further west from Bellevue Way and makes little sense yet our neighborhoods' quiet streets are being overcrowded and our children are being put at increased risk due to this oversight.

As a former Issaquah resident, downtown Issaquah has restricted access through side streets similar to Enatai/Beaux Arts 'EXCEPT for local residents' as all of the signs state. This is easily enforced by Issaquah police as I've personally witnessed non-locals being pulled over and ticketed. Please consult with Issaquah police to learn how they go about this. And please remove the restrictions for those of us that actually live here and are merely trying to get home, get our kids to-and-from jobs, activities, etc. You as the Bellevue City Council can do better.

Thanks,

Gina Pijpker

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Follow up: Pilot turn restrictions at SE 16th Street

Dear Ms. Pijpker,

Thank you for your Nov. 1 email to the Bellevue City Council regarding the pilot traffic mitigation at SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The City has received several emails recently regarding the pilot program. Some feedback expresses frustration of additional commute time; other feedback expresses support because of reduced commuter traffic.

The goal of the pilot is not to frustrate you and your neighbors but to address concerns the City has heard from neighbors about increased commuter traffic in neighborhoods during multiple years of light rail construction on Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. We are seeing positive results from the pilot as there has been a decrease in traffic volumes in Bellecrest, Surrey Downs, and Enatai neighborhoods and near Beaux Arts Village.

Throughout the efforts of the [Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee](#), there have been in-depth discussions on the tradeoffs associated with traffic mitigation tools particularly regarding residential access versus discouraging commuter traffic. We will continue to monitor the pilot and receive feedback so that adjustments may be implemented should the pilot continue. Also, we are waiting to hear back from the City of Issaquah on its neighborhood traffic mitigation efforts you reference.

Your constructive feedback is vital in evaluating the pilot and will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee. For more information about the Committee and the pilot, go to [bellevuewa.gov/ELTraffic](http://bellevuewa.gov/ELTraffic) or contact us.

Most sincerely,  
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John Murphy  
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services  
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## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Enatai - street closures 4-7pm

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** James Bennett <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** October 25, 2017 at 5:11:23 PM PDT  
**To:** [kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** Enatai - street closures 4-7pm

I am a resident of Beaux Arts that has a small business located on Main Street and 108th. I also have a student at Bellevue High. These 4-7pm Street closures make our life so much more difficult and frustrating. I am opposed to these road closures during these times - during any times as a resident of Enatai/Beaux Arts.

Thank you!

Jim

Jim Bennett  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** Berg, David; Gonzalez, Karen; Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic

FYI only

*Sandy*

City Council Office  
452-4088

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**From:** Joyce Craig [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 15:26  
**To:** Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Traffic

Thank you for the help with traffic problems on 108th Ave. S.E. We can now get our mail without waiting for 20 minutes.

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 7:04 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Restriction on 108th Ave SE between 4-7PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** joy page [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 30, 2017 at 6:43:52 PM PDT  
**To:** [kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** Restriction on 108th Ave SE between 4-7PM

Hello,

In regards to the restriction that creates a problem for Enatai neighborhood residents on the south side of 108th who are trying to get home, here is a suggestion. Instead of creating more traffic, using more fuel and causing cars to stay on roads longer why not just post a sign for a legal "drive through" on 108th (as usual) for Residents Only during that time. If a traffic officer is present on 108th (south side) they can randomly pull over drivers and can check license to verify address. If they don't live in the neighborhood then issue a ticket (maximum allowable) the revenues will cover the time for officer and most likely will have additional revenue. Word travels very quickly throughout the commuters working in Bellevue and it will be eventually be known, not to drive down 108th.

I see no improvement in traffic with this current restriction that has been implemented.

Thanks,

**Joy Page**  
[REDACTED]

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Cc:** Council  
**Subject:** 4-7 PM turn restrictions on SE 16TH ST

Good afternoon,

I wanted to express my concerns with making the 4-7 turn restrictions permanent. I routinely drive back and forth from my home in Enatai to the high school. I frequently take the back roads to avoid the traffic on Bellevue Way. I frequently "forget" about the turn restrictions and am forced to go out of my way to access my own neighborhood. Would you consider some sort of pass to neighborhood residents that are not trying to use Enatai as a shortcut but as a direct means to our homes?

**Jill Welch | eXcell, a division of CompuCom Systems, Inc.**  
Executive Vice President



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## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:55 AM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW:

For response.

Sandy  
City Council Office  
452-4088

-----Original Message-----

From: Katy Enger [mailto: ]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 16:49  
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>  
Subject:

The restrictions going into Enatai from 4-7 need to stop! My high schooler and soon to be high schoolers are impacted as am I. Kids with after school activities are forced to use an already crowded bellevue way. Either take it off or give residents a sticker that allows them to go straight or turn up.

Thank you  
Katy Enger

Sent from my iPhone

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Kip Hauser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:58 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** 4pm to 7pm turn restrictions on SE 16th

Hello,

I live in Enatai at [REDACTED] 104th Ave SE. I'm not exactly certain why there is now a restriction M-F 4pm to 7pm for crossing Bellevue Way on SE 16th Street. I'm guessing it's to reduce the neighborhood cut through traffic.

Regardless of the reason this creates a very problematic situation for my family. I have several teen drivers that attend Bellevue HS and take that route daily too and from BHS practices and after school events. I see no reason why we are forcing young drivers to add to the current disaster that Bellevue Way traffic has turned into at that peak time. They used to have a very short safe route home, down 108th right on SE 16th and left on 104th. Now they have to enter to Bellevue Way gridlock at BHS Bellevue Way light (with other aggravated/aggressive commuters).

I understand that the light rail construction is going to create disruption and more traffic. There needs to be a better plan in place for local residents that take routes like these 2 to 4 times a day, every day between 4pm & 7PM M-F. A vehicle sticker or neighborhood pass...something. Put yourself in our shoes.

Regards,

Kip Hauser



## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 02, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** FW: Enatai traffic

For response.

Sandy  
City Council Office  
452-4088

-----Original Message-----

From: Kit Watson [mailto: ]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 22:17  
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>  
Subject: Enatai traffic

Hello,

I am a parent of two busy teenagers. I am driving them 4 nights a week to and from in the middle of traffic, to Bellevue High School and Hidden Valley from 5:30-7:00 pm. I live in the Enatai neighborhood and closing down 108th has been difficult on my schedule and completely frustrating. Especially when I need to pick up one daughter at BHS and get her home to then head out with another daughter to Hidden Valley.

I don't understand why 1 neighborhood's needs gets to run over the needs of another neighborhood. It would be one thing to stop the downtown commuters driving down 108th and rerouting them to Bellevue Way or out to 405, but not people that live here.

Please re-open 108th access to the Enatai neighborhood.

Regards,  
Kit Watson

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Liz Baxter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 9:25 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Cc:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** Traffic and Restricted Turns

My name is Liz Baxter and I live on SE 16th Street in the Enatai/Killarney neighborhood.

There have been many issues with the current traffic flow changes in our neighborhood. I do not feel the COB is taking care of its taxpayers and neighborhoods again.

We should be given some type of local status and identifier - sticker, a placard, something. Apparently the argument against this idea, that many people have been suggesting, is that it would be too difficult to enforce.

If the police are planning to enforce the new traffic turning restrictions and issue \$136 tickets then they should also be able to identify residents. Please help me reconcile this... They can do one thing, but not another? Interesting...

Sincerely,  
Liz Baxter

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 08, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Mary Jo Bruckner  
**Cc:** Bruckner Jim (James); [REDACTED] Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** RE: Additional Road Closure signage needed in Enatai

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bruckner,

Thank you for your email to the City Council and staff about additional signage during weekend closures on Bellevue Way. The good news is that there is one last weekend closure planned for Nov. 18-19 to complete utility work. This will be a full closure (all lanes and I-90 ramps closed) and will be the last in the series you've endured since June.

The next phase of construction adjacent to Bellevue Way SE will be to build the guideway. This Phase 2 of construction is expected to begin in January 2018. The maintenance of traffic plan allows for this work to take place on 10 weekends during 16 months. No full closures are anticipated during this phase of construction. However, it's important to remember that construction schedules often change.

In Phase 2, during weekdays, Bellevue Way will maintain two lanes in the peak direction during peak commute times:

- Two lanes in the northbound direction in the a.m. with one southbound lane open
- Two lanes in the southbound direction in the p.m. peak with one northbound lane open

During weekend work in Phase 2, the contractor is allowed to work 7 a. m. to 9 p.m. Bellevue Way will be reduced to one lane each direction.

Construction related lane closures are an inevitable part of any major transportation project. Knowing what to expect and planning ahead is the best way to limit their impacts on your commute. If you'd like to receive East Link construction alerts via email, go to [www.soundtransit.org/subscribe](http://www.soundtransit.org/subscribe).

I will share your email with Sound Transit. Please contact me should you have future concerns or questions.

Most sincerely,

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

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Jo Bruckner [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 3:52 PM  
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: Bruckner Jim (James) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Additional Road Closure signage needed in Enatai

Dear Ms. Jensen, Mr. Murphy, and City Council Members,

The egress to our Enatai neighborhood has been significantly impacted by the Sound Transit work. It continues to be a challenge. On the weekends, we now add an additional 15 minutes to every trip from our home - if we remember or are aware of the closures.

As we struggle with the frequent closures of Bellevue Way, and the limited and ever-changing access we have to both leaving and reaching our home in Enatai, we would appreciate additional signage to notify the neighborhood when Bellevue Way is closed and access to I-90 is restricted or eliminated.

Specifically:

1. signage at SE 25th Street and 108th AVE SE stating that access to Bellevue Way and I-90 at 113th AVE SE is blocked/not allowed  
2. signage at 108th AVE SE and 113th AVE SE stating that access to Bellevue Way and I-90 at 113th AVE SE is blocked/not allowed

Sincerely,

Mary Jo and Jim Bruckner

[REDACTED]

Bellevue, Washington 98004

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** Berg, David; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John; Arpin, Patrick  
**Subject:** FW: 10815 SE 12th Street

FYI

Sandy  
City Council Office  
452-4088

-----Original Message-----

From: Margot [mailto: ]  
Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 09:24  
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>  
Subject: SE 12th Street

Mitigation traffic - Thank you for taking action and prohibiting cars from turning 4-7pm. Traffic impacts in our neighborhood have been significantly reduced. We have also lately observed more pedestrians and bikers on our street.

Unfortunately, these new prohibitions are still ignored by many drivers on a daily basis. We thank you for implementing these changes yet also remind you that ongoing active enforcement is also essential. I would encourage the city to consider installing a photo enforcement device at these two intersections.

Thank you again for helping our neighborhood stay a neighborhood instead of all day cut through for cars.

Sincerely,  
Margot Navarre

Sent from my iPad

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Marty Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** Enatai: Turn Restriction from 108th to SE 16th

To Whom it may concern;

The proposed turn restrictions from 108th Ave SE onto SE 16th affect the route I travel to my home in Enatai every day, along with my High School student at Bellevue High. The residents of Enatai should not be stripped of the use of surface streets that serve their neighborhood. It is dangerous to re-route us onto the busy and fast traffic on Bellevue to access our neighborhood. Please lift these restrictions immediately.

Thank You,  
Marty Nelson  
[REDACTED]

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Noel Murphy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:59 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** 16th/Bell Way/108th 4-7 pm turn restrictions

Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Jensen, and Mr. Murphy,

I would like to share with you my frustration with the new turn restrictions. I understand and appreciate that the city initiated these turn restrictions to minimize traffic through our neighborhoods during the construction period, but I don't think they are an effective solution. They are inconveniencing the neighborhood more than they could possibly be thwarting unwanted drivers into our neighborhoods. We live in Enatai and we are negatively affected by this daily.

- 1.
2. We have a Bellevue High School student who is participating in a fall sport, which means, he is regularly having to go around the blockade, a full additional mile out of his way to get home. These are already busy kids who don't need the extra inconvenience.
3. We are in a neighborhood soccer carpool with families living in Surrey Downs and Enatai. This neighborhood carpool has sometimes up to 20 families participating and driving kids to Eastside FC, out I-90 to Fall City. We are picking up and dropping off kids regularly during that period. It has added at least 10-20 minutes to every drive, requiring us to drive through the high school, down Wolverine Way, up 104th, through the Enatai neighborhood, and onto I-90. You are just creating new unwanted traffic patterns.

In addition, I don't think it is as effective as you think it is. Without it regularly enforced either by police officers or camera, or an actual physical blockade, there are many drivers who simply take their chances and use the road anyway. There is still a line up of cars there trying to turn left on Bellevue Way daily between 4-7pm.

Please figure out ways to reduce drive-through traffic without inconveniencing the neighborhoods. The entire EastLink project is one big five year long headache and inconvenience for us all. Believe me, we are wishing we sold our house before it all started. Please don't make it worse with half baked turn restrictions.

Thank you,  
Noel Murphy,  
Enatai resident

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Follow Up: Pilot Turn Restrictions at SE 16th Street

Hi Mr. Bryan

Thank you for your recent email to the Bellevue City Council regarding the pilot traffic mitigation at SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street. We want to acknowledge your feedback. Some of the feedback expressed has been about frustration of additional commute time. Other feedback expressed support of the pilot because of reduced commuter traffic.

The goal of the pilot is not to frustrate you but to address concerns the City has heard from neighbors about increased commuter traffic in neighborhoods during multiple years of light rail construction on Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. We are seeing positive results from the pilot as there has been a decrease in traffic volumes in Bellecrest, Surrey Downs, and Enatai neighborhoods and near Beaux Arts Village.

Throughout the efforts of the [Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee](#), there have been in-depth discussions on the tradeoffs associated with traffic mitigation tools particularly regarding residential access versus discouraging commuter traffic. We will continue to monitor the pilot and receive feedback so that adjustments may be implemented should the pilot continue.

Your valuable feedback is vital in evaluating the pilot and will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee. For more information about the Committee and the pilot, go to [bellevuewa.gov/ELTraffic](http://bellevuewa.gov/ELTraffic) or contact us.

Most sincerely,

Marie Jensen  
East Link Outreach  
425-452-2064  
[mjensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mjensen@bellevuewa.gov)

John Murphy  
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services  
425-452-6967  
[jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov)



## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Murphy, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW: Turn Restrictions in Bellevue

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**From:** Pamela Hiatt (CELA) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Turn Restrictions in Bellevue

I am writing to protest the 4-7 turn restrictions on SE 16<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> In Bellevue. As a taxpayer living in Enatai I find this extremely troubling. We pay very high taxes to live in this neighborhood and now we are being restricted for 60 hours each month. Will I get a pro- rated return on this restriction taken out of the taxes I pay? Also, with some of the current through and turn restrictions in Bellevue, some of us have no other way to get to our homes except to disregard the 4-7 restrictions. I ask that you please make sure these restrictions do not become permanent.

Pamela Hiatt



*Pamela Hiatt*

Sr. Attorney | Marketing Legal | [REDACTED]  
Fake News Backfires for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox. [Read more...](#)

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:56 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: traffic mitigation in Enatai

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paige Spink [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 26, 2017 at 4:50:42 PM PDT  
**To:** "<[kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)>" <[kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** traffic mitigation in Enatai  
**Reply-To:** Paige Spink [REDACTED] >

Dear Ms Gonzalez,

I am writing about the traffic mitigation plan which is in a trial phase in Enatai. I realize that the city is trying to eliminate commuter traffic cutting through 108th Ave to get on to I-90, but the current mitigation also unfairly penalizes those of us who live in Enatai. It is bad enough that we have to live through Sound Transit Construction for the next 7 years and then the impact on our neighborhood for years to come, but now we are not able to come through our own neighborhood to escape the commuters you are trying to protect us from. When I am in a meeting downtown, grocery shopping after work or visiting an elderly friend I must either fight Bellevue Way traffic or 112th, which thanks to Sound transit is down to one lane and a virtual crawl headed south after 3:30 pm. If you are coming from Bellevue High or Surrey Downs to Enatai on the south side of Bellevue Way you must head down to Bellevue way or go around via main street to 112th. Either alternative **means more time and additional fuel costs to the residents of Enatai**. Neither is acceptable or fair.

Imagine if you actually allowed Enatai residents to use 108th Ave. and 16th to access their homes between 4-7pm, but ticketed commuters who used 108th Ave. as a cut through. It seems that residents could be given a Good To Go type pass for their vehicles. All other vehicles could be ticketed. The revenues generated would not only pay for the monitoring system, but give the city another temporary source of income. Once a commuter pays a \$135 fine they are unlikely to cut through again.

I assure you the residents of Medina would not tolerate this community impact from Sound Transit construction or commuters and the city knows that. Perhaps that is why there is not light rail running from Bellevue Way to 520.

Sincerely,

Paige Spink  
[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98004

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turn Restrictions 4-7pm from 108th Ave

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Pamela [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 26, 2017 at 4:08:58 PM PDT  
**To:** [kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** Turn Restrictions 4-7pm from 108th Ave

Hi Karen,

I'm writing as a resident of Surrey Downs who is adversely affected by the 4-7pm turn restrictions from 108th.

I called you in early September to express my concern and disappointment about the restrictions and am writing as a follow up, nearly 2 months in, to confirm this is not an acceptable solution.

I live in Surrey Downs, I work from home regularly, and my children are in a home daycare and at Preschool (extended day care) both in the Enatai area (pre-K at Enatai elementary school and the day care in a neighborhood off 108th south of Main street).

It is inconvenient respecting these turn restrictions in multiple facets.

- Timing wise, respecting these restrictions extend my commute to pick up my kids by 50%, at worse, it's double or more.
- Wasteful, these restrictions have me driving in the wrong directions to pick up my kids. Literally, in respecting these restrictions I either drive north (on 108th), west, and south, to return to 108th and resume my pick up route, or I drive north to main street from my neighborhood, then east, then south (112th), and north again to return to 108th. When I should just drive south on 108th.
- Because I try respect the laws, but want to avoid the super long line of cars from main street turning south onto Bellevue way, and avoid some of the extensive Bellevue way traffic, I cut through the high school parking lot. so I only go out of my way a little bit. I don't want to do this, I'm rushing, one shouldn't drive rushed through a school parking lot, but that's what I have to do to be compliant.
- It doesn't seem worth it to comply with these restrictions since most people don't appear to comply. I drive back (via 108th, North) from picking up my kids between 5-6pm, and there are still TONS of cars coming down the hill and going straight or turning onto Bellevue way. I saw one or two days at the beginning of October when folks were being pulled over at the Chevron, but since then nothing.

I believe these restrictions were put in place to improve the lives of those living on 108th and those who need to use that road for home access. I'm included in that population (address: [REDACTED] Bellevue WA 98004), yet this has negatively affected my life, and it doesn't appear to have affected behaviors.

I previously suggested that there be some sort of driving pass that allowed someone living on 108th, or in Surrey Downs or the neighborhoods off of 108th, to ignore the restrictions. I still think that would actually work. The push back I heard was that enforcement was difficult. Currently it doesn't appear that there is any enforcement going on, so the only notable change I see is that my commute is made less efficient (and in-fact in-efficient going out of my way).

I believe the best course of action is selecting one of the two options below.

Option 1: Completely remove the restrictions (they appear to be ineffective anyway)

Option 2: Provide a pass (like a zone parking pass) that folks can display on their car somewhere that allows them to ignore the restrictions, and which can either be provided if an officer pulls them over, or easily seen by cops on patrol to avoid an errant stop in the first place.

Barring these either of these two options being selected, enforcement, in order to be effective should occur regularly for the next two months to see if when people actual follow the rules, if it achieves the desired gains. Regular enforcement, as I see it, would look like two cops situated right on 108th from 4-7pm for 3-4 days a week for a 3 weeks, and maybe 2 days a week for the next month, and then maybe one day a week... The enforcement twice has worn off.

But I'd like to reiterate, **these traffic restrictions are too restrictive and hurt the residents it purports to be helping. I believe the local residents should not be subject to these restrictions** and look forward to the end of the trial period.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing what the outcome of the trial period is.

Please let me know if there are any community feedback live forums discussing this matter coming up, I would be very interested in attending to reiterate my feedback

Kind Regards,  
Pamela Unger  
Surrey Downs resident (parent of Enatai elementary student)

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Paul Zahner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Gonzalez, Karen  
**Subject:** Re: Turn Restrictions on 108th AVE SE

Marie,

Thanks for your return message.

Indeed, enforcement is the key to make this program work, but I also believe that better and proper signage would make a marked difference in compliance.

In my estimation the orange information sign on the southwest corner of 108th and Main St is difficult for motorists to see and read. It is too verbose and too high up.

The two signs on 108th just north of SE 16th St are also too high, despite their warning lights, and actually unbelievable considering the lack of any other warning road striping or notice.

Also, I believe the "no turn" sign should be at the intersection of 108th and Bellevue Rd instead of north of SE16th and should read "Right Turn Only". This would allow the residence living on that portion of and off of 108th SE access to their homes and also allow access to the gas station/convenience store without violating the traffic restriction. The intent here is not to limit residents movements but only to restrict the "drive through" traffic that is so severely impacting our neighborhood.

It is a long way from Main to Bellevue way and motorists who have mistakenly traversed the mile distance only to find themselves caught in a proverbial maze going back north will probably be inclined to risk the unlikelihood of a traffic violation that they were so poorly informed about. There needs to be better signage before they start down 108th. In the short term I suggest that the city place a lighted word sign (the kind that displays tailored text) at the intersection of 108th and Main advising drivers that they will not be allowed to continue south on 108th or turn left onto Bellevue Way at the intersection.

Thanks for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Paul Zahner  
[REDACTED]

Bellevue.

*Dear Mr. Zahner,*

*Thank you for your feedback on the pilot turn restrictions at SE 16<sup>th</sup>/108<sup>th</sup>. 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,*

*Marie Jensen*

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

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**From:** Paul Zahner [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 5:48 PM

**To:** Jensen, Marie <[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov)>; Murphy, John <[JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov)>; Gonzalez, Karen <[KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** Turn Restrictions on 108th AVE SE

Good Afternoon,

My name is Paul Zahner. I live on 108th Ave SE, Bellevue.

I am concerned about the traffic on the road. The traffic remedy on 108th at Bellevue Way does NOT seem to be working. Just making a casual count this afternoon around 5 pm, in one five minute period I witnessed 22 vehicles ignoring or acting unaware of the traffic restriction. In another five minute period, 19 vehicles broke the traffic restriction.

While there may have been some initial adherence to the restriction, from a casual observance of the traffic passing my house now, it appears there is little change to the southbound traffic between 4 pm and 7 pm, the times of the turn restriction. The current signs with their warning lights appear to be inadequate to alert motorists of this restriction. Perhaps a physical barrier can encourage compliance and enforcement that the signs alone cannot.

I would like to ask the city to enforce the new turn restrictions on 108th Ave SE.

Sincerely,

Paul Zahner

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 8:16 AM  
**To:** Rob Dangerfield  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Welaye, Maher; Gonzalez, Karen  
**Subject:** RE: East Link Construction - 108th Restriction

Hi Rob

Thank you for sharing your observations about the pilot turn restrictions; they are valuable to understanding the effectiveness of the pilot. The pilot has provided the opportunity to learn whether it's achieving its goal to discourage commuter traffic within the neighborhoods closest to light rail construction. Since it started Sept 5, there have been decreases in traffic volumes, particularly along 108<sup>th</sup> north of Bellevue Way.

We will continue to receive feedback and share it with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee.

Most sincerely,

Marie Jensen  
East Link Outreach Lead  
425-452-2064

John Murphy  
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services  
425-452-6967

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**From:** Welaye, Maher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Rob Dangerfield <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: East Link Construction - 108th Restriction

Thank you Rob for contacting me in regard to your concerns with the Pilot Project. I am forwarding your email to our staff who is managing the Pilot Project and they will get back to you in the next couple of days.

Again, we appreciate you taking the time and writing us.

*Maher Welaye, PE*  
East Link – Engineering Manager  
City of Bellevue, Transportation Department  
450 - 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004  
425-452-4879 (phone) 425-452-2874 (fax)  
[mwelaye@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mwelaye@bellevuewa.gov)



**From:** Rob Dangerfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** Welaye, Maher <[MWelaye@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MWelaye@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** East Link Construction - 108th Restriction

Hello Maher,

This is in regard to the Pilot Project to discourage evening commuter traffic in South Bellevue. While I can understand that the Bellecrest Neighborhood doesn't want the additional traffic, that is directly the side effect of closing down 2 lanes of 112th Ave for East Link construction. The fact that the city will no longer let motorists use 108th ave as a detour has just created even more congestion on Bellevue Way and 112th, which was already bad due to the East Link construction.

The added traffic is simply one of the prices the community has to bear while this construction happens. Restricting 108th does not make anyone better off, rather it has caused a lot of unnecessary policing and made congestion worse off for everyone. As a resident of Bellecrest, I am fully against this pilot project and what it is trying to achieve. We all have to bear with the effects from the East Link construction, there is absolutely no reason why 108th should be spared from it. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you'd like further comment. Thank you for your time.

-Rob



## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Rich Lane [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:16 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** 4-7 Turn Restrictions on SE 16th and 108th

Reaching out to you three to voice my displeasure with the turn restrictions on 16<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup>. I live in Enatia and my whole family commutes frequently to and from Bellevue High School between the hours of 4-7pm. The new restriction has turned a 5min trip to and from the high school to a 20 minute journey. The turn restriction has caused one of the great benefits of living in Enatia to disappear. I do understand and appreciate the thought of keeping downtown Bellevue commuters from cutting through the backside of 108<sup>th</sup>/Bellevue High School to avoid Bellevue way and keeping them from cutting through Enatia to reach I90. The intent of the restriction was well placed but the actual impact was not thought through. First, commuters can cut into Enatia back by Bellevue Nursey or even further down toward downtown, which they do. Because of the restriction those commuters who want to avoid Bellevue way just cut into the neighborhood early. They can even turn right on SE 16<sup>th</sup> into Enatia to avoid the really messy part of Bellevue way or cut behind triangle pool.

The majority of the traffic before and even now with the restriction on 108<sup>th</sup> are turning left(southbound) onto Bellevue Way. I would suggest changing the restriction on 108<sup>th</sup> to allow traffic to not turn left on Bellevue way. This would prevent commuters from using 108<sup>th</sup> to avoid Bellevue way and allow people living in the neighborhood to use 108<sup>th</sup> to move to and from our neighborhood. Yes, more traffic could possibly flow through the neighborhood but it already does with the current restrictions because they just enter the neighborhood before the restrictions. The other thing is if you take my suggested change, it would help to have enforcement up at Bellevue Way and 108<sup>th</sup> to not allow commuters to turn left on to Bellevue way. This is the main problem, commuters cutting through 108<sup>th</sup> and turning left onto Bellevue way. 90% of the traffic that crosses Bellevue way into Enatia are people who live in the neighborhood and you are not going to stop the 10% no matter what you do because they will just come into the neighborhood a different way.

Thank you for reading my email and please strongly consider modifying the restriction so students and parents who use 108<sup>th</sup> to drive back and forth to the high school to have access to the roads which we pay taxes for and not take away one of the biggest assets of our neighborhood. If you need Enatia people to give feedback or help with the restrictions, I would be happy to help.

**Rich Lane | VP of Sales & Marketing**

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## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Gonzalez, Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 6:39 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turning Restrictions

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Stephanie Brown [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 25, 2017 at 6:30:25 PM PDT  
**Cc:** [kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turning Restrictions

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Stephanie Brown [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 25, 2017 at 6:28:10 PM PDT  
**To:** [kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** Turning Restrictions

Hello,

I live just off of SE 16th in Enatai.

I should be able to take 108th, turn right onto SE 16th and then freely cross Bellevue Way staying on SE 16th to get to my house (for which i pay a lot of taxes).

If this Light Rail construction is going to go on for many years, these turning restrictions are not sustainable for those of us in Enatai.

Please consider employing some kind of sticker system that we could put on our car and freely drive to our homes. There is enough inconvenience going on with the light rail to put us through more.

thank you,  
Stephanie Brown

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** J & S Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen; Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** 108th restrictions

Hi,

I'm very concerned about the new restrictions on 108th where I cannot go into my own neighborhood. Why do you not consider giving the Enatai residence a sticker or something they can post on or in their car that allows them access to their own streets? By limiting this access, you are asking my new teenage driver to go onto Bellevue Way in what is already out of control traffic at peak times.

Please be aware of how this is affecting our time. We already have to deal with closed Bellevue way and no access to I 90 every weekend. Can you at least allow us to drive into our own neighborhood during rush hour?

Thank you for considering.

Susan Miller  
15 year Enatai Resident

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Berg, David  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 9:25 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie; Murphy, John; Gonzalez, Karen  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding 108th/Bell Way Traffic Mitigation

Fyi -Dave

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**From:** Nunnelee, Sandra J.  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 9:20 AM  
**To:** Berg, David <DBerg@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding 108th/Bell Way Traffic Mitigation

FYI only

*Sandy*  
City Council Office  
452-4088

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**From:** Sharon Peterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 18:15  
**To:** Murphy, John <[JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov)>; Jensen, Marie <[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov)>; Gonzalez, Karen <[KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov)>; Council <[Council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Council@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Regarding 108th/Bell Way Traffic Mitigation

Thank you so much for hearing our neighborhood's concerns and responding with the restrictions on 108<sup>th</sup>. I fully support the traffic mitigation and hope to see a continued reduction in traffic, additional enforcement, and a continuation of the pilot.

There are some challenges for families that attend evening events at Enatai Elementary and live in Surrey Downs/Bellecrest. But as a resident on 108<sup>th</sup> and a teacher at Enatai, along with having students at Enatai, I believe the trade off is worth it. I feel much more comfortable having my children walk to friends' houses and generally have freedom in our neighborhood without the worry of huge numbers of cars and speeding cars cutting through on 108<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!  
Sharon Peterson  
Bellecrest/Surrey Downs/Westwood Resident  
Enatai Elementary School Parent & Teacher

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 7:37 AM  
**To:** Scott Watson  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback on traffic mitigation on 108th Ave SE

Hi Scott,

Thank you for sharing your observations about the pilot. We are two months into the three-month pilot and have been learning about its impacts and effectiveness from monitoring traffic volumes, enforcing the pilot, and receiving feedback from the community.

A traffic volume study done a few weeks after the start of the pilot shows overall decreases in volumes, particularly along 108th Ave SE. Specifically, about 1,100 cars traveled southbound on 108th toward SE 16th in the afternoon peak (4-7 PM) prior to the pilot; less than 800 were noted during the same time period and location once the pilot was implemented. This indicates that the pilot is helping to meet our goal: lessening the potential for increased commuter traffic on neighborhood streets during East Link construction.

You're correct that there are increases in traffic on 104th Ave SE just south of Bellevue Way. However, the traffic study also shows a decrease in traffic exiting the Enatai neighborhood at 112th and 113th Avenues SE; both these streets would likely see increases in traffic if commuters are cutting through Enatai. The increases on 104th Ave SE are likely related to more residents using 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to access their home.

We are trying to be responsive to concerns from neighbors about increased commuter traffic during light rail construction. Pilots help us to learn how traffic adjusts and informs modifications. Your feedback is a critical piece of the learning.

Thanks for your continued feedback.

Marie Jensen  
East Link Outreach  
425-452-6967

John Murphy  
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services  
425-452-6967

**From:** Scott Watson [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 10:31 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Feedback on traffic mitigation on 108th Ave SE

Hi Marie,. Thanks for collecting feedback on the pilot traffic mitigation features on 108th Ave SE at SE 16th and Bellevue Way.

I'd like to register that the measures are ineffective when considering any perceived benefits to the 108th Ave residents compared to the overall impairments and detrimental effects to the Enatai community west of Bellevue Way. The pilot should be discontinued and the restrictions removed.

I need live on the corner of 104th Ave SE and SE 20th St and directly observe the increase in traffic that has resulted from the pilot redirecting traffic to 104th Ave SE as a cut- through. I have heard anecdotally that there may have been a measured drop in traffic on 108th. However as I approach 108th and Bellevue way each night at rush hour there is a regular backup of 20-30 cars waiting to turn left or go straight through the restriction. Not just occasionally but every week night. If the goal is to remove this pattern, the pilot is clearly ineffective and enforcement is not a deterrent.

Traffic on 104th has increased in direct proportion to the Bellevue Way congestion. Achieving any truly impactful change with the pilot restrictions merely shifts the burden of cut through traffic from one neighborhood to another. Burdens should be shared. Thus my recommendation is to not implement any restrictions or privileges to any of the neighborhoods and wait we see the impacts of heavy construction on Bellevue Way later. We can then measure true impact rather than piloting penalizing Enatai residents to reward Bellecrest.

Please register my vote to abandon the pilot.

Best regards,  
Scott Watson

[REDACTED] Bellevue  
[REDACTED]