



Pilot program turn restrictions decreased commuter traffic; program to be modified, extended

Modifications to begin in mid-December

The pilot turn restrictions along SE 16th St started in early September. Traffic studies show a **decrease in commuter traffic during the evening commute**. While the pilot is successful in achieving the intended goal of discouraging neighborhood traffic resulting from East Link construction, it has resulted in some inconvenience for area residents.

Changes start mid-December

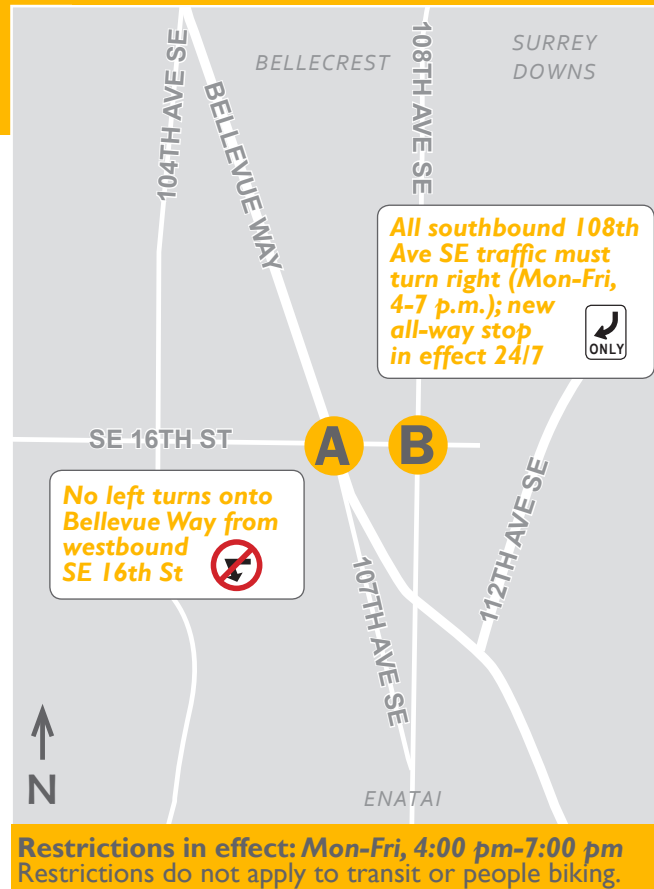
In response to community feedback and monitoring of operations and enforcement, the following changes are being made starting in mid-December and will be extended through June 2018. Turn restrictions will continue to be in effect Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m. Enforcement will occur as resources allow.

- A** To improve community access, westbound access from SE 16th St across Bellevue Way will open; **left turns are still restricted from westbound SE 16th St to southbound Bellevue Way.**
- B** To increase visibility and compliance of the turn restriction, stop signs will be added to the northbound and southbound legs of 108th Ave SE at SE 16th St making this intersection an all-way stop. **The all-way stop is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

Southbound 108th Ave SE traffic must turn right at this intersection onto SE 16th St Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m.

What was learned during the first three months

- Residential access in the evening is critically important
- Traffic volumes near the restrictions decreased during the evening commute
- Though volumes decreased, compliance is relatively low
- Routing apps (e.g. Waze) reflect the turn restrictions in their routing



To submit comments while the pilot is in effect, please visit: www.bellevuewa.gov/ELtraffic

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