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PROGRAM**

SE 30th Street Traffic Update

Since 1997, the City of Bellevue has periodically reviewed traffic concerns shared by residents in your neighborhood about SE 30th Street. This report has been prepared as a tool to share with you and your neighbors the results of our traffic studies in the neighborhood, information about past efforts to address these concerns, and recommendations stemming from our latest reviews.

What we have found . . .

The legal speed limit for SE 30th Street is 25 MPH with pavement markings on the roadway for motorists traveling westbound. Other 25 MPH pavement markings and speed limit signs can be found on adjacent roadways. No accidents involving speeding vehicles on SE 30th Street were found during our review of the accident history from 1997 to the present.

A recent traffic study showed that speeds have decreased since our 2001 speed study and the installation of the 25 MPH pavement marking. With 85% of traffic traveling at or below 26 MPH, most motorists are driving your street at a responsible speed. However, we realize that there continue to be some motorists choosing to drive faster than the speed limit. These motorists would best be addressed through one of our education programs described in detail on page 4.

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Date Conducted	Traffic Volume*	85th Percentile Speeds**	Average Speeds
8/29/2001	569	27 mph Eastbound 26 mph Westbound	23 mph
9/21/2010	513	26 mph Eastbound 24 mph Westbound	21 mph

*Traffic Volumes equal the vehicles counted during the 24-hour study.

**85th Percentile Speeds reflect the speed at or below which 85% of motorists are traveling.



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Cut-Through Traffic—

Our recent 24-hour volume count recorded 513 vehicles. Of these vehicles, 35% traveled on your street during the peak morning hours of 7 AM to 9 AM or the evening peak hours of 4 PM to 6 PM (see table below). This could indicate a cut-through issue exists on SE 30th Street. However, it could also indicate that the Enatai community views SE 30th Street as one of the neighborhood’s main access points.

Direction of Travel on SE 30th Street	Number of Vehicles
7 AM to 9 AM	
Eastbound	48
Westbound	23
4 PM to 6 PM	
Eastbound	56
Westbound	54

We consider cut-through traffic to be vehicles using neighborhood streets to bypass nearby arterials. The map to the right shows an example of cut-through traffic bypassing back-ups on Bellevue Way. Only a license plate study can determine whether or not the vehicles on SE 30th Street are local traffic or cutting through the neighborhood.

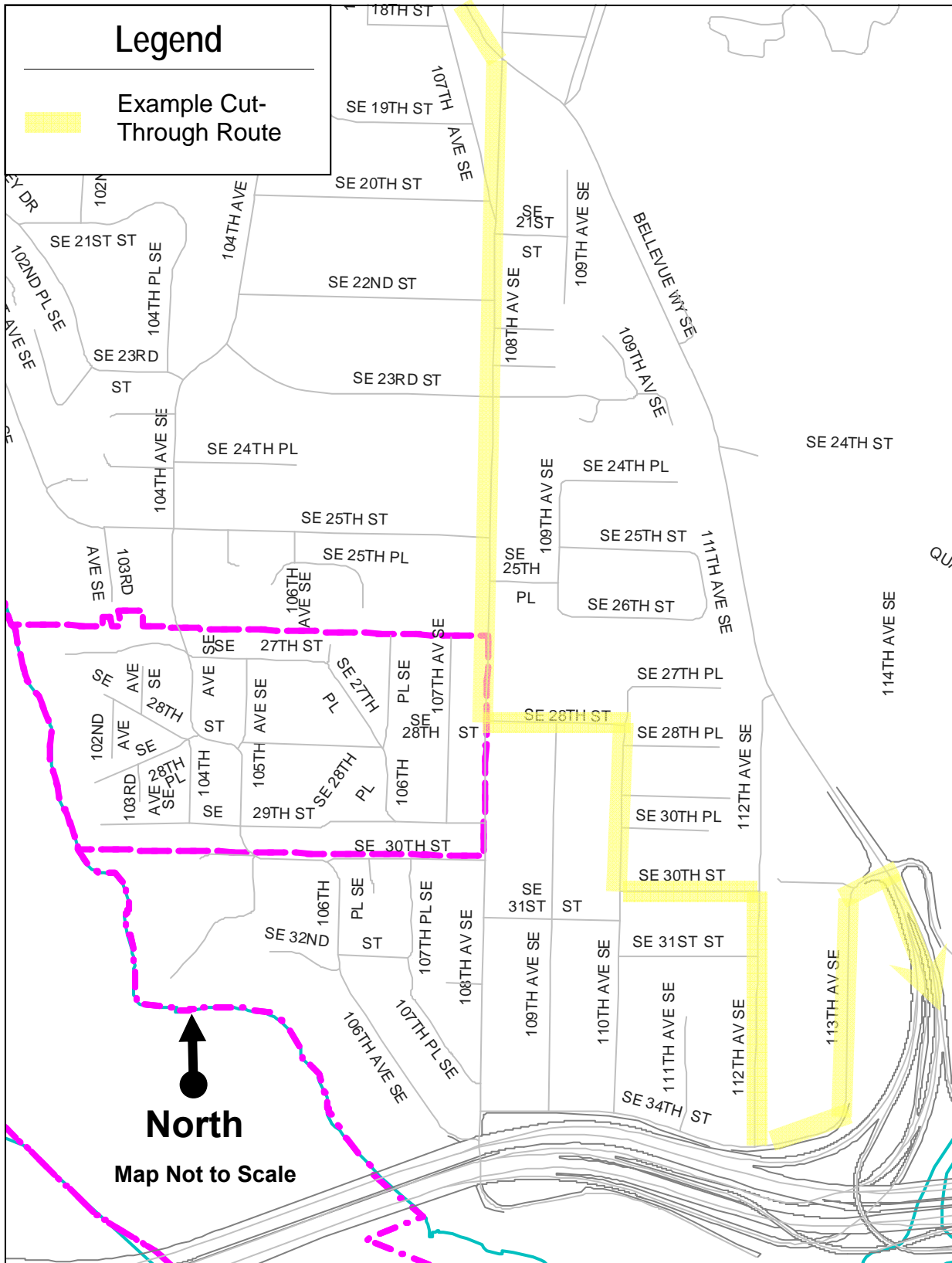
During a license plate study, Transportation staff would record the license plate numbers of all vehicles entering and exiting the neighborhood. At this time due to budget issues there is no need for us to conduct this staff-intensive study because we are only able to recommend education and enforcement measures regardless of the cut-through traffic levels in your neighborhood.

The most effective way to address cut-through traffic is through the installation of physical traffic calming measures. According to our guidelines, streets with 20% or more cut-through traffic volumes in the peak hours can qualify for engineering measures, such as speed humps, partial and/or full closures.

The installation of physical measures, such as speed humps and/or partial closures, is proposed for elimination in the draft 2011/2012 Budget. This is a citizen-driven budget. If you feel neighborhood traffic calming staff and projects should continue to be funded, we would encourage you to get involved in the budget process by attending a City Council meeting or by contacting the City Council at council@bellevuewa.gov. More information on addressing the Council can be found at: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/5013.htm>.



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What can be done to address vehicle speeds in the neighborhood?

Although physical traffic calming measures cannot be installed on SE 30th Street, there are a number of education programs, which are effective at heightening motorists' awareness of the speed limit.

Radar Dolly—We have a portable radar sign on a dolly residents can borrow and place on their street for up to two weeks. This unit gives motorists feedback on the speed at which they are driving, encouraging them to obey the speed limit. In addition, it will give you a better idea of traffic conditions on your street.

Neighborhood Speed Watch—Another way you can help to address periodic speeders is by borrowing a hand-held radar unit and participating in our Neighborhood Speed Watch Program. Using this radar unit, you can record information of vehicles you observe traveling at or above the 30 MPH on SE 30th Street. From this information, we will locate the registered owners of the vehicles and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed. This will also give us more information on whether or not those violating the speed limit on your street live in the Enatai neighborhood.

Neighborhood Speed Reduction Program—This neighborhood-sponsored program involves lending portable signs to the community for four months, encouraging motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly and drive 25 mph. Along with the signs, a neighborhood Pace Car program is organized with residents setting the pace for the motorists following them by driving 25 mph.

Please feel free to contact Brian Casey at bcasey@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6867 if you feel your neighborhood would benefit from participating in the programs or recommendations listed above.



Radar Dolly



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