

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Street Maintenance Department**..... (425) 452-7840
damaged signs, potholes, or icy streets
- Police Traffic Division**..... (425) 452-6940
loud noise, speeding vehicles, and illegal parking
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program**..... (425) 452-6867
pedestrian safety issues, outreach
- Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)**..... (425) 452-6103
updates and information on transportation NEP projects
- General Transportation Questions**.....(425) 452-6856
[http:// www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation)



October 27, 2009

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Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Traffic Concerns on 130th Avenue SE and SE 49th Street

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for participating in the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and letting us know your concerns on 130th Avenue SE at SE 49th Street. We have completed our field reviews and data analysis of the location and would like to share with you our findings.

Speed studies on 130th Avenue SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 25 mph, with 85% of drivers traveling at or below 29 mph along this 25 mph street. Speed studies on SE 49th Street recorded the average speed of motorists as 25 mph, with 85% of drivers traveling at or below 30 mph along this 25 mph street. We realize that there continue to be motorists who choose to drive faster than the posted speed limit. Unfortunately, this is the case on almost all streets in Bellevue. These speeds are lower than would be needed to qualify this portion of 130th Avenue SE or SE 49th Street for speed humps as you requested. Based on the City's guidelines for the installation of physical measures such as speed humps, 15% of motorists must be exceeding 35 mph. To address motorists choosing to drive above the posted speed limit, we encourage you to request police enforcement by calling 425-452-6940.

City staff reviewed your concerns of speeding vehicles traveling around the curve at 130th Avenue SE and SE 49th Street. Based on the field review, "15 MPH" yellow curve speed advisory signs were installed on southbound 130th Avenue SE and westbound SE 49th Street approaching the curve.

The motorists who are speeding would best be addressed through our radar dolly program, which is described on Page 3 of this report. If you would like to get involved with this program, please contact Brian Casey at bcasey@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6867. Other options for you and your neighbors to participate in include the Neighborhood Speed Watch and Neighborhood Speed Reduction Program, which are also described in this report. Please refer to the enclosed green informational sheets for more details about these education programs.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at lglas@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2841.

Sincerely,

Linda Glas, P.E.
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department

Enclosures



General Information 24-Hour Speed Studies

Date Conducted	Location	Traffic Volume Recorded	Northbound Speed Study	Southbound Speed Study	Average Speed
09/16/09	130th Ave SE Near 4820	786 Vehicles	29 MPH*	29 MPH*	25 MPH

Date Conducted	Location	Traffic Volume Recorded	Eastbound Speed Study	Westbound Speed Study	Average Speed
09/16/09	SE 49th St Near 13103	735 Vehicles	30 MPH*	30 MPH*	25 MPH

**85% of motorists were recorded traveling at or below this speed.*

Legend

 Speed/Volume Count



Recommendations

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.



Radar Dolly

Neighborhood Speed Watch—One of the ways you can help to address periodic speeders is by borrowing a radar unit and participating in our Neighborhood Speed Watch Program. Using the radar unit, you can record information about vehicles you observe traveling at or above 30 mph. 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.



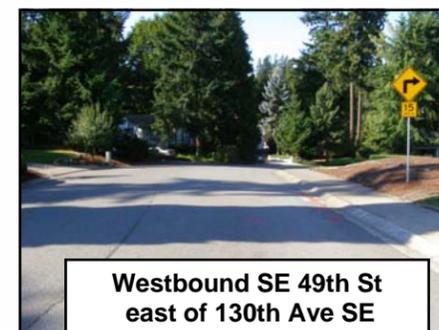
Southbound 130th Ave SE north of SE 49th Street

Neighborhood Speed Reduction (NSR) Program—This neighborhood-sponsored program involves lending portable signs to the neighborhood for four months, encouraging motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly and drive 25 mph.



NSR Sign

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.



Westbound SE 49th St east of 130th Ave SE

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.

