



Date: October 24th, 2014
To: Chair Capron and East Bellevue Community
From: Rebecca Rodni, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services Project Manager
Subject: 152nd Pl SE/154th Ave SE and SE 4th St Traffic Improvement Project

The City of Bellevue Transportation Department has been hearing from residents concerned with increased cut-through traffic and vehicle speeds along 152nd Pl SE and 154th Ave SE, between Main St and Lake Hills Blvd. A recent review found that most motorists were driving at or near the posted 25 MPH speed limit. However, the amount of motorists using the street to bypass adjacent arterials was high during the peak travel times of the day. For example, during the evening peak traffic times, 47% of southbound traffic and 39% of northbound traffic using 152nd Pl/154th Ave SE had no origin or destination in the neighborhood. Cut-through traffic volumes were also recorded in the morning peak travel time, as well as on the other main roadway in the neighborhood—SE 4th Street.

Cut-through traffic volumes are best addressed through the installation of physical measures, such as speed humps and traffic circles, which may make the neighborhood roadways less attractive than nearby arterial streets. Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services staff has begun working with 17 volunteers from the project area shown in the attachment on a plan for installing physical measures on 152nd Pl SE/154th Ave SE and SE 4th St. Councilmember Ross Gooding attended the first Traffic Committee meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 21st, 2014. We greatly appreciate his assistance in planning this traffic improvement project for his neighborhood.

Once the plan is complete, it will be sent back to the project area to determine if there is enough community support to move forward with the design and construction phases of the project. Construction on this project could happen as early as Summer 2015, depending on the length of the current planning phase.

If you would like additional information about this project, please contact me at rrodni@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6160.

Attachments:
Project Area

