

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)

September 4, 2008

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Subject: Traffic Concerns on 147th Ave SE

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for sharing with us your neighborhood's concerns regarding motorists speeding on 147th Avenue SE and your request for speed humps. We have completed our review of this location and have prepared this report to share with you our findings and recommendations

During our field review, we determined 147th Avenue SE is a local street that cul-de-sacs south of Main Street, with residential access to adjacent homes. Speed studies conducted on 147th Avenue SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 14 mph with 85% traveling at or below 20 mph. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. For more details on the studies conducted, please see page two of this report.

Our experience has shown that the majority of motorists exceeding the posted speed limit on cul-de-sac roadways are the residents themselves. To best address these motorists, educational measures are recommended. We have a number of programs available to you and your neighbors, including borrowing our portable radar dolly that displays to motorists the speed they are traveling. There are also opportunities for safety newsletters to be distributed. We have outlined these in more detail in this report and encourage you and your neighbors to participate in them. This is the first step in addressing traffic concerns in your neighborhood.

We realize there are those motorists who are choosing to drive faster than the posted 25 mph speed limit. However, the use of physical measures, such as speed humps are reserved for roadways where 85% of the traffic exceeds 35 mph. These guidelines were established with the Fire Department due to the impact speed humps have on emergency response times.

We look forward to working with you and your neighbors in making your neighborhood a safer place to live. Please contact us at (425) 452-6867 or email me at bcasey@bellevuewa.gov if you would like to get involved with any the programs outlined in this report.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department

Enclosures

General Information

24-Hour Speed Study

Street	Date Conducted	Traffic Volume Recorded	Northbound Speed Study	Southbound Speed Study	Average Speed
147th Ave SE	August 19, 2008	173 Vehicles	20 MPH*	20 MPH*	14 MPH

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



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 owner of the vehicle and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed.

Neighborhood Speed Reduction 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel your neighborhood would benefit from participating in the program or recommendations listed above.