

My Action Plan for 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St? Here is a checklist to help you get started:

- Talk to my neighbors and share the City’s findings and recommendations
- List interested neighbors who want to help me with efforts:

- Decide the educational programs we want to participate in:
 - Neighborhood Speed Watch
 - Radar Dolly
 - Sign and Pledge Program
- Contact City staff to set-up a training session and get materials

Notes:

More info

Find out more about these recommendations in our **Residential Traffic Guidebook** or by logging on to **Streets are for Everyone (SAFE)**—Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services’ blog.

- Blog: <http://bellevuentss.wordpress.com>
- Guidebook: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/Guidebook_Web.pdf



TRAFFIC ACTION PLAN



2013-007 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St



July 17, 2013

Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Speeding and Volume Concerns on 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St

Dear

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds on 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St. We have completed a field review and data analysis and compiled this information into the enclosed Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

Speed studies were conducted on 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St. From the speed studies conducted in April 2013, 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 24 mph on 127th Ave SE. Also, the average speeds on 127th Ave SE were recorded at 19 mph. Vehicle speeds along 127th Ave SE are lower than average for 25 mph neighborhood streets in Bellevue and indicate that the majority of motorists are driving this roadway appropriately for conditions.

Your e-mail contained the following statement: “There is a semi-blind curve that presents a pedestrian and bicycle hazard...” We conducted a five-year accident study on 127th Ave SE from SE 67th St to SE 68th Pl and on SE 68th Pl from 127th Ave SE to 127th Pl SE. There were no reported accidents along this corridor. A field review was conducted along this corridor, and there was no indication of vegetation impeding sight lines.

You requested the installation of traffic calming devices such as a speed hump or a stationary radar sign in an effort to address vehicle speeds. Physical measures such as speed humps are limited to streets where the majority of vehicles are exceeding the posted speed limit by 10 mph. These guidelines were established based on the impact these measures have on emergency response, and reserving their use for those locations with significant speeding problems. On 127th Ave SE, 15% of traffic would need to be exceeding 35 mph. During the weeklong study, only four vehicles were recorded travelling over 30 mph. Based on our speed study, 127th Ave SE does not qualify for speed humps. Stationary radar signs are used in locations with significant speeding problems and would not be warranted on 127th Ave SE based on current traffic conditions.

We encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our traffic education programs. To address your concerns with speeding, the City of Bellevue has a radar dolly that you can borrow. The radar dolly displays the speed of motorists, encouraging them to reduce their speed. The radar dolly has been effective in decreasing vehicle speeds in many areas of Bellevue. I encourage you to fill out the radar dolly request form. Once we receive this form from you, City staff will contact you to make arrangements for both the drop-off and pick-up of the radar dolly.



We appreciate your concerns and look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me at lglas@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2841 to participate in any of the education programs described in this Traffic Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Linda Glas

Linda Glas, P.E.



127th Ave SE and SE 68th Pl SE curve, facing southeast



Summary of Findings

Date of Study	Location of Study	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
April 2013	A 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St	435	19	19	24	24

* 85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed



Customized Traffic Action Plan for 127th Ave SE south of SE 67th St

Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement

By educating the community and encouraging safe driving, we can begin to change driver behavior and reduce vehicle speeds.

- Educate the Community
- Enhance Neighborhood Identity
- Reduce Excessive Vehicle Speeds

Neighborhood Speed Watch

Using a borrowed radar unit, you record information about vehicles you observe traveling at or above 30 mph. NTSS staff then locate the registered owners of the vehicles and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed. A partner to assist you with the data collection is recommended.

Radar Dolly

You can borrow and place a radar dolly on your 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. Should you like to borrow the radar dolly, please request it by calling (425) 452-6457 or sign up on www.bellevuewa.gov/radardolly.htm.

Sign and Pledge Program

This program involves lending communities portable signs that encourage motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly, and drive 25 mph. The signs are moved by community volunteers from place to place throughout the neighborhood every few days. The second part of the program is a neighborhood pace car program. Residents who pledge to drive responsibly and drive the speed limit on all neighborhood streets receive magnetic bumper stickers or window clings to place on their vehicles. As these motorists drive 25 mph on residential streets, they set the pace for drivers behind them.

