

**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)*



April 14, 2009

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Bellevue, WA 98007

**Subject: Traffic Concerns on 143rd Ave SE and SE 16th Street**

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for letting us know your concerns regarding traffic in your neighborhood. We have completed our field reviews, collected traffic data and reviewed the reported accident history at this location and would like to share with you our findings and recommendations.

A speed study conducted in March of this year on 143rd Ave SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 21 mph with 85% of traffic traveling at or below 24 mph. For more details on the data that was collected, please see page 2.

A speed study conducted in 2000 for SE 16th Street recorded the average speed of motorists as 31 mph with 85% of traffic traveling at or below 35 mph. Our current program limits us to do any improvements. However, the city is looking at locations like this for future improvements. One of the keys to successfully reducing vehicle speeds on roadways like 143rd Ave SE and SE 16th St is through enforcement.

As with most streets in Bellevue, we realize that there are some motorists in your neighborhood choosing to drive faster than the speed limit. Speed humps and other physical traffic calming measures are reserved for streets where speeds are higher, with 85% of traffic traveling at or above 35 mph. These guidelines were developed with the Fire Department due to the impact physical devices have on emergency response times.

The motorists who are speeding can be addressed through the education programs described in detail in this report and the enclosed green informational sheets. If you would like to borrow a radar dolly or would like to participate in one of our programs, please email me at [bcasey@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bcasey@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6867. If you would like to request enforcement for your street, please call the Police Traffic division at 425-452-6940.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey  
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager  
Transportation Department

Enclosures



### General Information

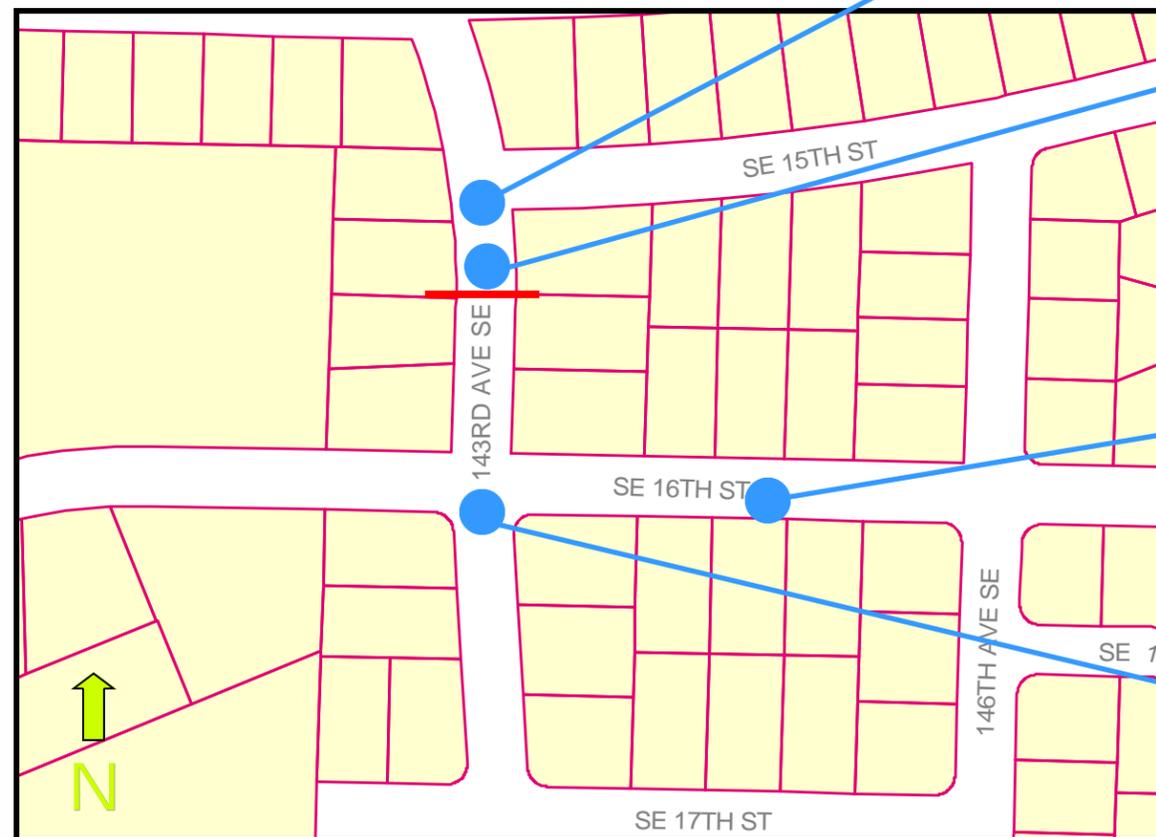
#### Speed Study

Street	Date Conducted	Traffic Volume Recorded	Speed Study	Speed Study	Average Speed
143rd Ave SE	3/3/09	1,272 Vehicles (48 Hrs)	24 MPH* Northbound	24 MPH* Southbound	21 MPH
SE 16th Street	7/12/00	3,704 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	35 MPH* Westbound	34 MPH* Eastbound	31 MPH

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

#### Legend

— Location of study



### Recommendations



143rd Ave SE Facing SE 15th St



143rd Ave SE Facing SE 16th St



SE 16th St facing 143rd Ave SE



143rd Ave SE at SE 16th St

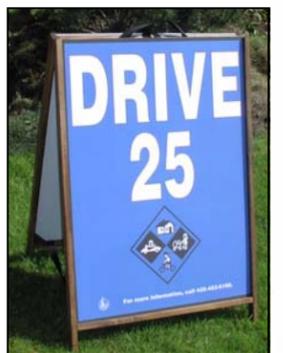
**Radar Dolly**—We have a portable radar sign on a dolly residents can borrow and place on their street for up to two weeks. This unit gives motorists feedback on the speed at which they are driving, encouraging them to obey the speed limit.



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.

**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.

