

**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)*



November 18, 2009

Bellevue, WA 98006

**Subject: Traffic Concerns on SE 66th 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 this location and would like to share with you our findings and recommendations.

A speed and volume study conducted in September of this year on SE 66th Street recorded the average speed of motorists as 24 mph with 85% of traffic traveling at or below 28 mph. For more details on the data that was collected, please see page 2.

As with most streets in Bellevue, we realize that there are some motorists in your neighborhood choosing to drive faster than the speed limit. There were 946 vehicles recorded over a 24-hour period during this study. These volumes are typical for a street such as SE 66th St, which serves numerous homes to the north on 129th Pl SE and to the south on 131st Ave SE. The physical traffic calming measures you requested, speed humps, are reserved for streets where speeds are higher, with 15% of motorists exceeding 35 mph. These guidelines were developed with the Fire Department due to the impact physical devices have on emergency response times.

In 2004, the City of Bellevue Transportation Department received a request from a resident through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program for a fogline on both sides of SE 66th St / SE 67th St and 128th Ave SE from Coal Creek Parkway to the pipeline trail crossing just west of SE 69th Pl. This proposal was supported by over 81% of households that returned their ballots, and the city installed 4-inch wide white painted foglines on both sides of the roadways creating two 7-foot wide shoulders for shared use facilities. Foglines are used to narrow the roadway and reduce vehicle speeds.

To address motorists choosing to drive above the posted speed limit, we encourage you to request police enforcement by calling 425-452-6940. We also recommend that you participate in one of our 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 these programs, please email me at [bcasey@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bcasey@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6867.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey  
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager  
Transportation Department

Enclosures



### General Information

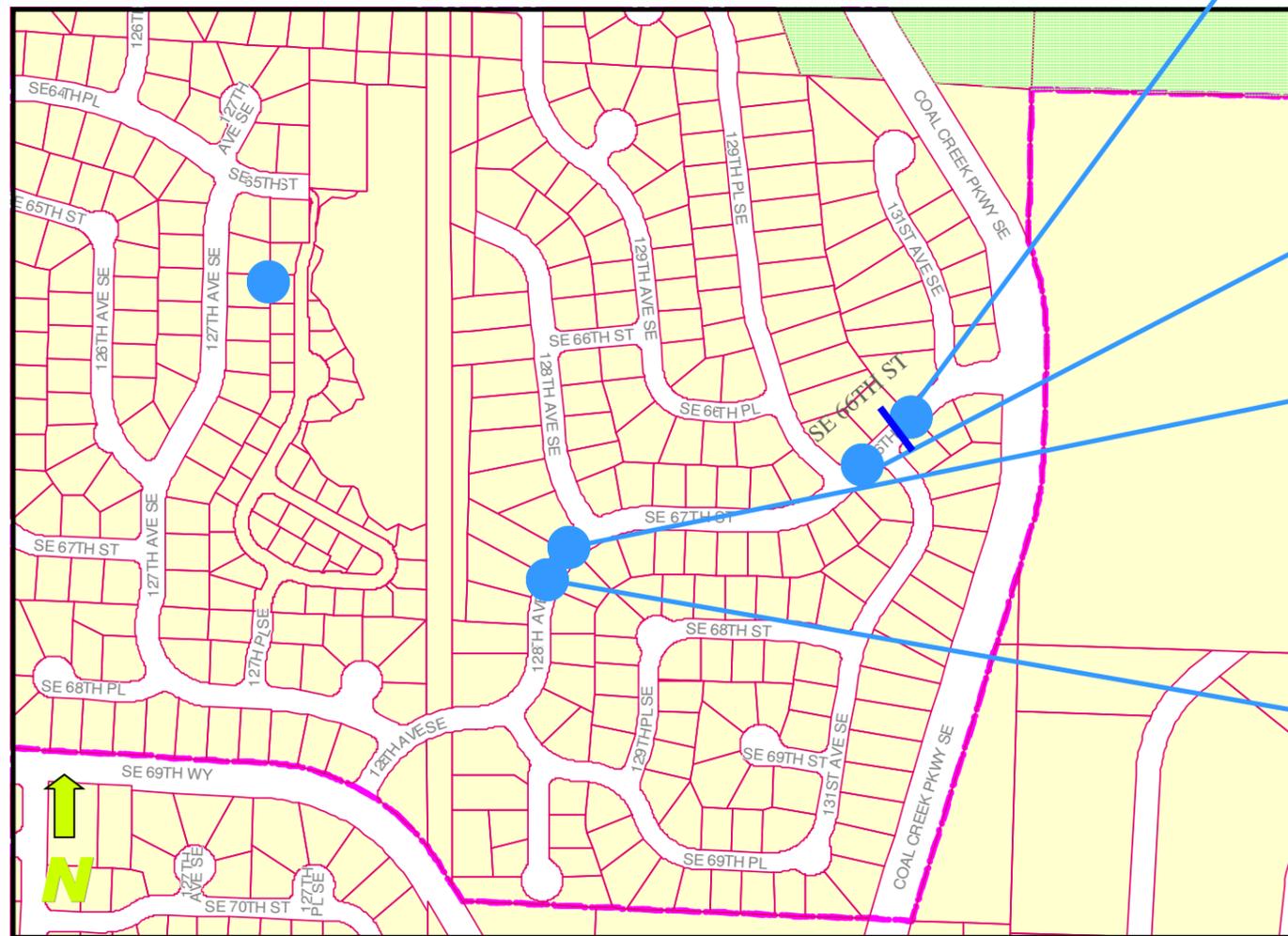
#### Speed Study

Street	Date Conducted	Traffic Volume Recorded	Speed Study	Speed Study	Average Speed
SE 66th Street	9/10/09	946 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	28 MPH* Westbound	28 MPH* Eastbound	24 MPH

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

#### Legend

— Location of study



### Recommendations



SE 66th St Facing East



SE 66th St Facing East



128th Ave SE Facing North



128th Ave SE Facing South

**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.

