

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 21, 2010

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Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Traffic Concerns on SE 64th St and 119th Ave SE

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.

You mentioned a concern with traffic using SE 64th St and 119th Ave SE to bypass the split speed hump constructed last year on 116th Ave SE. There have been no volume studies conducted on SE 64th St in the past. However, we have studies on 119th Ave SE that were conducted before the split speed hump installation. In order to determine if traffic volumes have increased in the past year, a speed and volume study was recently conducted on 119th Ave SE. This study recorded 237 vehicles within a 24 hour period which indicates traffic volumes have dropped 29% since our 2005 volume study. This decrease in traffic volumes is most likely due to the relocation of Eastside Catholic School from the Bellevue School District property at 11650 SE 60th St to the City of Sammamish. Although there may be a few motorists choosing to bypass the split speed humps via SE 64th St and 119th Ave SE, the current volumes on 119th Ave SE are appropriate for the size of the neighborhood and do not indicate a significant cut-through traffic issue.

Regarding your concern for increased speeds on SE 64th St, our recent speed study showed that there are some motorists choosing to drive faster than the speed limit on your street. Average speeds were recorded at 27 MPH with 85% of motorists traveling at or below 32 MPH. Speed humps and other physical traffic calming measures are reserved for streets where speeds are severe with 15% of traffic exceeding 35 MPH. These guidelines were developed with the Fire Department due to the impact physical devices, such as speed humps, have on emergency response times.

Speeds on SE 64th St would best be addressed through enforcement and education programs. Enforcement on SE 64th St has been requested from police. If you would like additional enforcement, please call police traffic at 425-452-6940. We have described in detail our recommendations within this report and enclosed green informational sheets. We look forward to working with you on these traffic safety efforts. If you have any additional questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department

Enclosures

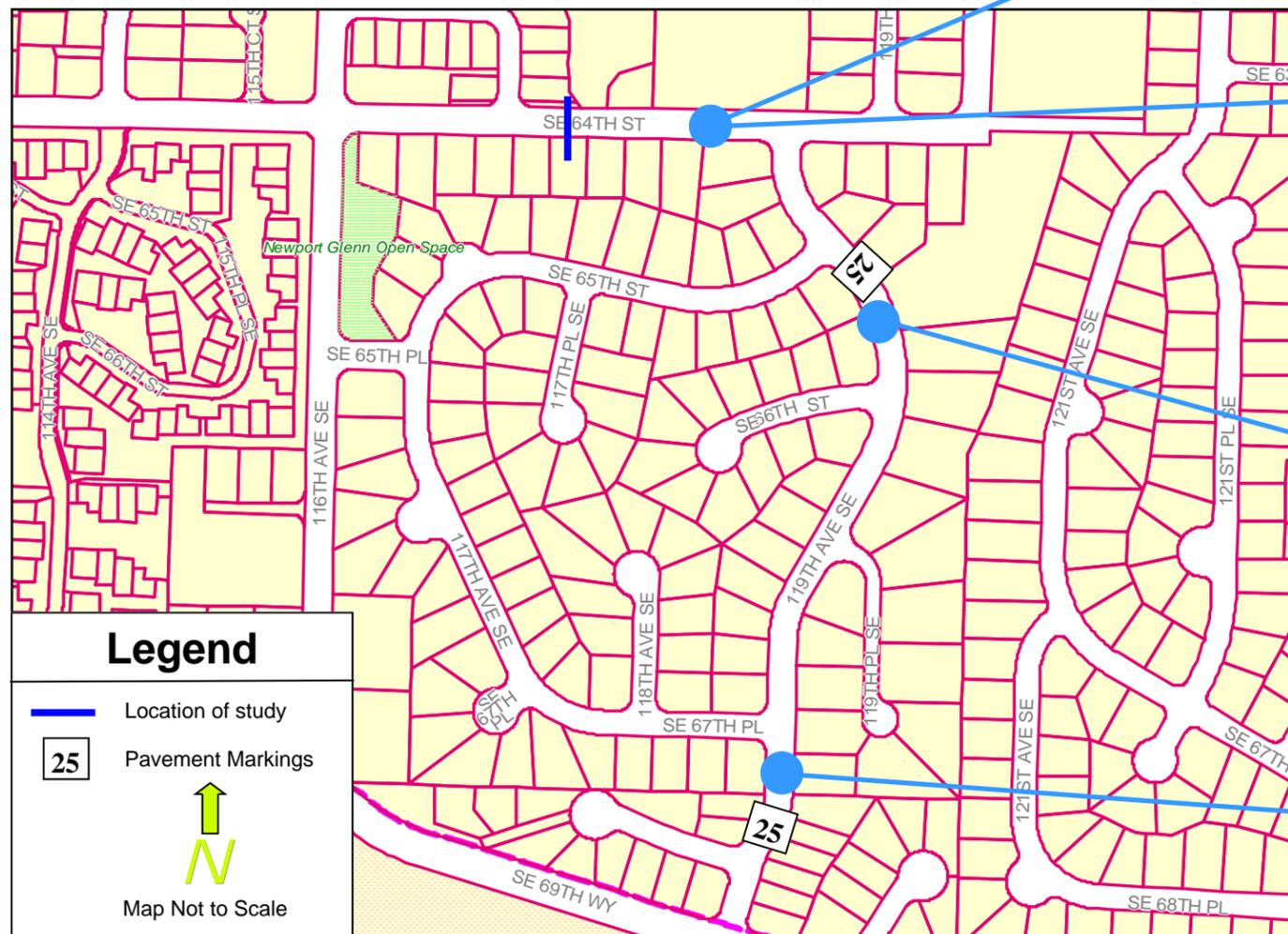
cc: Lt. McCracken, Police



General Information Speed & Volume Study

Street	Date Conducted	Traffic Volume Recorded	Speed Study	Speed Study	Average Speed
119th Ave SE	1/26/2005	378 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	31 MPH* Northbound	31 MPH* Southbound	26 MPH
Summer 2009 Construction of Split Speed Humps					
119th Ave SE	4/13/10	267 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	28 MPH* Northbound	28 MPH* Southbound	24 MPH
SE 64th Street	4/13/10	541 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	32 MPH* Westbound	32 MPH* Eastbound	27 MPH

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



Recommendations



SE 64th St SE Facing West



SE 64th St SE Facing East



119th Ave SE Facing North



119th 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 contact me if you feel your neighborhood would benefit from participating in the program or recommendations listed above.



25 MPH Marking

Pavement Markings—We will be installing two 25 MPH pavement markings on SE 64th St after the upcoming overlay to remind drivers of the posted speed limit.

Phase Two

These recommendations do not end our commitment to help improve the safety in your neighborhood. As part of our two-year program, we will be reviewing your area again next year.

