

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)



February 4, 2008

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Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Traffic Concerns on Somerset Blvd. (South of SE 44th St)

Dear ██████████:

Thank you for taking the time to submit a request for inclusion in the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. Your location has been assigned log number #2008-002.

One of our engineers recently reviewed your street for determining if a 15 mph curve advisory sign is warranted for the curve you mentioned in the CAR form. An evaluation was performed at this location and determined the 25 mph posted speed limit is appropriate. Our engineer also investigated your concern regarding the sight distance from your driveway. He measured the sight distance and found that it too met our guidelines.

Somerset Blvd SE serves as the main emergency response route for the Somerset and Westwood Highlands neighborhoods. The use of speed humps on this roadway would not be recommended, as each of these measures causes a delay of 1 to 9 seconds for emergency response.

To address those motorists choosing to drive faster than the posted speed limit, we will be reviewing this location for installation of an additional stationary radar sign. Similar signs have been installed at various locations in your neighborhood and have had a positive effective in reducing vehicle speeds. Since we have a number of these requests each year, we evaluate each location based on speeds, volumes, accidents and other factors. These are prioritized each year for available funding. We will review Somerset Blvd SE this year for 2009 funding.

In addition, we encourage you to work with the Somerset Homeowners Association to implement education measures in your neighborhood. These can be found in more detail in this report.

We have also forwarded your request to Police Traffic for enforcement efforts. If you would like to contact them directly, they can be reached at (425) 452-6940.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns. If you have any questions or comments, please email or call me at 425-452-6867.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department

Enclosures

cc: Police Traffic



General Information

SE 20th Street

Data Collected:

08/08/07 - 08/09/07

Average Daily Traffic Volume Count:

3,118 vehicles recorded in 24 hours

Speed Study:

Northbound: 35 mph*

Southbound: 35 mph*

Average speed recorded at 31 mph

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



Recommendations



Somerset Blvd Facing South



Somerset Blvd Facing North



Somerset Blvd Facing North

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.

