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

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC news

#2009-018 129th Pl SE

November 17, 2009

[redacted]
[redacted]
Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Traffic Concerns on 129th Pl 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.

A speed and volume study conducted in September of this year on 129th Pl SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 23 mph with 85% of traffic traveling at or below 27 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 only 39 vehicles out of 997 that were recorded traveling over 30 mph in a 24-hour period during this study. The physical traffic calming measures you recommended, 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.

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 or call 425-452-6867.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager
Transportation Department

Enclosures

General Information

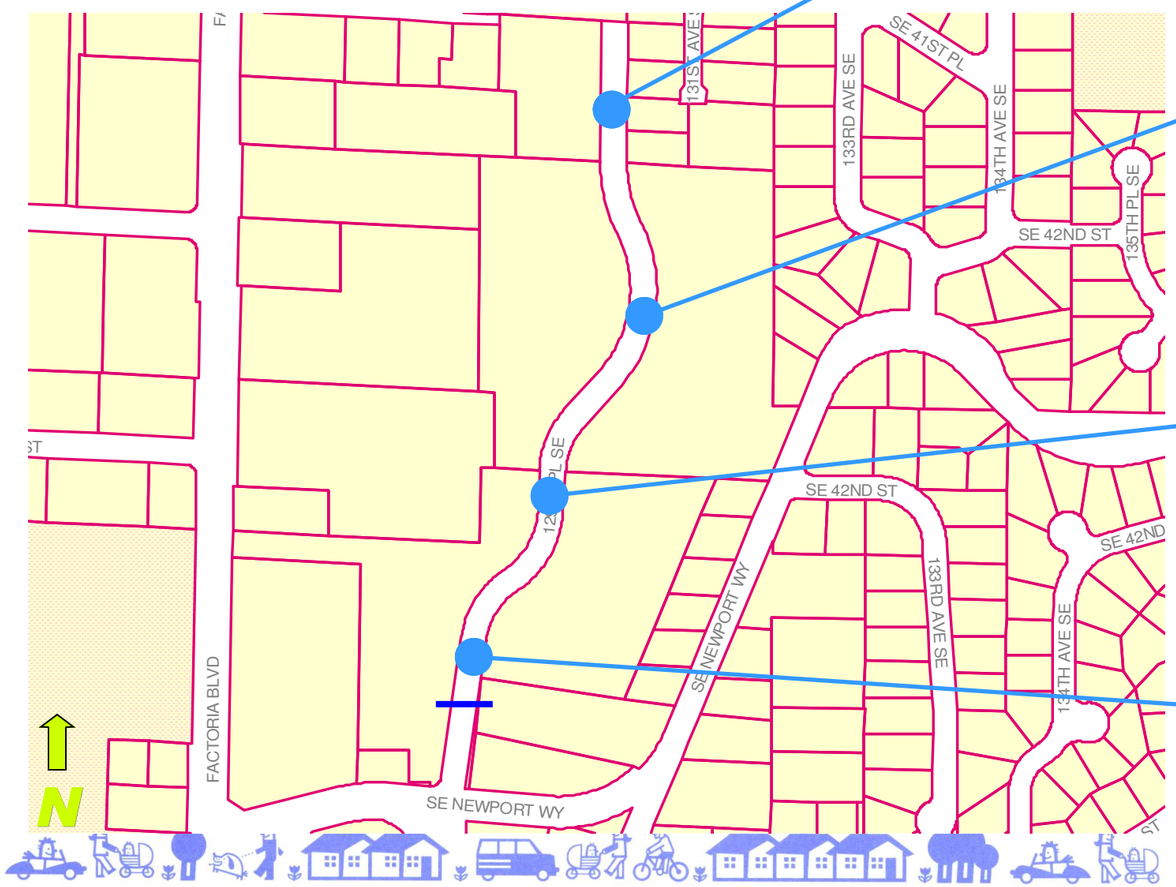
Speed Study

Street	Date Conducted	Traffic Volume Recorded	Speed Study	Speed Study	Average Speed
SE 129th Pl	9/10/09	946 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	27 MPH* Northbound	27 MPH* Southbound	23 MPH

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

Legend

Location of study



129th Pl SE Facing South

129th Pl SE Facing South

129th Pl SE Facing North

129th Pl SE Facing South

Recommendations

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.