

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 10, 2010

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Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Traffic Concerns on 135th 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.

A speed and volume study conducted in January of this year on 135th Ave SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 29 mph with 85% of traffic traveling at or below 29 mph. For more details on the data that has been collected, please see page 2.

You mentioned in your Citizen Action Request form that there are no speed limit signs posted. Our guidelines support placement of speed limit signs on residential streets if the speed limit on the adjacent street is a different speed limit. Your street has a speed limit consistent with the rest of the streets in your neighborhood. The speed limit on your street as well as adjacent streets is 25 mph; therefore, no additional speed limit signs will be installed on 135th Ave SE

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 15% of traffic exceeding 35 mph. These guidelines were developed with the Fire Department due to the impact physical devices have on emergency response times.

As you are probably well aware, the Somerset neighborhood contains very few street lights due to the fact that it is all underground power. There are street lights along parts of Somerset Boulevard and in the vicinity of Somerset Elementary School. Please contact Kam Szabo at 425-452-4346 if you have additional questions about street lights.

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

cc: Kam Szabo, Transportation



General Information Speed Study

Street	Date Conducted	Traffic Volume Recorded	Speed Study	Speed Study	Average Speed
135th Ave SE	1/14/10	75 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	29 MPH* Northbound	28 MPH* Southbound	29 MPH

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

Legend

 Location of study



Recommendations



135th Ave SE Facing North



135th Ave SE Facing South



135th Ave SE Facing South



135th Ave SE 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 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.

