

My Action Plan for SE 16th St and SE 22nd St: 145th Pl SE to 148th

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on SE 16th St and SE 22nd St: 145th Pl SE to 148th Ave SE? Here is a checklist to help you get started:

- Talk to my neighbors and share the City’s findings and recommendations
- List interested neighbors who want to help me with efforts:

- Decide the educational programs we want to participate in:
 - Neighborhood Speed Watch
 - Radar Dolly
 - Sign and Pledge Program
- Contact City staff to set-up a training session and get materials

Notes:

More info

Find out more about these recommendations in our **Residential Traffic Guidebook** or by logging on to **Streets are for Everyone (SAFE)**—Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services’ blog.

Blog: <http://bellevuentss.wordpress.com>

Guidebook: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/Guidebook_Web.pdf



TRAFFIC ACTION



2014-003 SE 16th and SE 22nd: 145th to 148th

June 13, 2014

Bellevue, WA 98007

Subject: Speeding Concerns on SE 16th St and SE 22nd St: 145th Pl SE to 148th Ave SE

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns about speeding on SE 16th St and SE 22nd St between 145th Pl SE and 148th Ave SE. We have completed a field review and data analysis and compiled this information into the enclosed Traffic Action Plan (TAP) as well as our recommendations.

Speed studies were conducted on SE 16th St east of 143rd Ave SE and on SE 22nd St west of 148th Ave SE. From the speed studies conducted in March 2014 on SE 16th St, 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 32 mph in the eastbound direction and at or below 33 mph in the westbound direction. Speed studies conducted on SE 22nd St show 85% of motorists traveling at or below 31 mph in the eastbound direction and 33 mph in the westbound direction. The posted speed limit on both streets is 25 mph.

You requested the installation of speed humps to slow down speeding motorists. Physical measures such as speed humps are limited to streets where the majority of motorists are exceeding the posted speed limit by 10 mph. These guidelines were established based on the impact these measures have on emergency response.

We recently reviewed both SE 16th St and SE 22nd St between 145th Pl SE and 148th Ave SE for the installation of stationary radar signs. These signs direct a driver’s attention to the posted speed limit and digitally display the speed of the driver’s vehicle on a large message board. Locations are selected based on prioritized scoring criteria and available funding. Scoring criteria considers vehicle speed, traffic volume, street conditions, proximity to parks and schools, and reported accident history. At this time, there are other locations that have a higher prioritization; however, we will continue to monitor SE 16th St and SE 22nd St between 145th Pl SE and 148th Ave SE for the possibility of future stationary radar sign installations as funding allows.

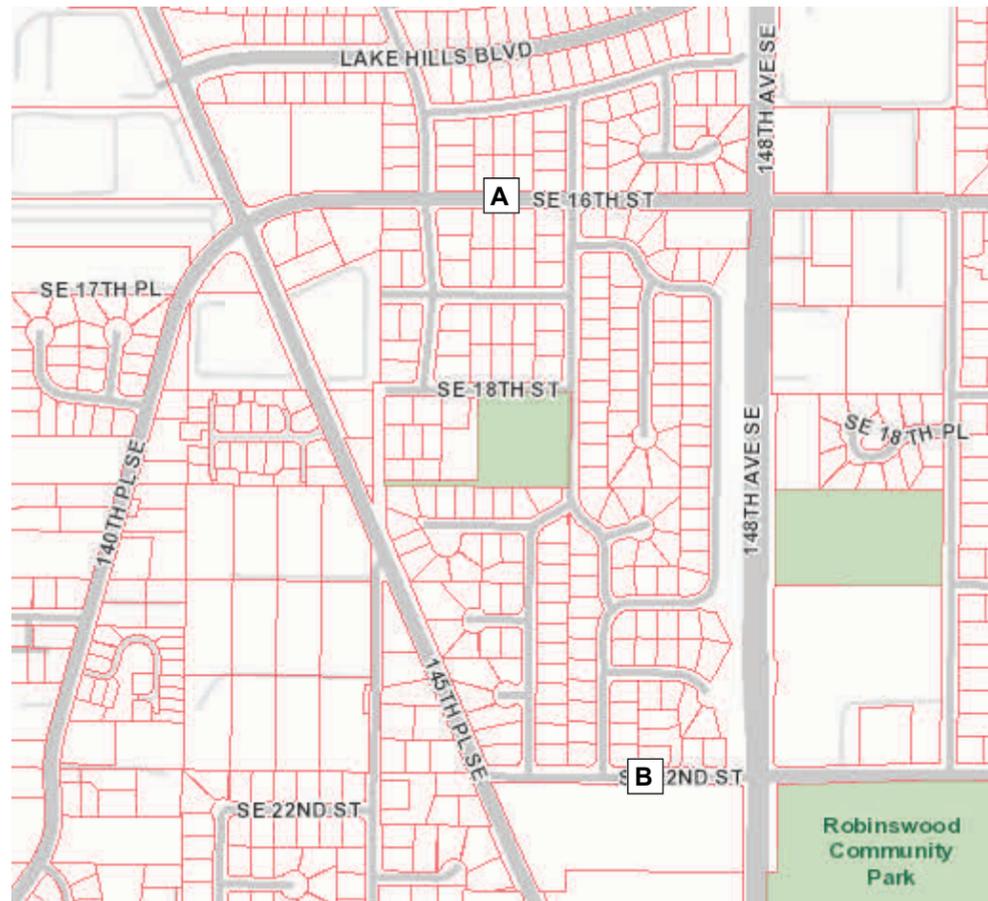
To address those motorists choosing to drive faster than the posted speed limit, we encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our education programs as described on page 3 of this report. One of the options that would work well for the situation you’ve described is to borrow a radar dolly. The radar dolly displays a vehicle’s speed on a reader board. The radar dolly has been effective in decreasing vehicle speeds in many areas of Bellevue by encouraging motorists to reduce their speed. I encourage you to talk to your neighbors on SE 16th St and SE 22nd to determine if they are interested in having a radar dolly placed in front of their home. Once we receive a radar dolly request form, City staff will make arrangements for both the drop-off and pick-up of the radar dolly.



Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors on the education programs suggested to address your traffic concerns. Please feel free to contact me at lglas@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2841 to participate in any of the education programs described in this Traffic Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Linda Glas, P.E.



Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound
March 2014	A SE 16th St east of 143rd Ave SE	5,916	28	29	32	33
March 2014	B SE 22nd St west of 148th Ave SE	3,084	27	29	31	33

*85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed



Customized Traffic Action Plan for SE 16th and SE 22nd: 145th to

Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement

By educating the community and encouraging safe driving, we can begin to change driver behavior and reduce vehicle speeds.

- Educate the Community
- Enhance Neighborhood Identity
- Reduce Excessive Vehicle Speeds

Neighborhood Speed Watch

Using a borrowed radar unit, you record information about vehicles you observe traveling at or above 30 mph. NTSS staff then locate the registered owners of the vehicles and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed. A partner to assist you with the data collection is recommended.

Radar Dolly

You can borrow and place a radar dolly on your 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. Should you like to borrow the radar dolly, please request it by calling (425) 452-6457 or sign up on www.bellevuewa.gov/radardolly.htm.

Police Enforcement

If you would like to request enforcement, please do so by calling (425) 577-5656. You can also submit a Traffic Service Request at bellevuewa.gov/Traffic_Service_Request.htm. Please be specific about the location and times of your concern. The more information you can provide to Police, the better the chance they will be able to address your concern.

Sign and Pledge Program

This program involves lending communities portable signs that encourage motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly, and drive 25 mph. The signs are moved by community volunteers from place to place throughout the neighborhood every few days. The second part of the program is a neighborhood pace car program. Residents who pledge to drive responsibly and drive the speed limit on all neighborhood streets receive magnetic bumper stickers or window clings to place on their vehicles. As these motorists drive 25 mph on residential streets, they set the pace for drivers behind them.

