

My Action Plan for 131st Ave NE & NE 3rd St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 131st Ave NE & NE 3rd St? 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



2014-007 131st Ave NE & NE 3rd St

July 14, 2014

[Redacted]

Bellevue, WA 98005

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 131st Avenue NE & NE 3rd St

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your continued concerns with vehicle speeds on 131st Ave NE and NE 3rd St. 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 131st Ave NE near #335 as you requested. Thanks for bringing to our attention that the tubes had originally been placed south of this location. The tubes were relocated to #335, and new speed studies were conducted the last week of May. These studies show 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 29 mph in the northbound direction and at or below 30 mph in the southbound direction. The posted speed along this street is 25 mph. These speeds are similar to speed studies conducted in 2006, where 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 30 mph in the northbound and southbound directions. The results of the speed studies conducted when the tubes were placed south of #335 were lower — 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 28 in the northbound direction and at or below 29 in the southbound direction.

Speed studies were also conducted on NE 3rd St west of 131st Ave NE. These studies show 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 27 mph in the eastbound and westbound direction. The posted speed along this street is 25 mph. These speeds are the same as the speed studies conducted in 2006, where 85% of motorists were traveling at or below 27 mph in the eastbound and westbound direction.

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.

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 again. 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 fill out the radar dolly request form. Once we receive this form from you, City staff will contact you to make arrangements for both the drop-off and pick-up of the radar dolly at your home.

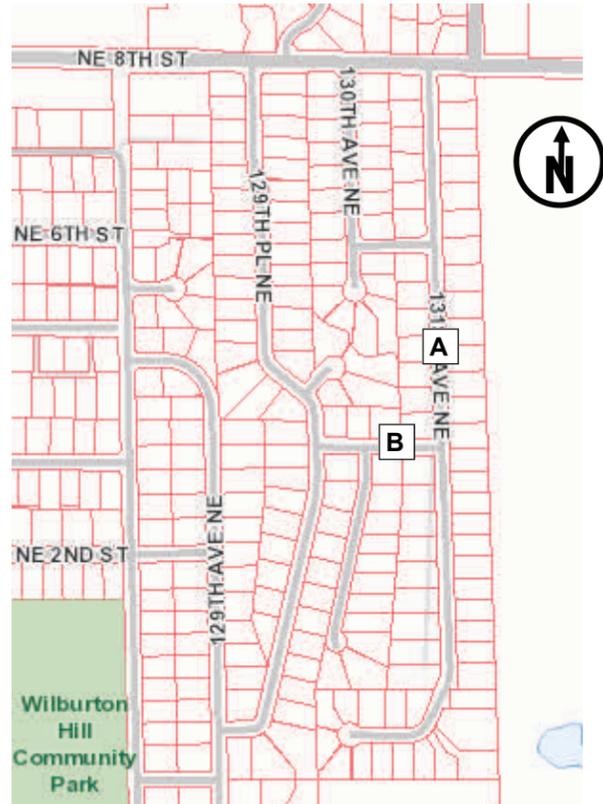


Attached is a copy of the report that was sent to you in 2006. Our latest study has similar results, and 131st Ave NE and NE 3rd St does not meet the criteria for permanent traffic calming features such as speed humps or stationary radar signs. Per the 2006 report, the installation of stop signs is not warranted.

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 Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
		Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
May 2014	A 131st Ave NE	24	26	29	30
August 2006	A 131st Ave NE	25	26	30	30
		Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound
May 2014	B NE 3rd St	22	23	27	27
August 2006	B NE 3rd St	23	23	27	27

*85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed (mph)



Customized Traffic Action Plan for 131st Ave NE & NE 3rd St

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.

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.

