

My Action Plan for 146th Ave SE: SE 36th St to Allen Rd

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 146th Ave SE: SE 36th St to Allen Rd?

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



2014-008 146th Ave SE: SE 36th St to Allen Rd

July 23, 2014



Bellevue, WA 98006

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 146th Ave SE: SE 36th St to Allen Rd

Dear

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns about speeding on 146th Ave SE between SE 36th St and Allen Rd. 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 146th Ave SE north of SE 40th St in October 2012 and again a few weeks ago. These speed studies show a reduction in speeds from 34 mph to 31 mph for the northbound direction and the southbound direction from 30 mph to 31 mph, a slight increase. These numbers reflect the speed at which 85% of motorists are traveling at or below on this 25 mph roadway.

You noted concerns with the amount of traffic using 146th Ave SE as a shortcut. This street serves as a direct connection between SE 36th St and Allen Rd and functions as a collector arterial. It provides residents who live in the Eastgate area a main access point to and from their homes in this immediate area. Typically, cut-through traffic pertains to motorists using streets without having an origin or destination within the neighborhood. In looking at the volumes studies conducted in October 2012, there is a gradual decrease along the 146th Ave SE corridor as motorists, especially in the pm peak, travel southbound. To do an accurate count of by-pass traffic, we would need to conduct a license plate study, which is expensive. Although our budget has already been committed to for this year, if you still feel it is a concern we can discuss conducting this study at this time next year.

As you mentioned in your e-mail, there are Metro bus routes along 146th Ave SE. Metro is responsive to concerns voiced by residents, and we encourage you to call them at 206-553-3000 regarding your concerns about Metro bus drivers exceeding the speed limit. You can also send an e-mail to: customer.comments@kingcounty.gov or fill out an on-line form: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/contact/forms/bus-drivers/>.

We realize that there continue to be motorists who choose to drive faster than the posted speed limit. To address this, we will be sending a copy of the recent speed studies to our Police Traffic Unit for review of enforcement activities. If you would like to request enforcement, please do so by calling 425-577-5656. You can also submit a Traffic Service Request by filling out the following link: http://bellevuewa.gov/traffic_service_request.htm.

Besides enforcement, a key to addressing speeds in a neighborhood is educating the community. 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

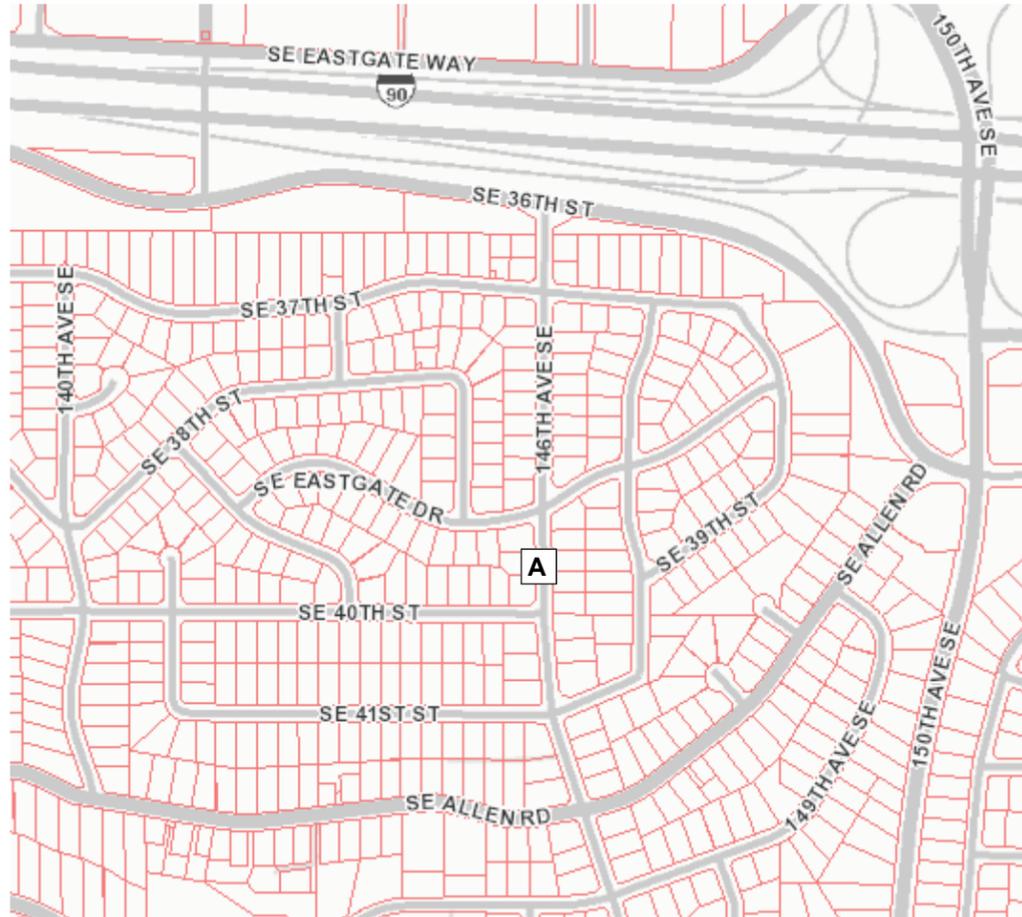


displays a vehicle's speed on a reader board. The radar dolly has been effective in decreasing vehicle speeds in many areas of Bellevue by encouraging motorists to reduce their speed. I encourage you to fill out the radar dolly request form. Once we receive a radar dolly request form, City staff will 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 of Study	Location of Study	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
6/26-7/2/2014	A 146th Ave SE north of SE 40th St	1,373	27	27	31	31

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



Customized Traffic Action Plan for 146th Ave SE: SE 36th St to Allen

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.

