

### My Action Plan for 160th Ave NE north of NE 24th St

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 160th Ave NE north of NE 24th 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:

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- 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:

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### 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](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/Guidebook_Web.pdf)



# TRAFFIC ACTION



## 2014-009 160th Ave NE north of NE 24th St

August 1, 2014



Bellevue, WA 98008

Subject: Speeding Concerns on 160th Avenue NE north of NE 24th Street

Dear

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds on 160th Ave NE north of NE 24th 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 160th Ave NE north of NE 24th St. The speed studies were conducted June 10-16, 2014 — while school was still in session. These studies show 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 26 mph in the northbound and southbound directions. Motorists entering 160th Ave NE off NE 24th St are notified of the change in the speed limit of 30 mph along NE 24th St with a “SPEED LIMIT 25” sign. A five-year accident study was also conducted along 160th Ave NE between NE 24th St and NE 28th St, and there were no reported accidents along this corridor.

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.

You noted concerns with cut-through traffic on 160th Ave NE. This street provides residents who live in this neighborhood access to and from their homes. Typically, cut-through traffic pertains to motorists using streets without having an origin or destination within the neighborhood. In looking at the volume studies conducted in June, these volumes are typical based on the number of homes in the vicinity of 160th Ave NE.

We have included in this mailing a packet geared toward children that includes a CD and interactive video on traffic safety basics. Pedbee is Bellevue’s mascot that helps teach children pedestrian and bicycle safety. If you would like additional packets to share with your neighbors, please let us know.

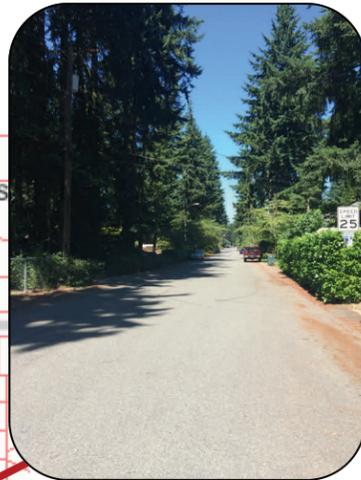
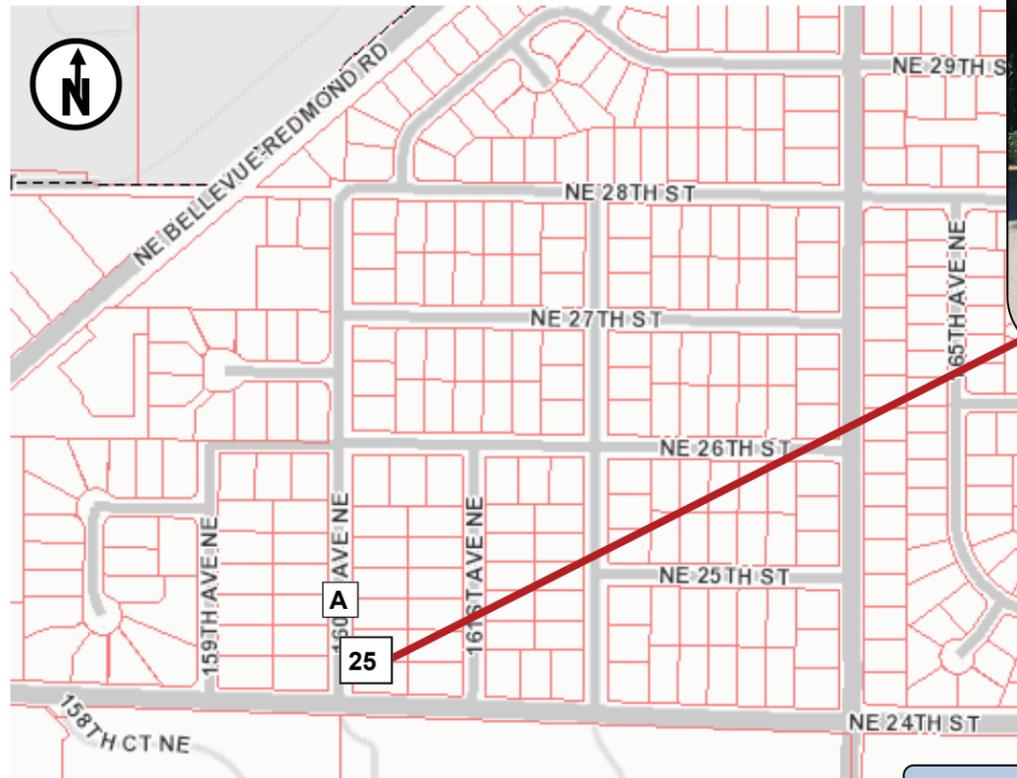
To address those motorists choosing to drive faster than the posted speed limit, we encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our education programs as described on page 3 of this report. One of the options that would work well for the situation you’ve described is to borrow a radar dolly. 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 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.



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](mailto: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.



**Legend**

25 Speed Limit Sign

**Summary of Findings**

Date of Study	Location of Study	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds		85th% Speeds*	
			Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound
June 2014	<b>A</b> 160th Ave NE	592	22	21	26	26

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



**Customized Traffic Action Plan for 160th Ave NE north of NE 24th 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](http://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.

