

My Action Plan for the Cherry Crest Neighborhood

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns in the Cherry Crest Neighborhood? 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



2014-015 Cherry Crest Neighborhood

September 3, 2014

[Redacted]

Bellevue, WA 98005

Subject: Speeding and Cut-Through Traffic Concerns in the Cherry Crest Neighborhood

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for contacting Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services and letting us know your concerns with vehicle speeds and cut through traffic in the Cherry Crest Neighborhood. 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 and volume studies were conducted at four locations in the Cherry Crest Neighborhood July 7-13, 2014. Please see the results of these studies on the map on page 2 of this report. The speed limit on NE 24th St and 134th Ave NE is 30 mph. Motorists entering 126th Ave NE, 127th Ave NE, 130th Ave NE, and NE 36th St off NE 24th St and 134th Ave NE are notified of the change in the speed limit with “SPEED LIMIT 25” signs as well as “25 MPH” pavement markings. There are also a variety of traffic calming features in the Cherry Crest neighborhood including entry treatments and “Residential Area” signs, speed humps, medians, “25 MPH” pavement markings, and raised crosswalks.

You noted concerns with cut-through traffic in the Cherry Crest Neighborhood. 126th Ave NE, 127th Ave NE, 130th Ave NE, and NE 36th St provide 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 July, these volumes are typical based on the number of homes in the vicinity of these streets.

You also had concerns with sight-lines at various intersections in the Cherry Crest Neighborhood due to overhanging branches from trees. Attached is a “Brush Trimming” flyer regarding guidelines for sight-lines to share with your neighbors. Please feel free to either call our Street and Utility Maintenance division at 425-452-7840 or send an e-mail to O&MSupport@bellevuewa.gov to report the specific locations that are of concern.

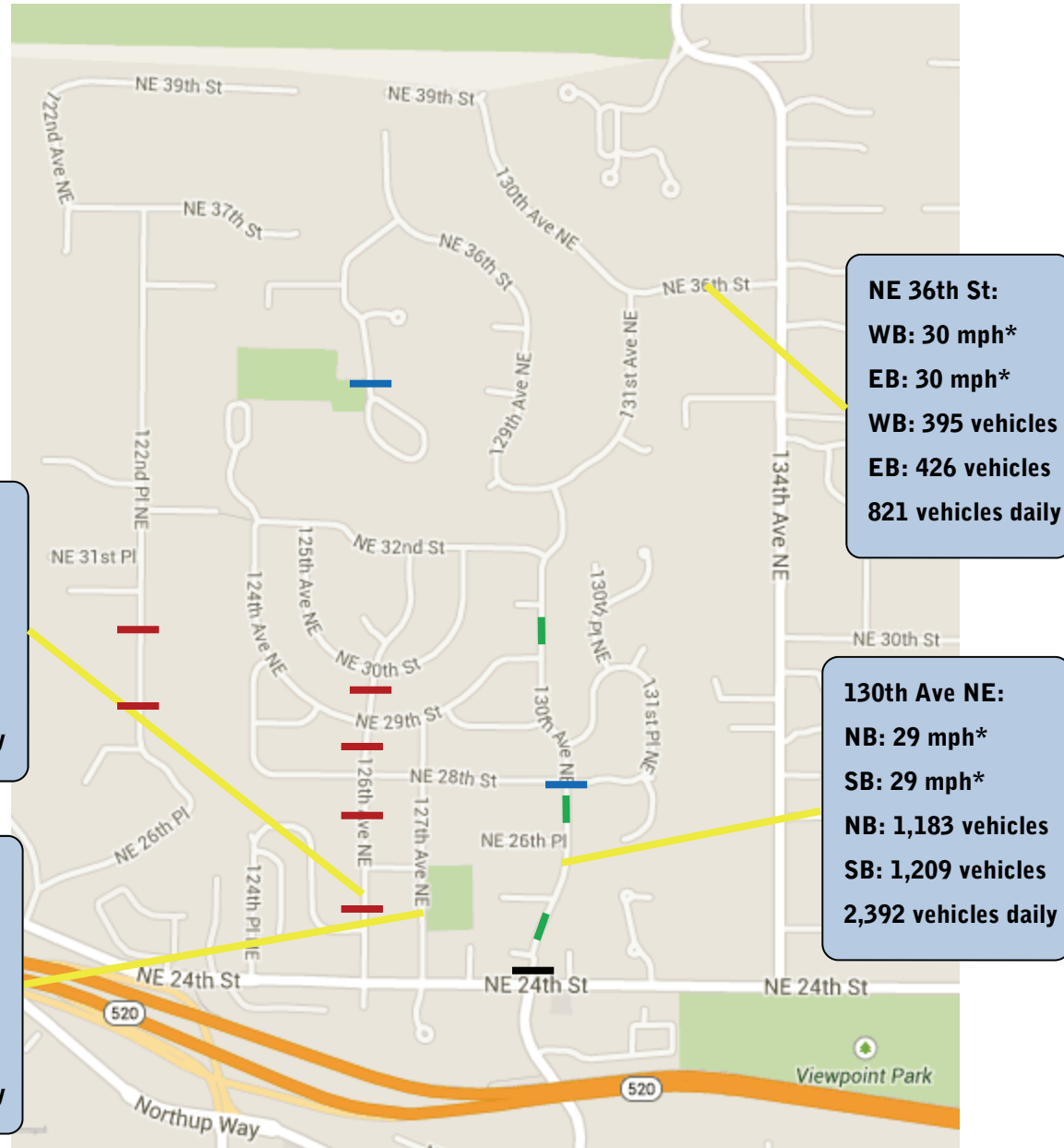
To address those motorists choosing to drive faster than the posted speed limit, we encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our education programs as described on page 3 of this report. One of the options that would work well for the situation you’ve described is to borrow a radar dolly. 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 or 425-452-2841 to participate in any of the education programs described in this Traffic Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Linda Glas, P.E.



Legend

NB = Northbound, SB = Southbound, WB = Westbound, EB = Eastbound
 *85% of vehicles are traveling at or below this speed (mph)

Daily traffic indicates mid-week average — data between Tues and Thurs

- Speed Hump
- Raised Crosswalk
- Median
- Entry Treatment and "Residential Area"



Customized Traffic Action Plan for the Cherry Crest Neighborhood

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.

