



Woodridge Neighborhood Traffic Committee Meeting #2

Wednesday, August 23, 2017
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall

WELCOME!

- Welcome
- Recap Addressing commuter traffic (20 mins)
- Starting the plan—small group exercise
 - Plan development (30 minutes)
 - Report out (30 minutes)

Project scope

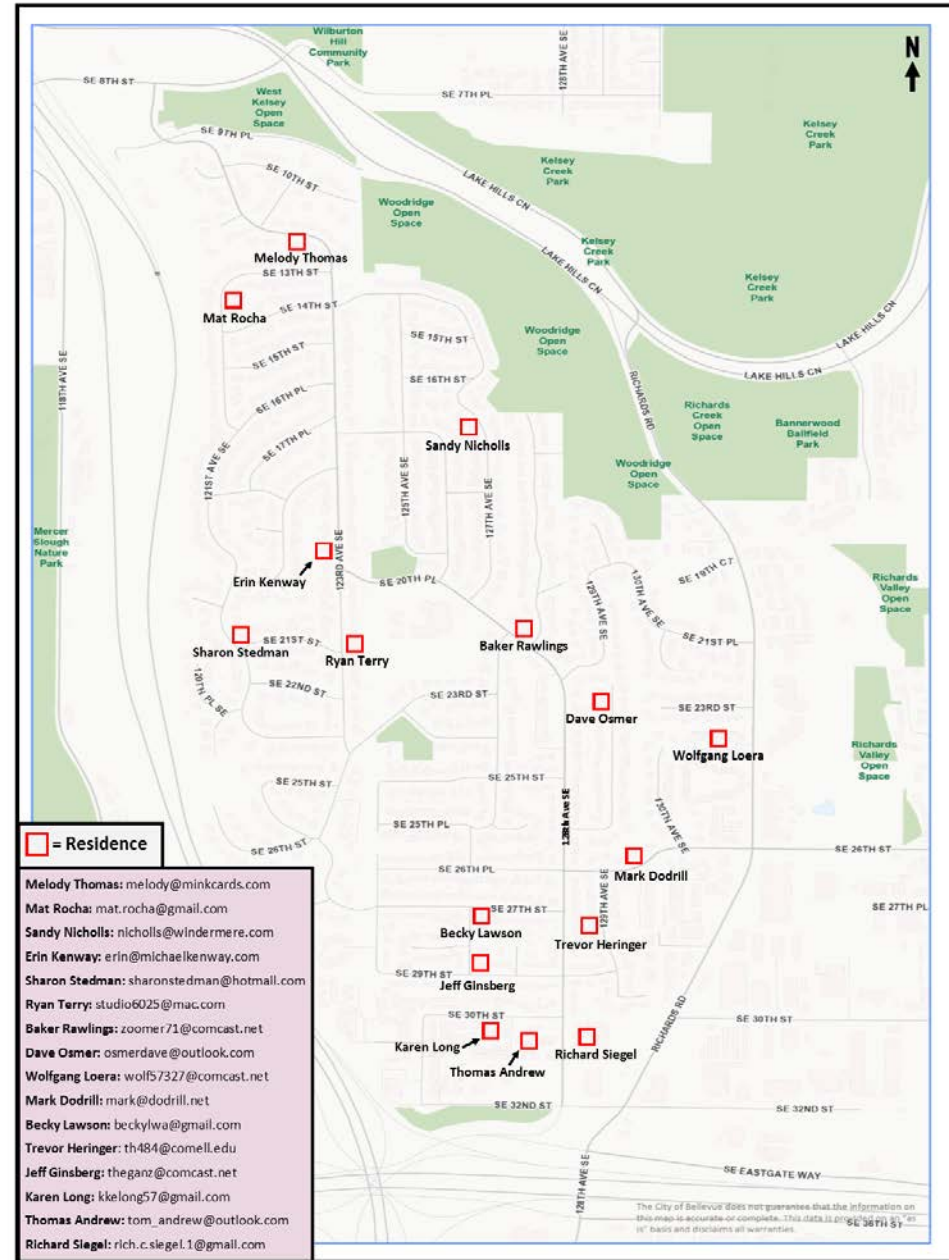
- Develop tools that will discourage commuter traffic from using neighborhood streets
- Focused on evening commuter traffic volume on primary routes through neighborhood
- Not an all the time or every day problem; confined to evening commute a few days a week

Goal for tonight

Develop initial ideas to address traffic concerns

Traffic Committee Members

- 16 members
- Mix of residents geographically
 - Heavier emphasis on south end residents
- Some along 121st/123rd/SE 20th/128th
- Some along local streets



Timing

Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Fall 2017	Winter/Spring 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ✓ Pre-meeting survey• ✓ Community meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kick-off traffic committee meeting• Staff make initial recommendation based on Committee feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share recommendation with Committee• Finalize plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community support• Implementation

Traffic Volume Analysis

- Evening traffic traveling southbound make up great percentages of a location's full day volume count
- The daily mid-week 4-7PM average southbound volumes make up between 40% to 50% of the entire day's worth of volume
 - For example, 49% of the average mid-week day's southbound volume at 128th Ave SE south of SE 26th PL occurs from 4-7PM
 - The one exception is 123rd Ave south of SE 20th PL (represents only 29%)

Addressing Commuter Traffic

- Often start with least restrictive tools and move toward more restrictive tools
- Implementation often requires community support
- Piloting tools is good way to test efficacy, community support
- Traffic committee is key in understanding concerns
 - Helps to educate community on tradeoffs (e.g. facilitating residential access while discouraging cut-through traffic) while building consensus

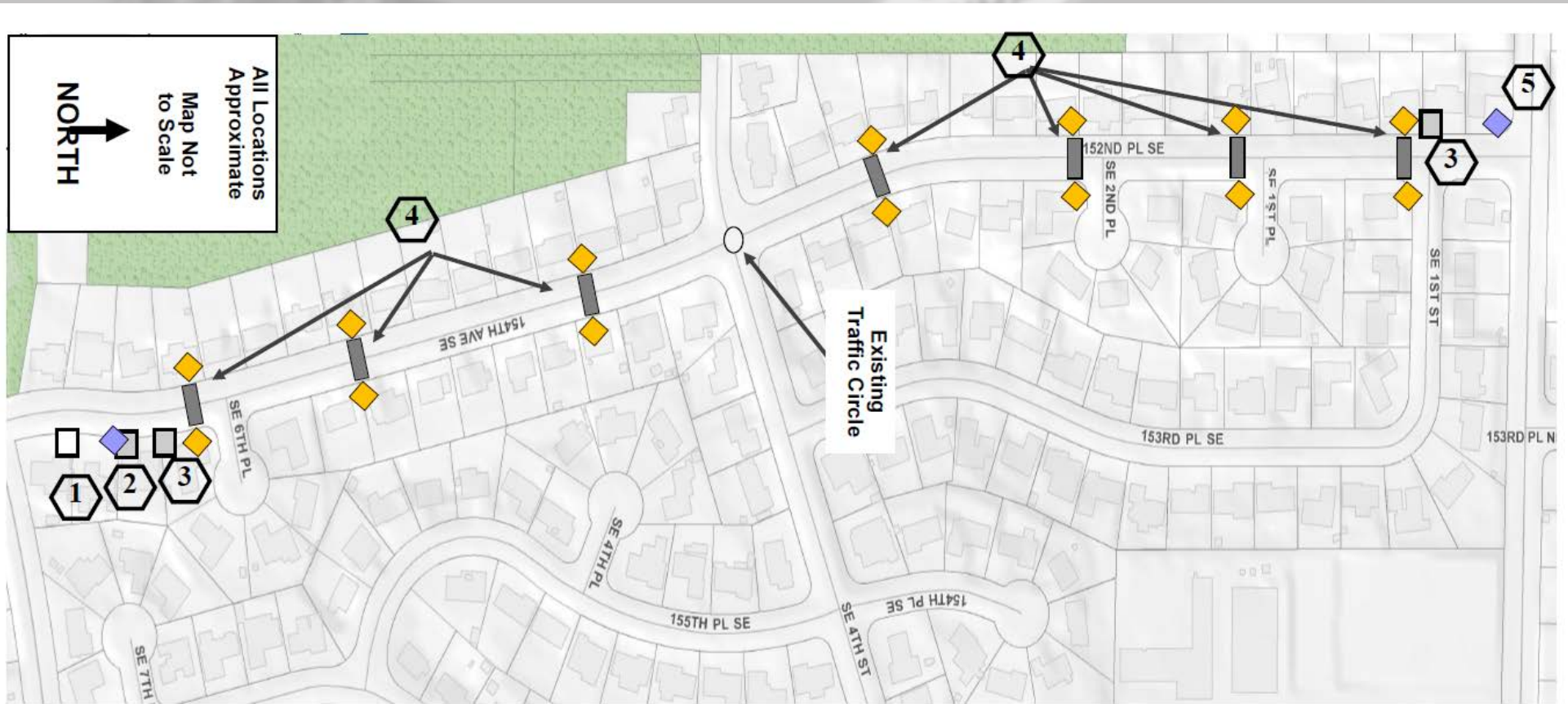
What we've done in the past

- 108th Ave/Main St: turn restrictions
- 152nd/154th Ave SE: speed humps
- SE 6th St west of Bellevue Way: speed humps, walking path, one lane zone
- West Bellevue: partial closure, full closure

108th/Main



152nd/154th



All Locations Approximate
Map Not to Scale
NORTH

Existing Traffic Circle

- 1 Remove speed limit sign and relocate to COB approved location
Install per TE-21A
- 2 Install Residential Area sign at old speed limit sign location
- 3 Remove project signs and posts and dispose

- 4 Install speed humps per TE 28
- 5 Install Residential Area sign at old speed limit sign at COB approved location per TE 28

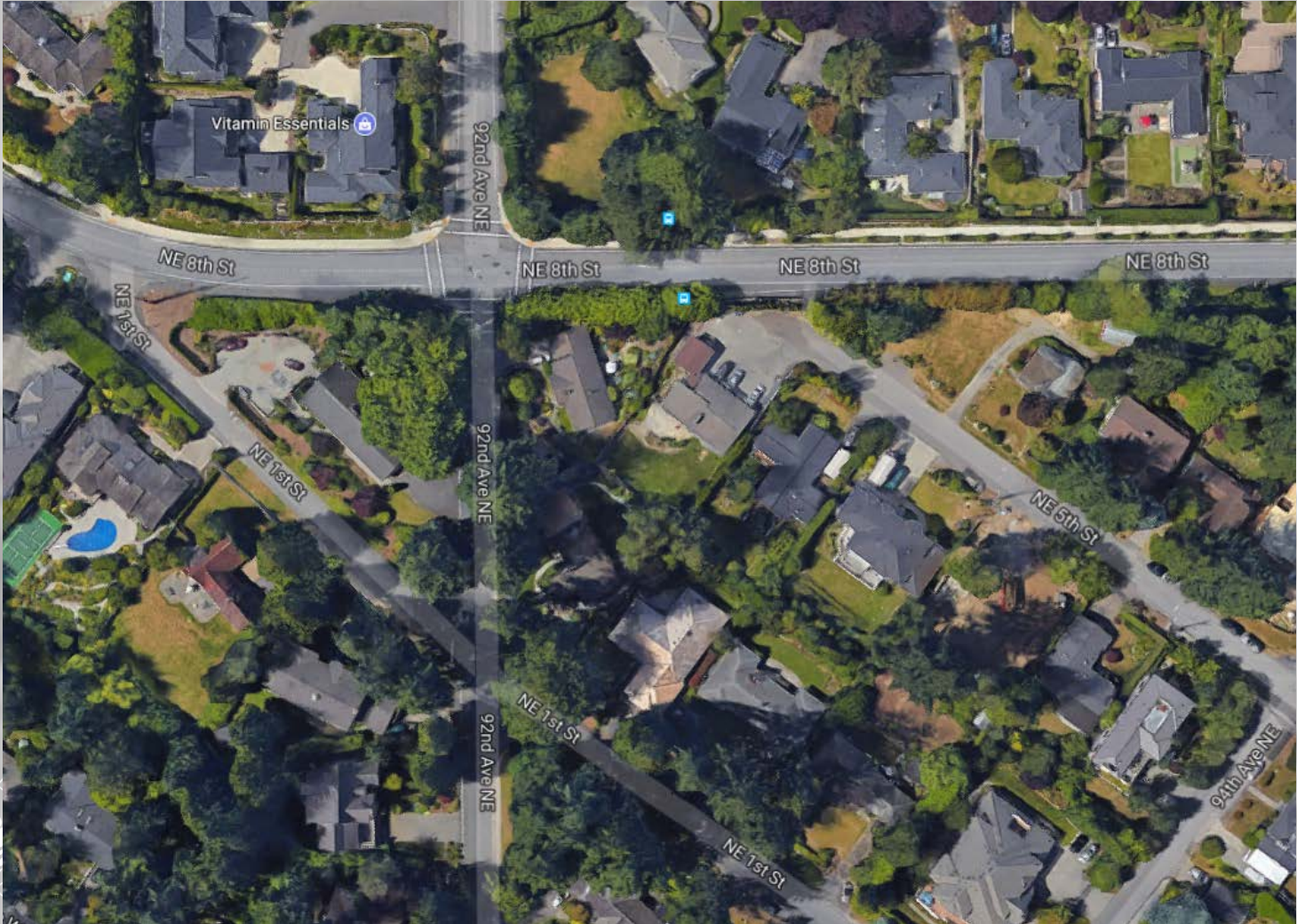
SE 6th St and SE 8th St



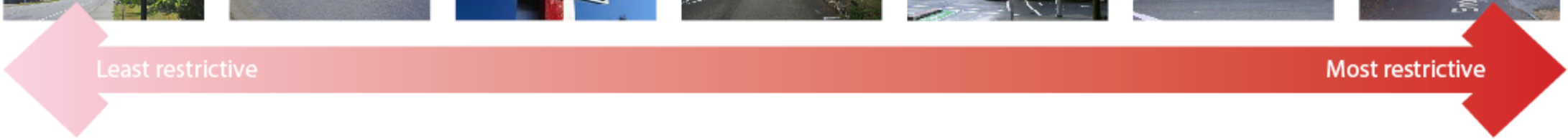
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Addressing Commuter Traffic



What we've heard- possible solutions

- “Local Traffic Only” signs
- Greater Police presence
- Make the intersection of 128th Ave SE and SE 26th St an all-way stop
- Better stop light times on Richards Rd
- More traffic calming

Local Access Only Signs

- Local access only signs generally not used in Bellevue
 - Used in coordination with construction activity associated with East Link
- Not supported by Police due to difficulty with enforcing
- Can set unreasonable expectations
- Does not influence navigation apps routing

What we've heard – March 2nd Meeting Survey Results (75 Woodridge attendees)

- Concern is the ability to get to or from one's home (47% of attendees cited this reason)
- 49% of attendees enter Woodridge between 4-7 PM on weekdays, 25% exit the neighborhood, 26% neither come or go
- 81% of attendees alter their travel route to avoid traffic in Woodridge
- 55% of attendees stated they would be willing to travel farther and/or longer for the possibility of less traffic

Small Group Exercise

- Using the Residential Traffic Guidebook and Woodridge Map, brainstorm possible tools that can be used at specific locations to address the commuter traffic.
 - Use others tools not listed!
- **Write your ideas on the map. Be specific with tools and locations.**
 - **State WHY and WHAT issue that tool will address**
- Groups will share with the rest of the committee their ideas explaining rationale

Next Steps

- Staff to take your ideas and develop an initial draft plan for your review
 - Email? In-person?

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