

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC *news*



#2001-012
SE 40th Place

August 22, 2001

Steve Jahn
41.5 Homeowners' Association President
17226 SE 40th Place
Bellevue, WA 98008

Subject: Neighborhood Traffic Calming Request #2001-012

Dear Mr. Jahn:

Thank you for letting us know your concerns regarding traffic on SE 40th Place. We have completed our field reviews and data analysis of the location, and would like to share with you our findings. We realize there are drivers who speed in excess of the 25 mph posted speed limit. Based on our field reviews and analysis of the data, we have made several recommendations, *which you will find inside this report.*

In your citizen action request and subsequent email, you mentioned concerns with:

Sight Distance—Sight distance for drivers turning into and out of the neighborhood is adequate. Near the entrance of the neighborhood, there are several driveways with sight distance issues. However, this is due to the homeowners' own vegetation, and is therefore, their responsibility to correct.

Signage—Because there is already a 25 mph sign on SE 40th Place, we feel no additional signage is necessary.

The Dip—Since we last spoke, the dip in the paving at West Lake Sammamish and SE 40th Place has been repaired.

Exiting and Entering the Neighborhood—We realize that during rush hour drivers must often wait for a gap in traffic before being able to exit or enter the neighborhood, because of the high number of vehicles on West Lake Sammamish during peak hours. We encourage drivers to wait until they have adequate clearance before turning onto or off of the Parkway. Fortunately, a review of our accident database does not indicate a concern at this time. However, we will continue to monitor the situation.

Associations can have a lot of influence on the traffic situation in the neighborhood. We appreciate the efforts you have made so far, and encourage you to continue working with residents to reduce speeding in the 41.5 neighborhood.

Thank you for participating in our Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 425-452-6160.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Carlsen
Neighborhood Services Program Administrator
Transportation Department



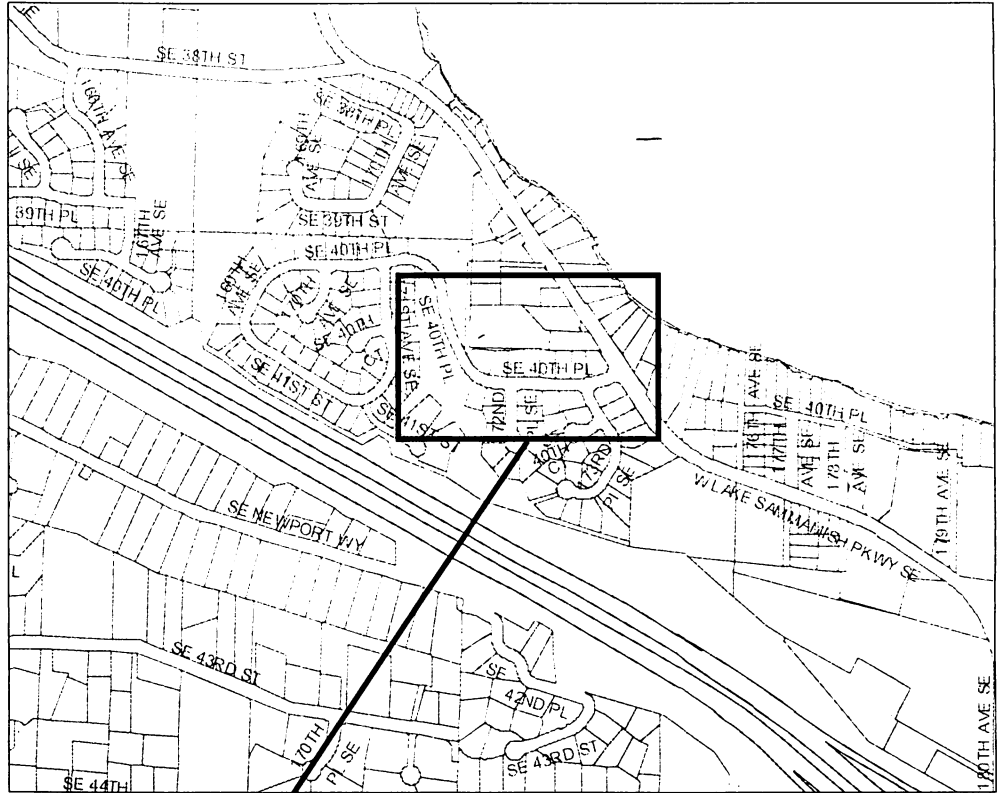
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General Information

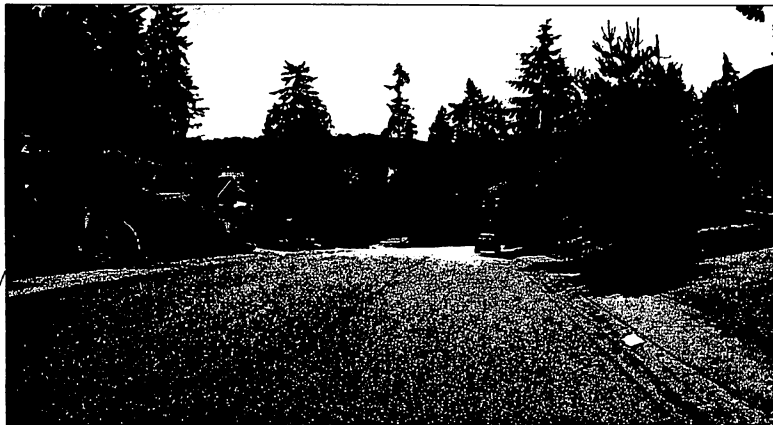
Street Width: 34 feet
 Speed/Volume
 Counts Conducted: 7/30/01
 Volume Count: 1078 vehicles per day
 Speed Studies:
 East of 171st Ave SE—
 Eastbound: 32.84 mph
 Westbound: 32.54 mph
 East of 172nd Pl SE—
 Eastbound: 31.53 mph
 Westbound: 28.84 mph



Legend

- Stop Sign
- Speed/Volume Count
- Stop Bar





Facing Eastbound



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Recommendations

Phase One

Traffic Safety Campaign—To heighten driver awareness to traffic safety basics we will personalize a Neighborhood Traffic Safety Campaign for area residents. This involves mailing a newsletter to area residents explaining speed limit fines, current speed study findings, etc., and it encourages drivers to become more aware of the speed at which they drive. I anticipate sending this newsletter out by the end of September.

Neighborhood Speed Watch—We realize that there are periodic motorists who drive in excess of the posted speed limit. One of the ways you can help to address this is by participating in our Neighborhood Speed Watch Program. This program allows you and your neighbors the opportunity to record the speeds of vehicles. From this information, we locate the registered owner of the vehicle and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed. Please feel free to contact me to schedule a training session.

Enforcement—We have also forwarded our speed studies to the Police Traffic Department for them to review. They will not only determine which time of the day would be most beneficial for enforcement efforts, but also review for placement of the radar trailer.

Pavement Legends—We will be installing 25 MPH pavement legends on SE 40th Place to remind drivers of the posted speed limit.

See included pamphlets for additional information on the above recommendations.

Phase Two

These recommendations do not end our commitment to help improve the safety in your neighborhood. As part of our two-year program, we will be reviewing your area again next year.

