

My Action Plan for Harbour Heights Parkway

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns for Harbour Heights Parkway?

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 Programs

Contact City staff at 425.263.8100 to set-up a training session for the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program, and get materials.

Email the Crime Prevention Volunteers to conduct neighborhood speed watches at crimeprevention@mukilteowa.gov.

☐ Radar Trailer/Dolly—I am willing for it to be placed in my driveway.

To request a radar speed trailer be placed at a particular location, call 425.263.8100.

Notes:

Customized Traffic Action Plan for Harbour Heights Parkway

Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement

By educating the community and encouraging safe driving, we can begin to change driver behavior and reduce vehicle speeds.



Traffic Enforcement

The Public Works Department works closely with the Police Department to enforce speed limits and other traffic laws in neighborhoods. Using key traffic data provided by Public Works staff, officers focus their scheduled patrols on the times and places where speeding most often occurs. Typically, targeted enforcement occurs during a one-week timeframe. Enforcement is also available by request to Mukilteo residents.

Neighborhood Speed Watch Programs

The Neighborhood Speed Watch is a public awareness program that provides citizens with partnership opportunities in solving speeding problems in their neighborhood. Residents monitor the speed of vehicles with radar equipment on loan from the Police Department. Police staff train residents on how to use the radar unit to record the license plate numbers of those motorists driving at least 5 mph above the posted speed limit. A letter is sent from the Police Department to the registered owners of those vehicles informing them of the observed violation and encourages them or the other drivers of their vehicle to drive at or below the posted speed limit. Since this is a community awareness program, no formal citations or fines are issued.

A short 1 hour training session is provided to the requestor by City staff. The requestor collects motorists' data and submits the results to City Staff. To participate in this program, please call 425.263.8100.



Radar Trailer/Dolly



The radar trailer/dolly is a portable trailer equipped with a radar unit which detects the speed of passing vehicles and displays the speed on a reader board. The goal is to heighten driver's awareness of both the speed at which they are traveling and the posted speed limit. This encourages drivers to adjust their speeds, if needed.

Police Officers or Police Volunteers will place the radar trailer or dolly at location as requested. The Police Department may use the trailer as a "speed checkpoint" and have an officer present to issue citations to violators. To request a radar speed trailer be placed at a particular location, call 425.263.8100.

Speed Limit Pavement Markings

The City uses pavement markings noting the posted speed limit at locations where drivers may need to be reminded of the posted speed limit. The pavement markings are typically 8 feet long.





Traffic Action Plan

City of Mukilteo Traffic Calming Program

March 22, 2021

TC 2015-008

TC2015-015 / TC 2019-007

Re: Intersection at Vista Drive and Harbour Heights Parkway

We received two Traffic Action Forms for Harbour Heights Parkway, and created one Traffic Action Plan for the community. A permanent radar sign ("Your Speed Is") was installed in March 2018. This is a follow-up study to evaluate how effective the sign has been in reducing vehicle speeds.

We have completed a field review and data analysis on Harbour Heights Parkway and compiled this information into this Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

The follow-up speed study was conducted near the intersection of Villa Monte Drive, on Harbour Heights Parkway. The location was selected to capture the highest speeds possible. The latest speed study began on January 28 and ended on February 8, 2021. The study shows 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 31 mph in the westbound direction (downhill) and at or below 31 mph in the eastbound direction (uphill). There were 3,476 vehicles recorded traveling westbound, and 3,557 traveling eastbound during the 11 day speed study. These speeds are reduced from those collected in 2016 (see table page 2).

One of the pieces of information that is used in the City's traffic calming program is 85th percentile speeds. The 85th percentile speed is the speed at which 85% of the traveling speed is traveling at or below. This speed is important because it is the speed that the nationally recognized Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices recommends be used for setting speed limits. Based off the 85th percentile speed and traffic volumes shown in the traffic study, the City has prepared a Traffic Action Plan.

- The Police Department already has this location on the extra patrol list and will continue additional traffic emphasis patrols.
- The City will install pavement markings on Harbour Heights Parkway this Spring—Summer.
- Additional traffic calming measures are suggested on page 3 which the neighborhood is encouraged to participate in.

The data shows that the radar feedback signs have resulted in a reduction in speeds, and speeds no longer meet the requirements for further evaluation. Once the pavement markings are installed, this traffic request will be closed.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors on the programs suggested to address your traffic concerns. Please feel free to contact Connie Bowers at cbowers@mukilteowa.gov or 425.263.8080 regarding any of the information in this TAP.

Sincerely,

Andrea Swisstack (Mar 22, 2021 17:41 PDT)

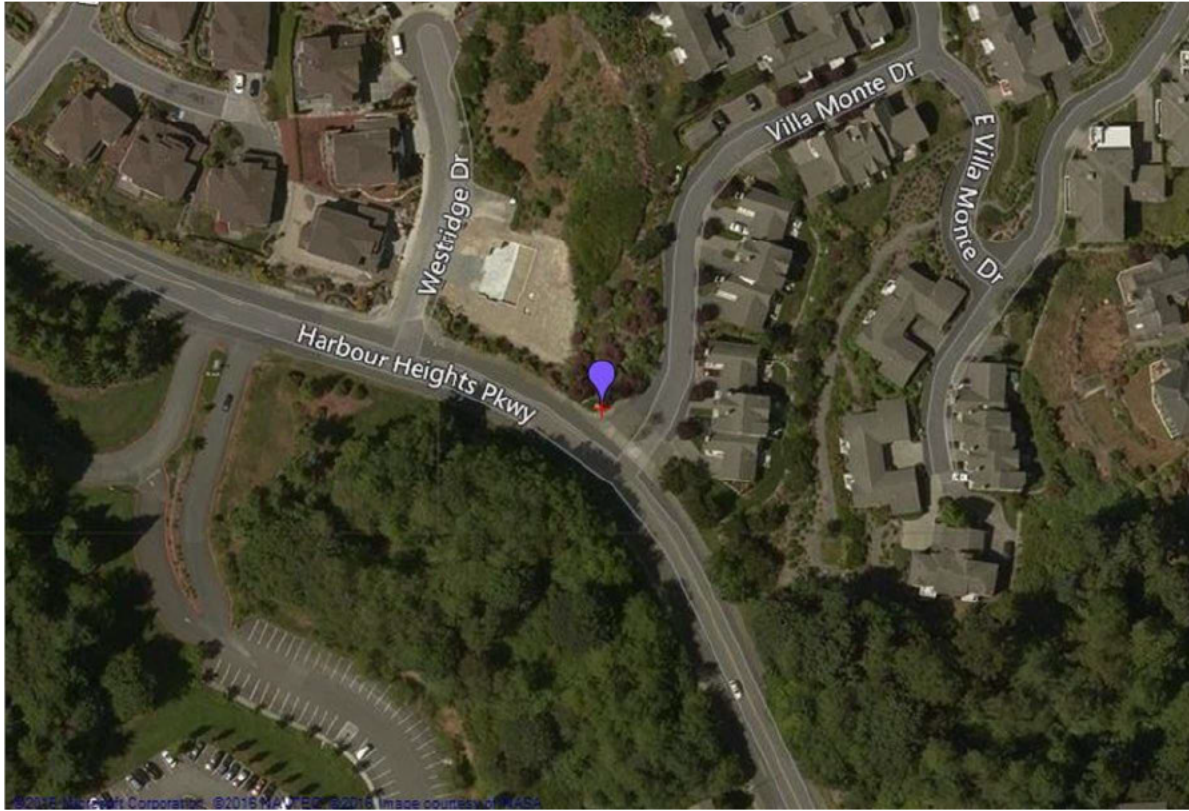
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Location of Speed Study



Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds	85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed
January 15-26, 2016	Harbour Heights Parkway (at Villa Monte Dr. Intersection)	1285	28 MPH	34 MPH
January 28 – February 8, 2021	Westbound	317	26.6 MPH	31 MPH
January 15-26, 2016	Harbour Heights Parkway (at Villa Monte Dr. Intersection)	1274	26 MPH	32 MPH
January 28 – February 8, 2021	Eastbound	324	24.4 MPH	31 MPH
January 28 – February 8, 2021	Merged Data	641	25.5 MPH	31 MPH

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