

My Action Plan for 88th Street SW

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns for 88th Street SW?
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



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

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.

Notes:



Traffic Action Plan

City of Mukilteo Traffic Calming Program

February 12, 2018

Amy DeHart

Mukilteo, WA 98275

Re: Speeding Concerns on 88th Street SW

Dear Amy,

Thank you for contacting the City of Mukilteo and sharing your concerns with vehicle speeds on 88th Street SW. We have completed a field review and data analysis on 88th Street SW and compiled this information into this Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

A speed study was conducted in the 5500 Block of 88th Street SW. The location was selected to capture the highest speeds possible based on the information you provided in the Request for Action form, specifically your concern regarding vehicles accelerating while traveling westbound down the hill, and accelerating eastbound to the top of the hill. The speed study began on October 12, 2017 and ended on October 25, 2017. The study shows 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 31 mph in the eastbound direction and at or below 33 mph in the westbound direction. There were 3,788 vehicles recorded traveling eastbound, and 3,749 traveling westbound during the 13 day speed study.

The City strongly encourages you to conduct neighborhood education as the speeders are most likely generated by your neighbors and/or their guests as this is not a cut through street. Myron Travis, the Crime Prevention Officer, would be able to assist you in setting up a meeting with the neighbors to discuss the block watch program and share the information regarding the neighborhood speeding. He can be reached at 425.263.8104 or mtravis@mukilteowa.gov. In addition, the speed study was provided to the Mukilteo Police Department, who will be conducting additional traffic enforcement in this area as part of their traffic enforcement emphasis areas.

Another great program which would work well for your neighborhood is our Crime Prevention Volunteers, crimeprevention@mukilteowa.gov, who conduct neighborhood speed watches. More information about this wonderful program can be found at <https://mukilteowa.gov/departments/police/volunteers-in-public-safety/>. In addition, we encourage you and your neighbors to participate in one of our education programs as described on page 3 of this report.

As to your concerns regarding pedestrians, the City adopted the By The Way (BTW) Plan on March 6, 2017. The BTW Plan supports opportunities for biking, transit, and walking within our community. 88th Street SW has been identified as a project in the BTW Plan. The City recognizes the need in the BTW Plan for implementing street enhancements and sidewalks to better serve the pedestrians and bicyclists that utilize this roadway. For more information on the BTW Plan please visit <https://mukilteowa.gov/departments/planning-development/planning-long-range/btwplan/>.

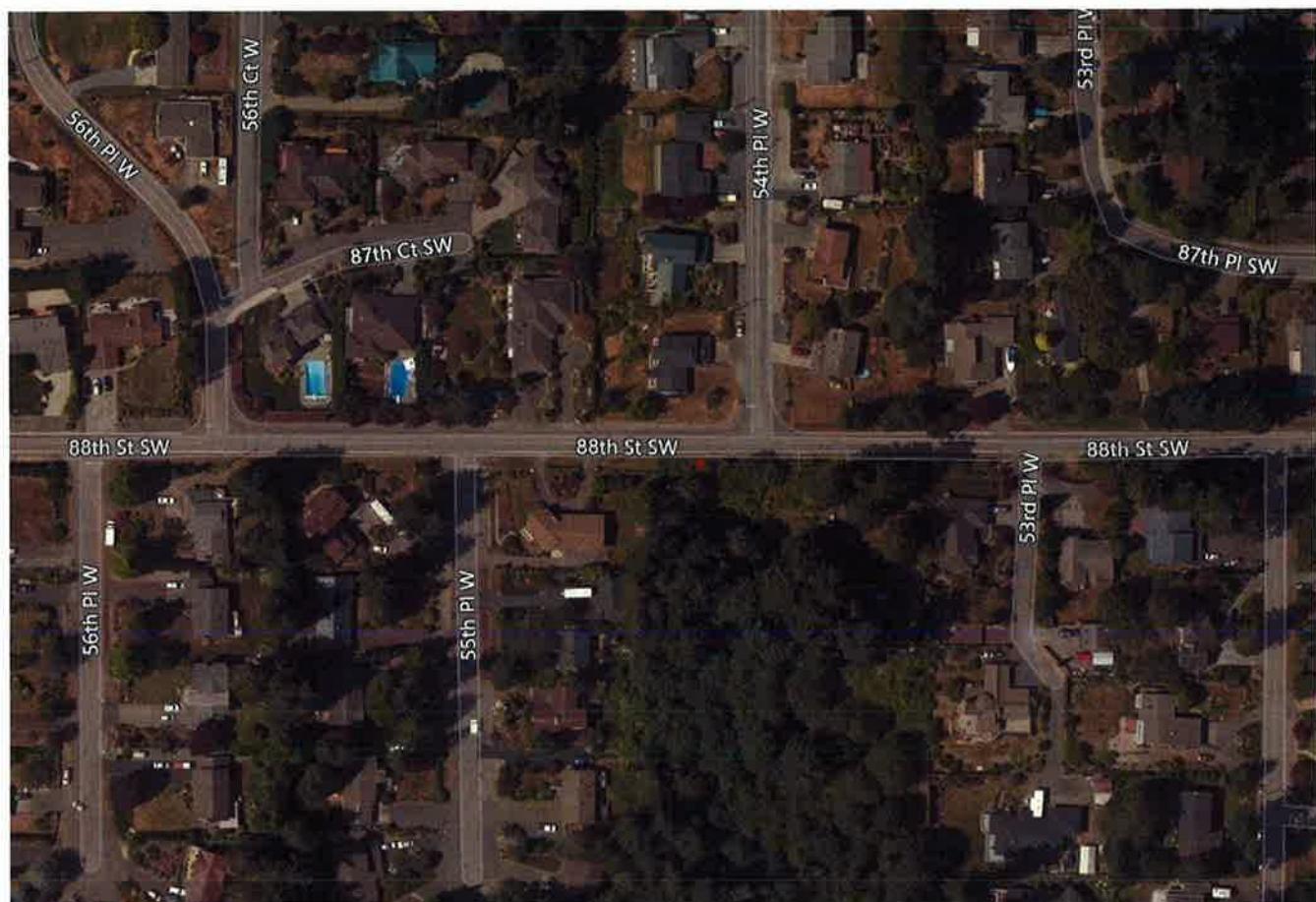
Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors on the programs suggested to address your traffic concerns. Please feel free to contact Challis Stringer at cstringer@mukilteowa.gov or 425.263.8082 regarding any of the information in this TAP.

Sincerely,

Mick Matheson P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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Assistant Police Chief

Location of Speed Study



Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds	85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed
October 12–25, 2017	5500 Block 88th St SW Eastbound	290	26 MPH	31 MPH
October 12-25, 2017	5500 Block 88th St SW Westbound	287	27 MPH	33 MPH

Customized Traffic Action Plan for 88th Street SW

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

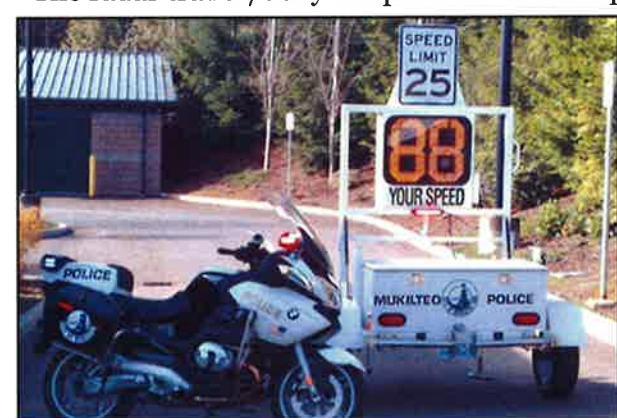
The Neighborhood Speed Watch is a public awareness program that provides citizens with partnership opportunities in solving speeding problems in their neighborhood. Residents monitor the speed of vehicles with radar equipment on loan from the Police Department. Police staff train residents on how to 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.