

My Action Plan for Mukilteo Lane and Mukilteo Boulevard

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on Mukilteo Lane and Mukilteo Boulevard?

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
- Traffic Enforcement—The City has already taken steps to add additional traffic enforcement.

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

Notes:



Traffic Action Plan

City of Mukilteo Traffic Calming Program

June 28, 2016

Michael Alfond
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Mukilteo, WA 98275

Re: Speeding Concerns on Mukilteo Lane and Mukilteo Boulevard

Dear Michael,

Thank you for contacting the City of Mukilteo and sharing your concerns with vehicle speeds on Mukilteo Lane and Mukilteo Boulevard between Leslie Lane and Upland Avenue (outside City limits). We have completed a field review and data analysis on Mukilteo Lane and Mukilteo Boulevard and compiled the information into this Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

A speed study was conducted along Mukilteo Lane. The location was selected to capture the highest speeds possible. The speed study began on March 29, 2016 and ended on April 8, 2016. The study shows 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 28mph in the eastbound direction and at or below 30 mph in the westbound direction. There were 7,682 vehicles recorded traveling eastbound, and 6,033 traveling westbound during the 11 day speed study.

A speed study was also conducted along the 1500 Block of Mukilteo Boulevard. The speed study began on June 2, 2016 and ended on June 13, 2016. The study shows 85% of the motorists are traveling at or below 40 mph in the westbound direction and at or below 41 mph in the eastbound direction. There were 34,433 vehicles recorded traveling westbound and 38,367 traveling eastbound during the 12 day speed study.

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.

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 described is to request a radar trailer/dolly be placed along Mukilteo Lane or Mukilteo Boulevard. To request this please call 425.263.8100.

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,


Robert McGaughey, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Location of Speed Studies

Mukilteo Lane



1500 Block Mukilteo Boulevard



Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Average Daily Traffic	Posted Speed Limit	Average Speeds	85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed
March 29, 2016— April 8, 2016	Mukilteo Lane Eastbound	768	25 MPH	23 MPH	28 MPH
March 29, 2016— April 8, 2016	Mukilteo Lane Westbound	603	25 MPH	25 MPH	30 MPH
June 2, 2016— June 13, 2016	Mukilteo Boulevard Westbound	3087	35 MPH	35 MPH	40 MPH
June 2, 2016— June 13, 2016	Mukilteo Boulevard Eastbound	3440	35 MPH	36 MPH	41 MPH

Customized Traffic Action Plan for Mukilteo Lane and Mukilteo Boulevard

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.