

My Action Plan for 53rd Avenue West

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on 53rd Avenue West?
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

September 28, 2016

Brad Omlid

[REDACTED]
Mukilteo, WA 98275

Re: Excessive Speeds on 53rd between 84th Street SW to Dead End

Dear Brad,

Thank you for contacting the City of Mukilteo and sharing your concerns with vehicle speeds on 53rd Avenue West. We have completed a field review and data analysis on 53rd Avenue West and compiled this information into this Traffic Action Plan (TAP), as well as our recommendations.

A speed study was conducted along 53rd Avenue West, at the mid-point between the Dead End and 84th Street SW. The location was selected to capture the highest speeds possible. The speed study began on July 14, 2016 and ended on July 25, 2016. The study shows 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 28mph in the southbound direction and at or below 27 mph in the northbound direction. There were 2,204 vehicles recorded traveling southbound, and 2,932 traveling northbound during the 11 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 not a cut through street and serves the neighborhoods through the loop and at the dead end. The education programs are described on page 3 of this report. In addition, another option that would work well for the situation you described is to request a radar trailer/dolly be placed along 53rd Avenue West. To request this please call 425.263.8100.

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.

The City is also working on a Bike/Transit/Walkability (BTW Plan) which proposes to add pedestrian facilities to 53rd Avenue West. To find out more about the BTW Plan, please visit <http://mukilteowa.gov/departments/planning-development/planning-long-range/btwplan/>.

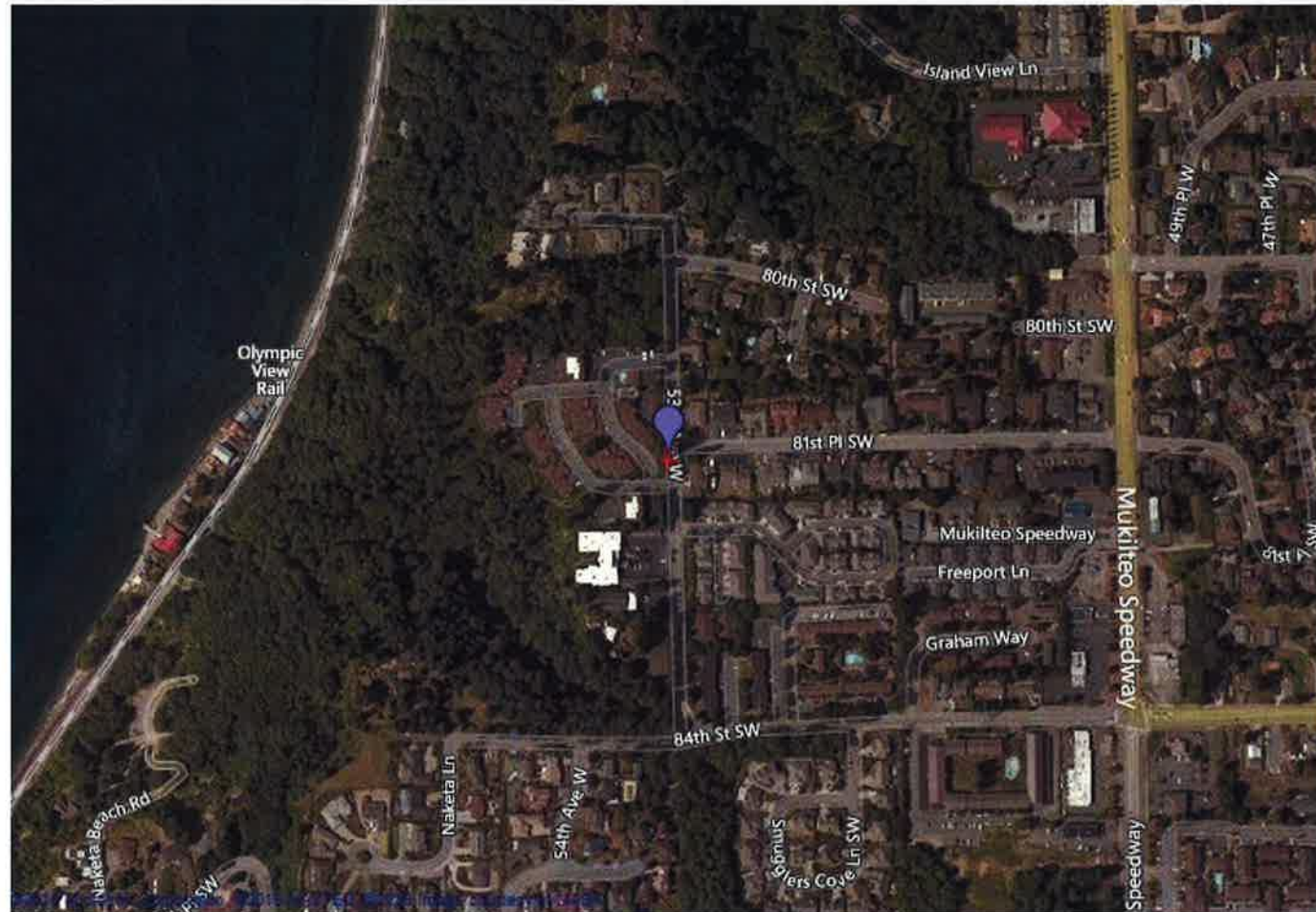
Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors on the programs suggested to address your traffic concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert McGaughey, P.E.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Location of Speed Study



Summary of Findings

Date	Location	Average Daily Traffic	Average Speeds	85% of vehicles traveling at or below this speed
July 14 – July 25, 2016	53rd Avenue West Southbound	199	21 MPH	28 MPH
July 14 – July 25, 2016	53rd Avenue West Northbound	265	20 MPH	27 MPH

Customized Traffic Action Plan for 53rd Avenue West

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.