

My Action Plan for Washington Avenue

Are you feeling inspired to take action to address the traffic concerns on Washington Avenue?

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.

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

May 8, 2017

Bob Woods

Mukilteo, WA 98275

Re: Speeding Concerns on Washington Avenue from SR 525 to Clover

Dear Bob,

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

A speed study was conducted in the 2300 Block of Washington Avenue. The location was selected to capture the highest speeds possible. The speed study began on January 5, 2017 and ended on January 23, 2017. The study shows 85% of motorists are traveling at or below 31 mph in the southbound direction and at or below 30 mph in the northbound direction. There were 4,365 vehicles recorded traveling southbound, and 2,099 traveling northbound during the 18 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.

Based on the traffic study, the Public Works Department will be installing speed limit pavement markings to remind drivers of the posted speed limit. More information on speed limit pavement markings may be found on page 3 of this report.

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.

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,

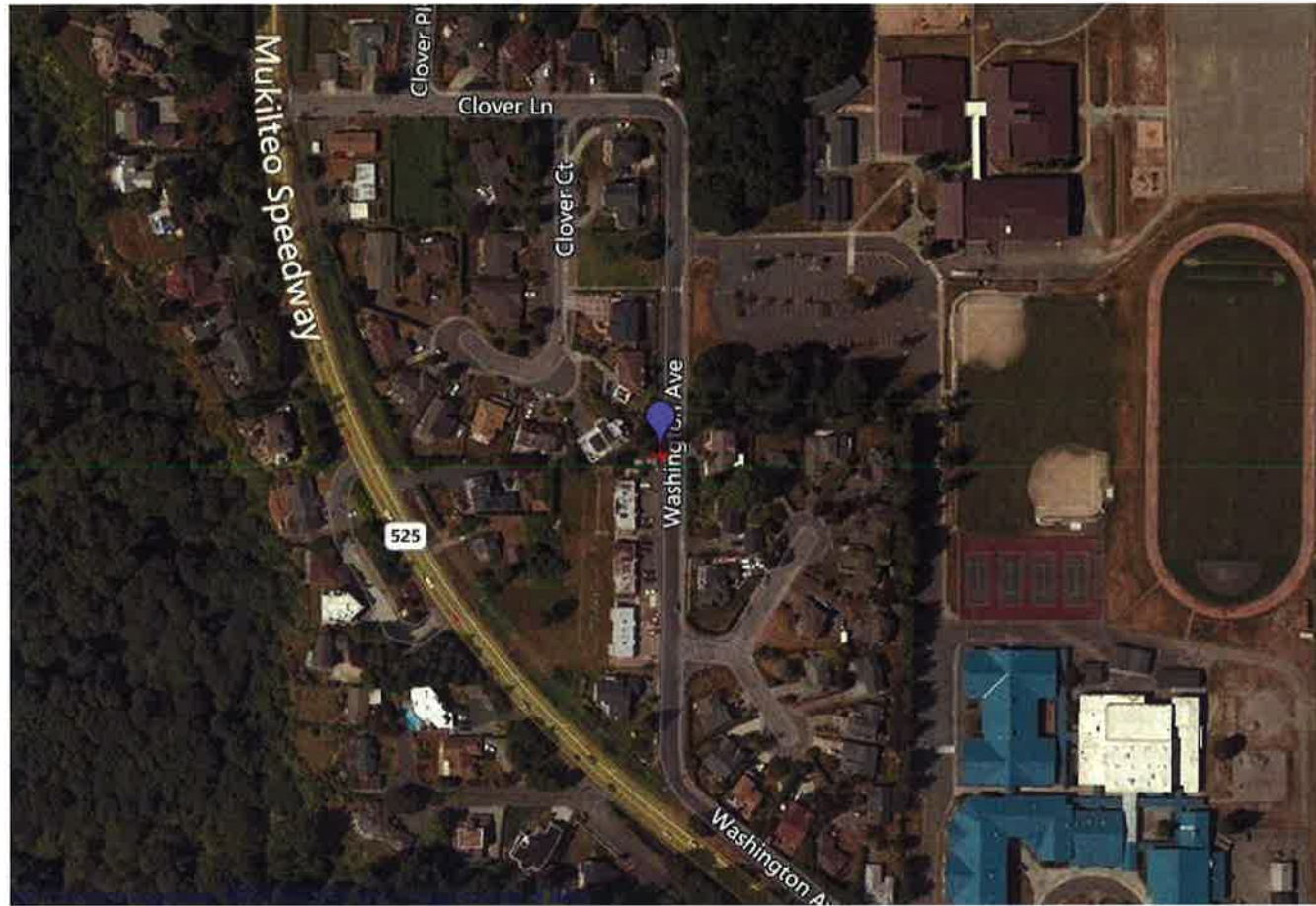
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Mick Matheson P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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Glen Koen
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
January 5, 2017— January 23, 2017	2300 Block Washington Avenue —Southbound	240	25 MPH	31 MPH
January 5, 2017— January 23, 2017	2300 Block Washington Avenue — Northbound	115	25 MPH	30 MPH

Customized Traffic Action Plan for Washington Avenue

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 marking noting the speed limit at locations where drivers may need to be reminded of the posted speed limit. These pavement markings are typically eight feet long and are either painted onto the pavement or applied with a special tape.

