

My Action Plan for Washington Avenue

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

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

February 12, 2018

Tonya Morris

Mukilteo, WA 98275

Re: Speeding Concerns on Washington Avenue

Dear Tonya,

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

A speed study was conducted in the 800 Block of Washington Ave. The location was selected to capture the highest speeds possible. 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 29 mph in the southbound direction and at or below 32 mph in the northbound direction. There were 5,390 vehicles recorded traveling southbound, and 6,851 traveling northbound during the 13 day speed study.

We compared the results from a speed study completed at the same location in June of 2015 and found that there have been no significant changes since then. The results of both studies can be found within this TAP. The City is planning on conducting a third traffic study in the same location later this year. The City will evaluate at that time if any significant changes have occurred from the two previous studies, and if so, we will evaluate what types of additional traffic calming tools are warranted.

The speed study was provided to the Mukilteo Police Department, who conducted additional traffic enforcement and has continued to include 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.

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. It has identified projects that meet the following goals:

1. Projects will provide safe connection between neighborhoods, parks, commercial districts, transit stops, schools, and regional pedestrian and bicycle networks.
2. Routes located within one half-mile of schools will identify projects to meet the principles and policies of Safe Routes to School.
3. Project corridors will provide multi-modal facilities to promote the choice of travel mode within the community.
4. Mukilteo Greenway signage and wayfinding will provide residents a sense of location and connection to better identify safe routes to move about the community.

Washington Ave. and 6th Street have been identified as projects in the BTW Plan as part of the "Stair-Step Greenway". 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 section of the "stair-step". For more information on the BTW Plan please visit <https://mukilteowa.gov/departments/planning-development/planning-long-range/btwplan/>.

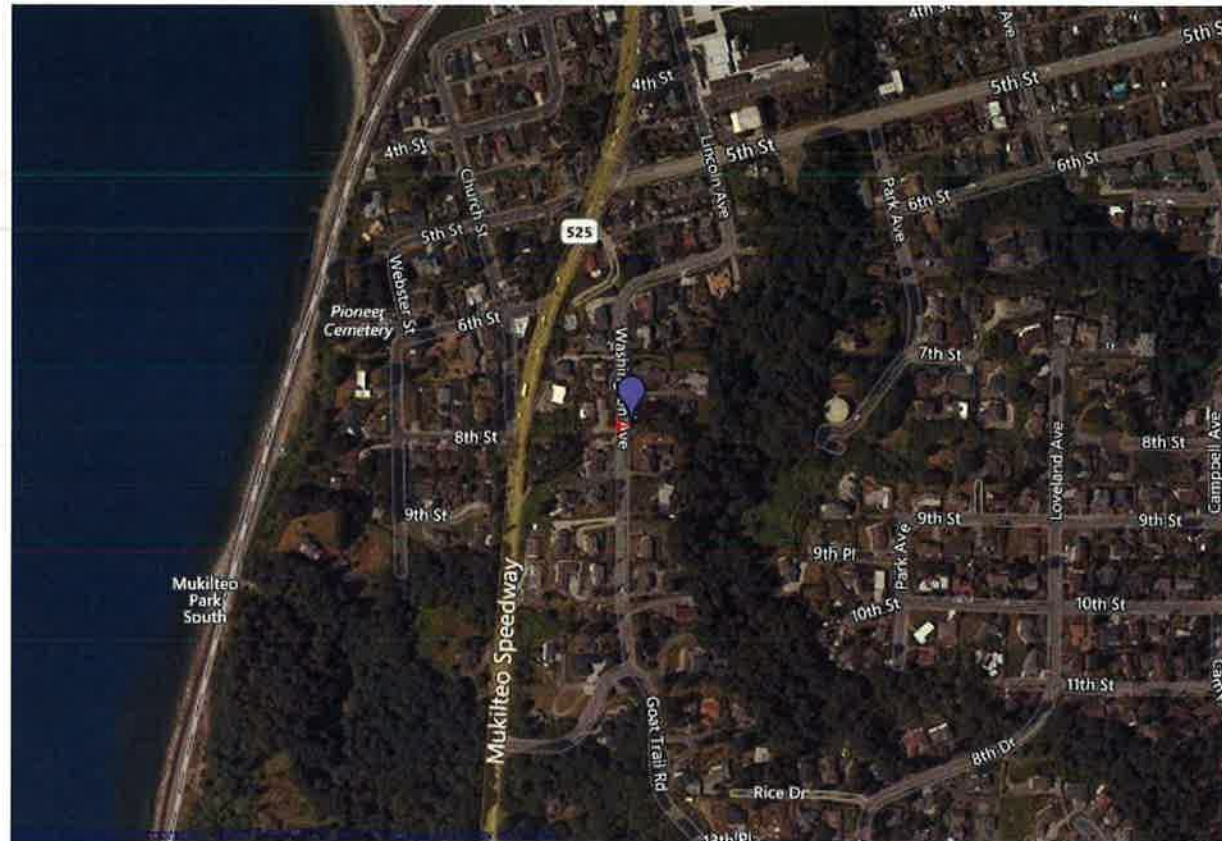
Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors on the programs suggested to address your traffic concerns. Please feel free to contact Challis Stringer at cstringer@mukilteowa.gov or 425.263.8082 regarding any of the information in this TAP.

Sincerely,

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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
June 9–22, 2015	800 Block Washington Ave—Southbound	456	25 MPH	30 MPH
June 9–22, 2015	800 Block Washington Ave—Northbound	646	26 MPH	32 MPH
October 12-25, 2017	800 Block Washington Ave—Southbound	412	24 MPH	29 MPH
October 12-25, 2017	800 Block Washington Ave—Northbound	524	27 MPH	32 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.