

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:54 AM  
**To:** Brian Hartman  
**Cc:** Gonzalez, Karen; Murphy, John; Kariel, Timothy; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** RE: Planned Changes to Traffic Flow in South Bellevue

Dear Mr. Hartman,

Thank you for your email and for attending the July 6 Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee meeting. Your email and this response will be shared with Committee members as is all correspondence regarding the Committee.

To best address your concern about why the City is moving forward with a 3-month pilot program to restrict access at 108th Ave SE/SE 16th St and Bellevue Way/SE 16th St, a little background will help to set the context.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from Surrey Downs, Enatai and Bellecrest neighborhoods and Beaux Arts Village. The Enatai neighborhood representatives are Katherine Christopherson, Kevin Paulich and Rebecca Spears.

The Committee's charge, which dates back to a community kick-off meeting in April 2016, is to discourage increases in commuter traffic on residential streets that may occur as a result of East Link construction activity on Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

Discouraging commuter traffic in neighborhoods is an inherently difficult proposition that requires residents to weigh and balance tradeoffs. A good example of this tradeoff is the existing no through at 108<sup>th</sup> Ave/Main St. The no through from downtown to southbound 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (across Main St) applies to both commuters and residents. This is a tradeoff in meeting community needs (discouraging commuter traffic) which comes with a tradeoff (also inhibiting residential access from downtown to 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE south of Main St).

Discouraging commuter traffic often requires tools that not only discourage commuter traffic but also create some impact for residents. The Committee has recognized this challenge and withdrew turn restrictions originally proposed in the Enatai neighborhood as residents expressed concern about access to/from their homes.

The pilot turn restrictions as they relate to mitigating traffic impacts associated with East Link construction are to be located where they are for several reasons:

- The Committee previously desired similar restrictions at 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE/Bellevue Way but Police officers noted that restrictions at this location would be difficult to enforce because there would be no great place for officers to pull motorists over to issue citations. The location at SE 16<sup>th</sup> St/108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE allows officers to more effectively (without causing more traffic congestion) and safely pull people over.
- More vehicles are traveling on 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE between Main and Bellevue Way now that the South Bellevue Park and Ride is closed and now that SE 4<sup>th</sup> St is permanently closed.
- City Utilities work on 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (between Bellevue Way and SE 8<sup>th</sup> St) in 2015. reduced the roadway from four lanes to two lanes. This work caused traffic diversion to occur on 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE between Main St and Bellevue. East Link construction is about to begin on 112<sup>th</sup> with similar traffic control.

This last point is why the City is moving forward with the pilot now. As you likely heard at the 7/6 meeting, Sound Transit's contractor will begin work on 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE this month, causing four lanes of

travel to be reduced to two. Given that traffic diversion occurred when similar work was underway and that the goal of the NTMC is to discourage increases in commuter traffic associated with construction, the time is now to implement these measures.

Given that this is a pilot, the City will monitor traffic, how the restrictions influence routing apps routes, and how the community responds. We will be working with the respective community association leaders to make sure that residents know how to submit comments about the pilot. The pilot is scheduled to be three months which will allow enough time for traffic to adjust, residents to adjust, and for staff to evaluate whether the restrictions remain in place.

It's understandable that planned turn restrictions at SE 16<sup>th</sup> St and 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and at SE 16<sup>th</sup> St and Bellevue Way may make it harder for residents of Enatai to use 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE through Bellecrest to access homes in Enatai between the hours 4-7 pm. Additionally, as you note, Surrey Downs residents (and Bellecrest residents) choosing to get to Bellevue Way and travel south between 4-7 pm will have to seek alternate routes.

Should you wish to continue to be informed about the Committee and traffic mitigation being implemented as a result of East Link construction, please contact any of us or [subscribe to the City's East Link list serv](#)

Thank you for your interest and taking the time to let us know how you feel.

Sincerely,

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Tim Kariel  
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**From:** Brian Hartman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:30 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>; Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Kariel, Timothy <TKariel@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Planned Changes to Traffic Flow in South Bellevue

Marie, Katherine, John, and Tim.

By sheer luck and happenstance I was made aware of the Neighborhood Traffic Council Meeting on 7/6, which I attended as an observer. I was admittedly surprised by the disclosure by Marie that the City of Bellevue had not received much feedback on the proposed traffic changes for South Bellevue; notably the restrictions planned for southbound travel on 108th Ave SE during evening commute hours. I have posted your plans on Nextdoor for the Surrey Downs and Enatai neighborhoods to improve your community outreach efforts. I must say I am surprised the City has not published these plans sooner since it was obvious from the meeting that work was already underway to implement the changes and that the committee had not been informed that a decision had been made prior to the meeting.

Sadly, from reviewing your plan, it appears the City has chosen a plan of action that will further negatively impact Enatai and Surrey Downs. The City has already closed the access to 112th Ave SE from SE 4th, making the next best option for residents of Surrey Downs access to Bellevue Way from 108th Ave SE. Now your traffic restrictions will further disrupt those individuals from access to Interstate 90. The impending reduction of lanes on 112th Ave SE makes it a less viable option for Surrey Downs Residents as a detour to the SE 4th closure. The planned closure of 108th Ave SE M-F, 4-7pm will also adversely affect any residents of Enatai or Beaux Arts that commute from downtown or East Bellevue home as well, since the reduction of lanes on 112th Ave SE will increase traffic and the City has decided to close the next best alternative for Enatai residents; who will now be forced to travel to either Bellevue Way, 104th Ave SE, or Killarney Way.

What I fail to grasp, and I am hoping to understand from you, is what led to the decision to put the closures where the City has decided. At the end of the day, due to the changes to 112th Ave SE and Bellevue Way, traffic through South Bellevue will be impacted. Nothing with the construction will change the amount of traffic that needs to get to I-90. It appears that the City has some unspoken criteria that traffic should not increase in the Bellecrest neighborhood on 108th Ave SE between main street and Bellevue Way. I cannot for the life of me understand where this criteria is coming from or how this criteria is in any way fair to the residents of Surrey Downs, Beaux Arts and Enatai. I will remind you that Surrey Downs and Enatai are already being impacted the most by the ST2 East Link Project. In light of this I cannot fathom why the City feels it needs to further impact the two most impacted neighborhoods to shelter Bellecrest from having any impact. Frankly, the decision appears arbitrary and capricious; sadly, this is in line with my expectations for Sound Transit planning departments and the City.

The East Link project is happening; and yes, traffic, noise, and other nuisances are simply a fact of this construction. What defies logic is that the City feels that the citizens already most impacted by the construction should be further inconvenienced while Belle Crest is, in essence, allowed to turn 108th Ave SE south bound into their private drive during commute hours. A fair solution that looks at the overall impact and overall system for traffic should recognize that all neighborhoods in South Bellevue will be impacted; and that planning mitigations to the benefit of a small group at the expense of a larger group is detrimental to all.

I would recommend the cancellation of the planned traffic restriction at 108th Ave SE and SE 16th as it is against the public good for South Bellevue.

Regards.

Brian Hartman  
Resident of Enatai

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 6:15 PM  
**To:** Scott McNair; Gonzalez, Karen; Murphy, John; Kariel, Timothy  
**Cc:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** RE: Pilot Project to Restrict Commuter Traffic in South Bellevue

Dear Mr. McNair

Thank you for your email regarding the neighborhood traffic mitigation pilot program for SE 16<sup>th</sup> St/108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and SE 16<sup>th</sup> St/Bellevue Way. Your email and this response will be shared with the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee (NTMC) as is all correspondence related to NTMC work.

Commuter traffic in neighborhoods is a concern city wide – and more so in your neighborhood because of East Link construction. It's understandable that the planned turned restrictions may make it harder for residents to use 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE through Bellecrest to access Enatai or Bellevue Way between the hours of 4 to 7 p.m. There are other route alternatives and, as your email notes, these routes will require some additional travel time.

East Link is such a complex construction project and the NTMC Committee has been working for over a year to understand potential traffic impacts to the Surrey Downs, Enatai, and Bellecrest neighborhoods and Beaux Arts Village once East Link construction is occurring on Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

The following part of this email is to share with you how the decision came about to implement the pilot restrictions.

The Committee has been charged with making recommendations on ways to not let increased commuter traffic occur on neighborhood streets during construction on these two roadways. Construction on Bellevue Way started in June following the closure of the Park and Ride, and starting July 31, construction will be occurring on 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. The Committee has been extremely sensitive to recommending mitigation that is intended to discourage commuter traffic and recognizes how mitigation also impacts residents.

The Committee recognized that a pivotal point of traffic impacts could be at the intersection of Bellevue Way and 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and originally proposed turn restrictions there. The Police Department advised enforcement would be difficult on Bellevue Way and cautioned that implementing restrictions would mean officers having to pull over drivers onto Bellevue Way, which would compound traffic issues.

In light of the Police Department's advisement, City staff proposed pilot turn restrictions north of the Bellevue Way/108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE intersection and presented it to the Committee. Although not all Committee members support the pilot program, there is recognition that mitigation should be in place now that construction is happening on Bellevue Way and will soon be happening on 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. The pilot is intended to be implemented for three (3) months (and in effect Monday through Friday from 4-7 PM) which will allow the City to monitor its effectiveness.

The Committee received results from a recent traffic study which showed more vehicles are traveling on 108<sup>th</sup> between Main St and Bellevue Way now that the Park and Ride and the entrance to Surrey Downs at SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street/112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE are both closed.

The traffic control for the 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE roadwork starting July 31 will be similar to what was in place for the City's utility project in 2015: lane reductions from four lanes to two. Traffic diversion occurred during the City's project and it's expected to occur again with East Link construction.

Given that the turn restrictions are a pilot program, the City will monitor traffic, how the restrictions influence routing apps, and how the community responds. The pilot is scheduled for three (3) months which will allow for enough time for traffic to adjust, residents to adjust, and for staff to evaluate whether the restrictions remain in place. The Committee will be kept informed of the monitoring.

While the pilot restrictions would come with changes to access to residents, it would be an effective way to discourage commuter traffic from using Bellecrest and Enatai streets.

To stay informed of the Committee's efforts, please sign up for the [City's East Link list serv.](#) Background information on the NTMC is [available on the City's website.](#)

Again, thank you for your feedback. Please let us know if you have additional questions or concerns.

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**From:** Scott McNair [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 4:44 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>; Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Kariel, Timothy <TKariel@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Pilot Project to Restrict Commuter Traffic in South Bellevue

Ladies and Gentlemen

I live in Enatai .

I believe the Pilot Project to Restrict Evening Commuter Traffic in South Bellevue will simply lead to additional congestion on Southbound Bellevue Way. As you must be aware, traffic congestion is a very often a problem on Southbound Bellevue Way on weekdays during the late afternoon and early evening. That being said I don't see any public benefit in making the problem worse

I often utilize 108th Avenue SE to travel from downtown Bellevue to my home. Having that path restricted will only lengthen the ride home and push me onto already congested Bellevue Way.

Please reconsider this initiative.

Sincerely

Scott McNair  
[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98004

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 9:24 AM  
**To:** Hampton, Jason; Nancy Sh  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** RE: Another question

Hi Nancy

Thanks for your question about the East Link Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee. This Committee was formed in Spring 2016 and has been working with the City to identify ways to discourage commuter traffic within neighborhoods once East Link construction occurs on 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and Bellevue Way.

John Murphy, Associate Planner and I serve as the staff liaisons to the Committee. I've copied John on this reply as I will be out of the office next week.

We are happy to answer any specific questions you may have or to put you in direct contact with the members who represent your neighborhood.

There is a great deal of information posted on the Committee's efforts at:  
<https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail/mitigation/south-bellevue-neighborhood-traffic-mitigation/>.

Please let me know your neighborhood and I connect you with the appropriate representatives.

Sincerely,

*Marie Jensen*

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**From:** Hampton, Jason [mailto:Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 8:19 AM  
**To:** Nancy Sh [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Another question

Hi Nancy,

The committed you are referring to is led by City of Bellevue staff. Marie Jensen (copied here) is the city representative leading the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee. Marie can provide you with more information on the process and who from Enatai is currently serving on the committee.

Best regards,

**Jason Hampton**

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**From:** Nancy Sh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:26 PM  
**To:** Hampton, Jason <[Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org](mailto:Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org)>  
**Subject:** Another question

You mentioned that there are representatives from the community that are on board to help make decisions about the traffic mitigation. Who are those people that are representatives of the community?

Thanks,  
Nancy Shriver

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Bev [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:02 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John  
**Cc:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Re: Pilot project to restrict evening commuter traffice through South Bellevue

John, thank you so much for your informative response. I'll be watching the launch of the pilot program with great interest. I do believe "No Local Access" signs will not prevent any cars from cutting through Enatai if that is the way commuters want to go. I've watched all the illegal "U" turns from northbound Bellevue Way at 113th SE for years. People do it all the time, even turning into driveways on SE 30th Street and 113th SE. But that's another story.

I'm thankful there are no plans for closing off 112th and 113th, at least at this time. Just between you and me, I voted for Light Rail back in the '70's as part of the Forward Thrust Initiatives. This one I did not vote for!! I'll probably be six feet under when this is finished! The person I wrote to in your department before was Marie Jensen but not to worry. It was several months ago and I don't even recall what I wrote about. No doubt closing off 112th and 113th with concrete blocks which idea was kicked around for a while. Thank you again for taking the time to answer my email. I appreciate it. -- Bev DuFort

**From:** JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** MJensen@bellevuewa.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Pilot project to restrict evening commuter traffice through South Bellevue

Hi Bev,

Thanks for reaching out and asking some questions about the pilot turn restriction project associated with East Link construction. My manager Karen Gonzalez forwarded along your email and asked me to get you some more information.

You are correct that the pilot project doesn't currently limit traffic out of Enatai at 112<sup>th</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> Aves SE during commute time. The pilot is only focused at two locations thus far: 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE/SE 16<sup>th</sup> St and Bellevue Way/SE 16<sup>th</sup> St.

You might recall that back in the fall, the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee (the group that's been working with staff to develop traffic mitigation tools) proposed turn restrictions at the two aforementioned locations. When the plan was shared with the wider community, there was substantial feedback from the Enatai community that indicated minimal support for turn restrictions at these locations. This is not to say that the Committee or city isn't considering additional mitigation in Enatai. In fact, one of the representatives from Enatai spoke to your exact point about traffic at 112<sup>th</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup>. The pilot will allow us to monitor if/how traffic shifts as a result of the restrictions, primarily whether routing apps (e.g. Google Maps, Waze) and drivers start to find other routes to get to the freeway (e.g. via 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE).

Following the launch of the pilot (about three weeks time), staff will be meeting with the Committee to gauge how the pilot is working. Additionally, we will be providing an opportunity for the neighborhood areas to comment throughout the duration of the pilot to report how it's working and if there are any unintended consequences.

I'm sorry that you haven't received a response to your other inquiries; my co-worker (Marie Jensen) and I have been managing the Committee and neither of us appear to have any records of correspondence from you. Do you happen to know who was listed as a contact and where this was listed?

There will be more information about this project coming soon that we will be sending out to the various neighborhood association leaders to share with residents in addition to information directly from the city.

In the meantime, please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,  
John

**JOHN MURPHY** | Associate Planner

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bev" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** July 6, 2017 at 10:32:17 PM PDT  
**To:** <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Pilot project to restrict evening commuter traffic through South Bellevue

I just looked over the Pilot Project and think I have it figured out. Do have one question. I don't see anything about limiting traffic OUT of Enatai on 112th SE and 113 SE during commute times. Will residents be able to exit from those streets onto Bellevue Way both directions? If so, I presume commuters will be able to do so as well. They'll figure out the 104th route soon enough if they haven't already. Would very much appreciate a response from you. To be honest, any inquiries I've sent to others listed as contacts have gone unanswered. I haven't written to you before so hope springs eternal! Thanks very much. 🙏

Bev DuFort  
[REDACTED]  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
[REDACTED]

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Tony Garana [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:17 PM  
**To:** Murphy, John  
**Cc:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** Re: Beaux Arts & Bellevue City

Hi John,

Thank you for your help again, I am replying also the same to you:

2. You are correct that SE 30<sup>th</sup> is within in City of Bellevue limits. Are you asking if BAV residents that live on SE 30<sup>th</sup> St are permitted to park on this street?

Yes, and also if possible these owners taxed higher since they use both sides the city and BAV, and they don't pay for maintaining Bellevue streets, or parks like the Enaitai neighborhood park.

4. I can relay the overgrown vegetation along 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to our Maintenance Department. What section of 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (please provide cross street to cross street specificity) needs some attention? Also, while there is a trail for people walking and biking to use, people biking are legally entitled to also ride in the roadway.

Yes, I agree with bikers can use the roadway, but 99% of them if they can stay off the roads they will, so we need to make their trails accessible and usable, at the present status now, the bushes on the ground are too wide and I suggest to remove them all and widen the trail, so bikers and pedestrian can safely share the trails safely, from SE 34th st to SE 25th St, and there are many low branches hanging. To help the Maintenance Dept. the best way is to make this a more permanent solution, and to remove any possible obstacles, this is a main corridor for bikers between Bellevue and Seattle, this is not a seasonal issue, and we want encourage more bikers.

My neighbor 10 years ago fought the City Bellevue for not having these planters sections on the east side of the 108th ave SE taking spaces that should be allocated for pedestrians and bikers, and of course that did not happen.

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108th Ave SE north of Bellevue Way in the is getting full face lift by the Bellevue HS, we in Enatai have half of our streets with no sidewalks, and I wonder if the city have anything on the books too for us.

John, I really don't want to take more of your busy time, I want to thank you for any help you can do, and I know this is not part of your work area, but thank you for listening.

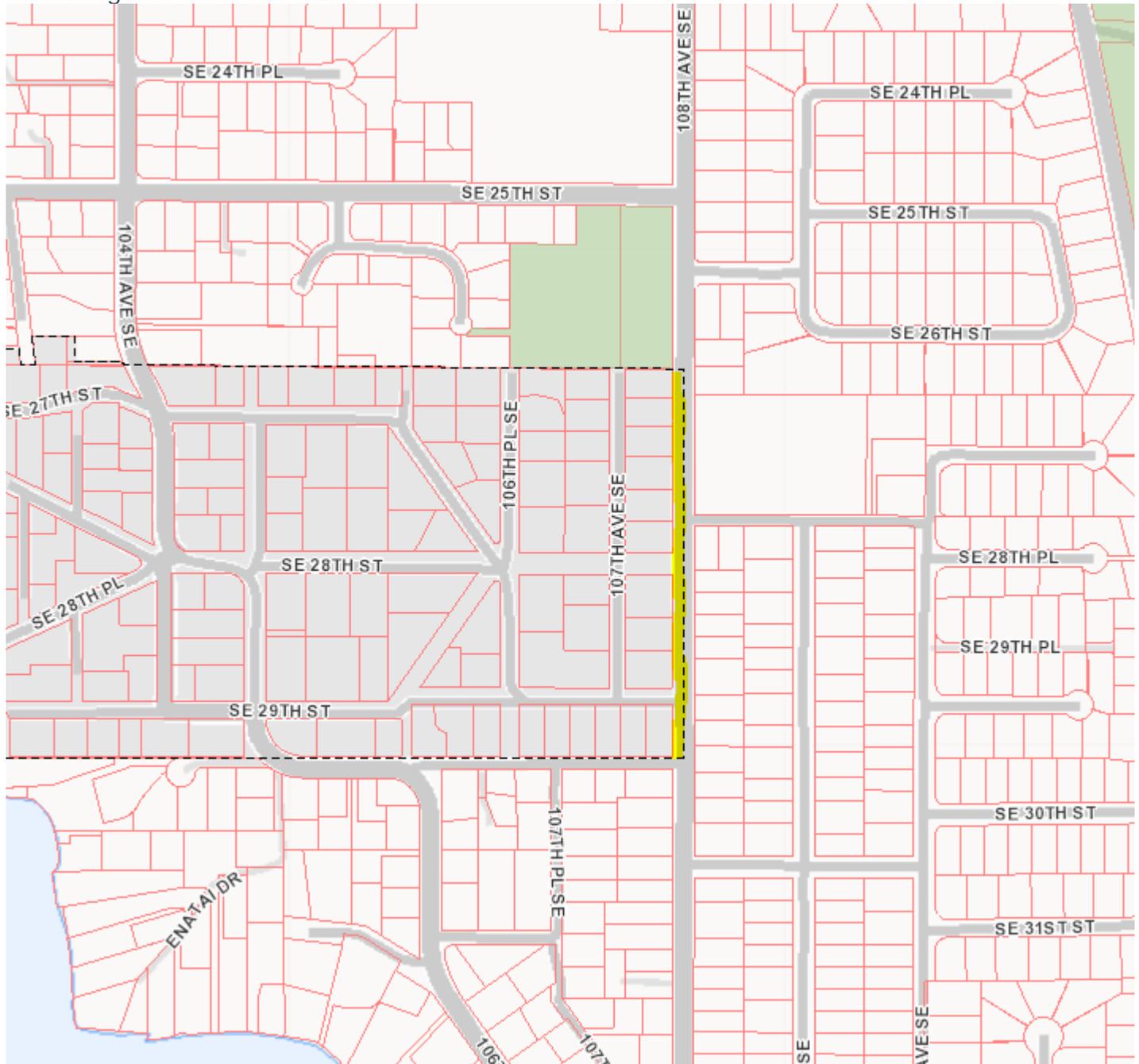
Tony Garana

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 4:35 PM, <[JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tony,

Thanks for reaching out and inquiring. I'll respond to your questions in sequential order, much like you list below.

1. The west side of 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (southbound direction) that is adjacent to Beaux Arts Village is not owned by the City of Bellevue but rather by Beaux Arts Village. This is where the data collection counter was located. See the dashed line on the map below that shows BAV property extending into 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.



2. You are correct that SE 30<sup>th</sup> is within in City of Bellevue limits. Are you asking if BAV residents that live on SE 30<sup>th</sup> St are permitted to park on this street?

3. I followed-up with Tim Kariel, Senior Transportation Engineer for South Bellevue. Over the lifetime of the project, there are 31 closures allowed on Bellevue Way plus 2 contingency

closures. This is over three stages of work (utility relocations, guideway trench, and restoration of Bellevue Way). During the first phase—utility relocations—there are 18 allowed closures plus 2 contingency closures.

4. I can relay the overgrown vegetation along 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to our Maintenance Department. What section of 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (please provide cross street to cross street specificity) needs some attention? Also, while there is a trail for people walking and biking to use, people biking are legally entitled to also ride in the roadway.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Tony Garana [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:35 PM

**To:** Murphy, John <[JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Cc:** Jensen, Marie <[MJensen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** Beaux Arts & Bellevue City

Hi John,

I have these questions to you if you could answer or help:

1-108th Ave SE is owned and maintained by the city of Bellevue, how could BAV place their own data collection on it?

2-BAV on my street (SE 30th ST), they are using it as their own street, about six homes have their garages entrances from that street, and sometimes they block the traffic with their parking. I don't if they pay for the maintenance of any of those streets, plus the city has a park adjacent to BAV (Enatai Park) they are the main users.

3-Was I correct that the closure of the Bellevue Way SE and I-90 ramps supposed to be closed only for for 20 weeks in total?

4-I brought this issue in one of the previous meeting, bicyclists on 108th Ave SE, are not using their section, mainly due to trees branches too low and other overgrown vegetation, so they slow the traffic since they are on the road, can you report this issue to a department to improve their way, and make it safe and clear their pass so they will be off the car way and we will have smother traffic for all including the pedestrian.

Thank you

Tony Garana

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 03, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** David Hills  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Marie Jensen  
**Subject:** RE: East Link Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation

Hi David

Thanks for taking the time to read the summary of the July 6 Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee meeting and for sending me your concern about spillover parking behind the Triangle Pool. I'm copying John Murphy, Associate Planner, who works within the [City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services Program](#).

I'm not sure how familiar you are with the program but the first step is to submit a Request for Action form describing your concerns in as much detail as possible. The [form is online](#). The [Residential Traffic Guidebook](#) may be a good resource for you as well.

I appreciate you contacting me.

Sincerely,

*Marie Jensen*

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**From:** David Hills [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2017 12:21 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** East Link Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation

Ms. Jensen,

I recently reviewed the meeting materials from the July 6, 2017 East Link Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee meeting.

One item of note is the comment regarding commuter parking on 107th Ave SE behind the Triangle Pool. While acknowledged it has increased it is noted as not "significantly". As a resident on SE 18<sup>th</sup> St I can assure you that it has doubled or tripled in volume since the P&R closure. While not objectionable at that this point I do think it warrants further review if it expands. Specifically if it overflows to side streets such as SE 18<sup>th</sup> I suggest it would be unacceptable for residents such as myself. The side streets do not have shoulders suitable for parking and would likely result in parking on residents landscaped yards.

In addition, the shoulders on 107<sup>th</sup> are compacted dirt and subject to deterioration with rain and vehicle traffic. Once the rains start this fall they will likely become muddy, inhibit pedestrian use and contribute runoff to the storm sewer. I might suggest looking at placing a course of compacted gravel.

Thanks for your consideration.

~David

**DAVID S. HILLS**

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## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** Sarah Heaton  
**Cc:** Murphy, John; Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** RE: 108th Ave SE Traffic Congestion

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for contacting me about the increased evening commuter traffic and speeding in your neighborhood. I am copying John Murphy, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services (NTSS), on this reply. John and I have been working with a volunteer committee since last year to address neighborhood traffic mitigation due to East Link construction.

In the very near term, you should receive a mailer from the city describing a pilot program intended to discourage evening commuter traffic in south Bellevue due to the light rail construction that is occurring on Bellevue Way and 112th Ave SE. The [Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee](#) (NTMC) was charged with recommending ways to lessen the potential for increased commuter traffic during light rail construction happening in south Bellevue. Through its discussions, the NTMC recognized that a pivotal point of traffic impacts could be at the intersection of Bellevue Way and 108th Ave SE and originally proposed turn restrictions there. The Police Department advised enforcement would be difficult on Bellevue Way and cautioned that implementing restrictions would mean officers having to pull over drivers onto Bellevue Way, which would compound traffic issues.

In light of the Police Department's advisement, city staff proposed pilot turn restrictions north of the Bellevue Way/108th Ave SE intersection and presented it to the Committee. The restrictions are as follows: motorists traveling southbound on 108th Ave SE will be restricted at SE 16th St and not allowed to continue to Bellevue Way. At this intersection, motorists will be required to make a right turn (westbound) onto SE 16th St. Once motorists are at Bellevue Way, they are required to make another right turn (no access westbound or southbound). These restrictions are in effect Monday through Friday from 4-7 p.m. and do not apply to transit or people walking. Although not all Committee members support the pilot program, there is recognition that mitigation should be in place now that construction is happening on Bellevue Way and on 112th Avenue SE. Please map below for more information. The mailer you are about to receive will explain the pilot in more detail. The 3-month pilot will likely start the first week of September.

Once the pilot is in place, we hope that you'll keep us informed of your observations and experiences with the turn restrictions. A link to a survey to provide feedback will be provided on <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ELtraffic>. Neighbor feedback will help the city and the Committee evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot.

The speed bumps recently installed were part of the repaving work on 108th Ave SE. While it may appear that the speed humps were built lower than the previous versions, they were built to our standard specifications and represent the same profile and height as others in the city. Your email will be shared with Police Department Traffic Control Division so they are aware of your concern about speeding drivers.

A new school zone around Bellevue High School will be installed around the start of the school day. This indicates to motorists—through flashing beacons—that during school start/end times, the speed limit on 108th Ave SE is 20 mph. You will be receiving a flyer in the mail shortly detailing this project. This project is funded by the 2016 voter-approved Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity, and Congestion levy.

I hope this response addresses your concerns about how the city is addressing neighborhood traffic. Please let me know if you have further questions.

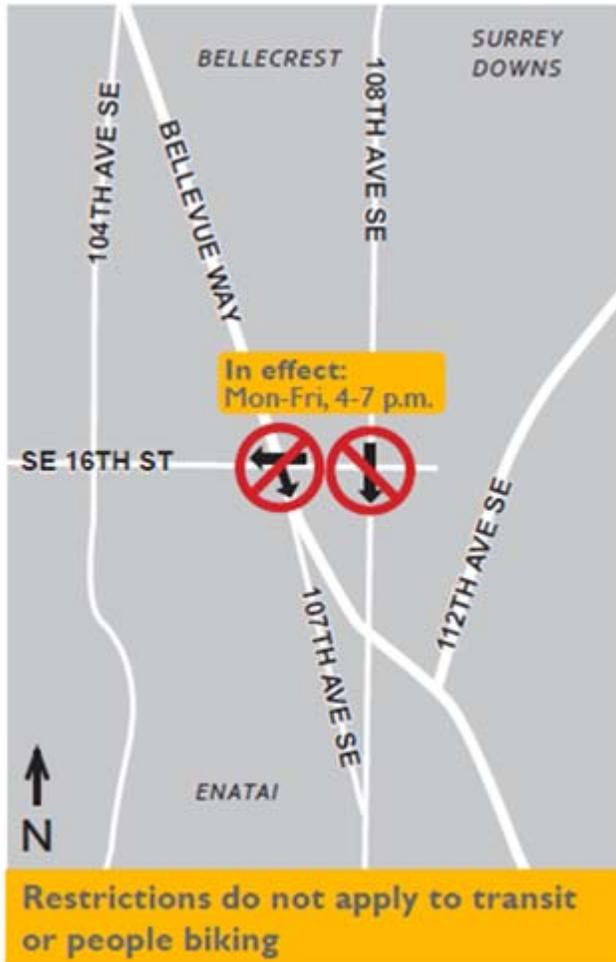
Sincerely,

*Marie Jensen*

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Heaton [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 5:58 AM  
To: Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>  
Subject: 108th Ave SE Traffic Congestion

I am a resident on 108th Ave SE near the high school. I have noticed that during the evening commute that cut through traffic has noticeably increased with traffic backing up from the stoplight at Bellevue Way all the way to SE 10th St on a regular basis. On 'lighter' traffic days the majority of drivers are driving far in excess of the posted 25mph. Both

scenarios make it unsafe for pedestrians or residents trying to drive out of their driveways or side streets to access 108th. The newly poured speed bumps are so low they don't cause drivers to slow down at all.

The intersection at 108th Ave SE and Bellevue Way is unsafe for pedestrians and drivers and there are frequent near misses during peak traffic periods. Earlier this week I came within inches of being hit by a driver who was speeding south on 108th and turned left onto Bellevue Way cutting me off in his rush to get through the light. Sadly, this is not an unusual occurrence.

Can you tell me what the city's plans are to address the traffic issues in my neighborhood? I had heard that there was going to be a change at SE 16th St and 108th Ave SE during peak periods. Is this still the case? If so, when will it be implemented?

Sincerely,  
Sarah Heaton

Sent from my iPad

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:06 AM  
**To:** Tony Garana; Hampton, Jason  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback

Hi Tony

Thanks for letting us know. You should be receiving a mailer very soon about the temporary (3-month) turn restrictions at SE 16<sup>th</sup> St/108<sup>th</sup> and SE 16<sup>th</sup> St/Bellevue Way. Please let me know about any observations/experiences with those intersection restrictions.

Sincerely,  
Marie Jensen

**From:** Tony Garana [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 9:54 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>; Hampton, Jason <jason.hampton@soundtransit.org>  
**Subject:** Feedback

Hello Marie and Jason,

I want to take the chance to say that so far no negative impact to Enatai or to me, with Bellevue Way S. and 112th constructions.

Thursday first day of school, will see!

Of course some impact when the I-90 ramps closures when that happen.

Thank you  
Tony