

**July 6, 2017**

**Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee Meeting (#9)**

**5:30-7:30 pm, City Hall 1E-121**

**City Staff Liaisons:**

- Marie Jensen, East Link Outreach
- John Murphy, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services (NTSS)
- Karen Gonzalez, NTSS Program Manager
- Tim Kariel, East Link Project Manager
- Darek Jarzynski, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Darcy Akers, Transportation Engineer
- Police Sgt. Dave Sanabria

**Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee:**

<b>Beaux Arts Village</b>	<b>Bellecrest</b>	<b>Enatai</b>	<b>Surrey Downs</b>
Tom Stowe	Mike Koehn	Kevin Paulich	Kerri Patterson
Eugenia Yen	Tricia Thomason	Rebecca Sears	Ed Nugent
Kim Moloney (selected by Cynthia Hudson)	Liz Hale	Katherine Christopherson	

**Agenda:**

- 1) Intro/Welcome – Marie Jensen
- 2) East Link construction coordination and activity on Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – City Transportation Department and Sound Transit
- 3) Traffic Study analysis – John Murphy
- 4) Revisit Pilot Program: Turn restrictions at SE 16<sup>th</sup>/108<sup>th</sup> and SE 16<sup>th</sup>/Bellevue – Karen Gonzalez
- 5) Communications & Implementation Plan for Pilot Program – Marie Jensen

# South Bellevue Neighborhood Traffic Committee

## REPRESENTATION, ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

### Committee background:

This model is similar to those used on traffic calming projects in the City of Bellevue. It has been slightly adapted to account for the multiple neighborhoods that are involved.

### Committee Role

- Understand current traffic conditions in affected areas and potential impacts of East Link construction.
- Based upon feedback from residents of impacted neighborhoods and staff input, consider possible traffic impacts from construction of South Bellevue East Link Station and recommend mitigation that will 1) minimize traffic diversion or 2) manage traffic that diverts in neighborhood by ensuring people drive responsibly.
- Recommend mitigation based upon City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety program and identified in Exhibit P of the 2015 Amended MOU.
- Understand that recommendations are temporary and may be implemented during construction upon a demonstrated need
- Accept that the City will determine feasibility for what mitigation will be implemented where and when and will coordinate with Sound Transit's contractor for installation.

### Committee Members' Responsibilities

- Work collaboratively with fellow neighbors, members, and city staff.
- Set expectations of residents of impacted neighborhoods regarding the role of the South Bellevue NTC.
- Stay focused on mitigating anticipated traffic impacts on Bellevue Way/112<sup>th</sup> Ave from construction; not existing conditions nor the from the closure of the South Bellevue Park & Ride as those impacts are to be addressed through a separate process.
- Commit to full participation at meetings to be scheduled by the City; most likely 4 to 5 meetings. The first Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11.
- Inform and talk to neighbors about proposed measures

### Committee Representation

- Broad and balanced representation from neighborhoods in South Bellevue (south of Main St) affected by construction of South Bellevue East Link alignment; particularly impacts to Bellevue Way/112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE that may result in traffic being diverted into neighborhoods
- One (1) Neighborhood Association President/Designee for

**Jensen, Marie**

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Hampton, Jason; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** Response to email RE: Neighborhood Traffic/East Link Construction

Hi Angela,  
Jason Hampton, Sound Transit Community Outreach Specialist forwarded me your email regarding neighborhood traffic due to East Link light rail construction. As you know through Councilmembers Hudson and Stowe who serve on the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee (NTMC), the issue of a traffic study to be conducted in the south Bellevue neighborhoods has been raised.

The NTMC process is based upon the City's existing Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services program model. The NTSS model is well-established, respected, recognized and successful. Mitigation ideas suggested by the Committee have been vetted with, not only public safety (e.g. Police and Fire officials), but with professionally trained and licensed engineers in the City's Traffic Engineering and Operations staff.

Traffic mitigation is not inherently an engineering problem, especially when the impacts are not fully known. The City approaches traffic mitigation as solving a neighborhood livability issue which requires community consensus, traffic engineering, impacts to signal timing, ability for Police to enforce proposed tools, and more. This same approach has been taken with the NTMC.

Early in the NTMC process staff acknowledged for the Committee that the Committee was tasked with predicting what might happen and to propose tools to address the potential for increased traffic. About halfway through their work, the Committee settled on the "monitor and respond" approach.

Your email mentions that that Committee is looking to restrict access in and out of neighborhoods. That is not the case at this time.

Three weeks of traffic data collection was completed yesterday and will continue through this weekend's lane and ramp closures on Bellevue Way. The data is being collected at eight locations in Enatai and Bellecrest, in addition to three locations in Surrey Downs to determine if traffic changes resulted from the closure of the South Bellevue Park and Ride and from the weekend closure of southbound lanes on Bellevue Way and the I-90 ramps.

The results of this data collection will be shared with the Committee and used to determine future mitigation measures, if any. Additional monitoring will occur around other major construction events. Further, two permanent, ongoing traffic data count locations will soon be piloted on 108th Ave SE in Bellecrest and 113th Ave SE in Enatai. This is a new technology for the City so its effectiveness is being tested before additional locations are deployed. This will allow for continuous traffic volume collection opposed to more costly one-off consultant-hired tube counts.

I appreciate that you recognize the challenges construction brings and that you drive safely within your neighborhood. Please let me or John Murphy know if you have further questions about the status of the Committee.

Sincerely,

*Marie Jensen*  
East Link Outreach and Community Relations Lead  
City of Bellevue Transportation Department

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Hampton, Jason <Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 8:48 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** FW: East Link Traffic Mitigation

Hi Marie,

Please see the message below. Ms. Kulp is providing feedback on the NTMC process.

Best,

### Jason Hampton

Community Outreach Specialist, East Corridor  
Design, Engineering & Construction Management  
Sound Transit  
W 206-903-7177

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**From:** angela k [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 10, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** Hampton, Jason <Jason.Hampton@soundtransit.org>  
**Subject:** East Link Traffic Mitigation

Jason,

I am a Beaux Arts resident and I am worried about traffic impacting my neighborhood access over the next several years due to Sound Transit's East Link Light Rail.

I understand there is a volunteer neighborhood committee tasked with traffic mitigation in and out of several south Bellevue neighborhoods. I respectfully request Sound Transit to instead hire a professional traffic engineer to oversee this task. Our neighborhood volunteers do not have the professional expertise needed to adequately resolve such a critical task as traffic mitigation so I fear it won't get done properly and just add to the frustrations we're experiencing.

I know there are no easy answers and there will be a lot of short term pain in hopes of some long term gain to bring more mass transit to this area. I also understand by the time this construction is complete, the population increase will more than take up the slack and rather than relieving any traffic burden, the light rail will probably just absorb the additional growth.

While I am in support of bringing light rail to this area, and I am working hard to help communicate alternatives with my neighbors, the neighborhoods impacted the most surrounding this construction will bear the brunt of the impact all through my children's high school and college years before it is complete.

**Jensen, Marie**

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**From:** Scott Vollmoeller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 6:46 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Marie  
**Subject:** RE: Surrey Downs Road Closures - Turn Signal on Main and 108th Ave SE

Good morning Marie,

Thank you for getting back to us. We will keep you in the loop of any future delays.

Enjoy the week!

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**From:** MJensen@bellevuewa.gov [mailto:MJensen@bellevuewa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** Scott Vollmoeller [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; MJensen@bellevuewa.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Surrey Downs Road Closures - Turn Signal on Main and 108th Ave SE

Hi Scott

Thank you for your question about installing a left turn signal at Main/108<sup>th</sup>. This week the City adjusted the PM signal timing and observed slight improvements to traffic movement. We will continue to monitor the intersection and please let me know if you experience delays so that I can notify our Traffic Engineering Division.

Converting the intersection to permissive/protective phasing is a recommendation that was made by the East Main (light rail) Station Area Plan Citizen Advisory Committee that formed in 2014 to consider how light rail could best be integrated into the neighborhood. The recommendation is supported by the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee which was formed in 2016 to recommend traffic mitigation once East Link construction began on Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

City staff will be meeting to further discuss the potential conversion and coordinating with Sound Transit on this issue. I will be happy to keep you informed but please feel free to contact me in the future.

Sincerely,

*Marie Jensen*  
East Link Outreach and Community Relations Lead  
City of Bellevue Transportation Department  
425-452-2064

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[Sound Transit webpage](#) | [Subscribe to East Link Construction Updates](#)

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**From:** Scott Vollmoeller [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 5:46 AM

## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 10:29 AM  
**To:** ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX@com~~  
**Cc:** Berg, David; Scott Lampe; Chris T Bennett & Renay A Bennett; Wallace, Kevin R; Marie Jensen  
**Subject:** Follow Up: Intersection 108th Ave/Main St

Dear Mr. Rosman,

I'm following up to your email to Dave Berg regarding the timing of the traffic signal at the intersection of 108<sup>th</sup> Ave and Main Street. Thank you for letting the City know about your experience Wednesday evening trying to turn left onto 108<sup>th</sup> Ave from Main Street.

In response to your email, the City adjusted the PM signal timing and observed traffic movement yesterday during the same time period you were there the day before. Some improvement was noted in that vehicles were completing the turn within one to two cycles. However, we will continue to monitor the intersection and please let me know if you have the same delayed experience.

Converting the intersection to permissive/protective phasing is a recommendation made by the East Main (light rail) Station Area Plan Citizen Advisory Committee and is a recommendation supported by the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee. City staff will be meeting to further discuss the potential conversion and coordinating with Sound Transit on this issue.

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## Jensen, Marie

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**From:** Jensen, Marie  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:53 AM  
**To:** Long, Chris  
**Cc:** Liang, Fred; Akers, Darcy; Kariel, Timothy; Murphy, John  
**Subject:** Re: First Instance Of Downtown Traffic Congestion Problem Resulting From The Closure Of SE 1st and SE 4th Into Surrey Downs

I'll be in the office later. On these types of issues, please also include John Murphy.

Thx much

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 8, 2017, at 9:28 AM, Long, Chris <CLong@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

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> Fred and Darcy,

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> Please coordinate with Marie to respond to this resident. I just turned the camera to look that direction. Hopefully you can get some video from tonight to see if this person's findings are consistent.

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> Chris

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> Chris Long, PE, PTOE - Traffic Engineering Manager City of Bellevue |

> Transportation Department

> 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

> Desk (425) 452-6013 | Cell (206) 850-6133 clong@bellevuewa.gov

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Berg, David

> Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2017 9:23 AM

> To: Long, Chris <CLong@bellevuewa.gov>

> Cc: Poch, Mark <MPoch@bellevuewa.gov>

> Subject: FW: First Instance Of Downtown Traffic Congestion Problem

> Resulting From The Closure Of SE 1st and SE 4th Into Surrey Downs

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> For your staff's response Chris. Thanks. -Dave

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Joseph Rosmann [mailto:████████████████████]

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:19 AM

> To: Berg, David <DBerg@bellevuewa.gov>

> Cc: Renay Bennett <renaybennett@msn.com>; Scott Lampe

> <scottlampe@msn.com>; Wallace, Kevin R <KRWallace@bellevuewa.gov>

> Subject: First Instance Of Downtown Traffic Congestion Problem

> Resulting From The Closure Of SE 1st and SE 4th Into Surrey Downs

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**East Link Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation: Pilot Program**  
**Turn restrictions at SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street/108<sup>th</sup> and SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Bvue Way**

**COMMUNICATIONS & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

NOTE: Implementation is contingent upon sign order and crew availability

Anticipated Date(s)	Task	Comments
Week of 7/10	Order signs	Implementation is contingent upon sign order and crew availability
Week of 7/10	Develop online survey for community feedback	
Week of 7/10	Create dedicated webpage	<a href="http://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail/mitigation/">transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail/mitigation/</a> Post traffic monitoring data
Week of 7/17	Outreach to immediate impacted neighbors  Email to Neighborhood Association leadership	Inform of pilot program; get feedback
Week of 7/20	Mailer to immediate impacted properties	
7/20	Neighborhood News Newsletter (Aug 1 publish date)	Online publication with webpage subscribers.
Week of 7/24	City News Release – announce start date, include email to contact	Posted to city web; distributed to media and various list servs; social media (including Nextdoor)
Week of 7/24	Forward news release to neighborhood association leadership (Enatai, Bellecrest, Surrey Downs, BAV)	Ask/encourage to post/distribute to neighbors
Week of 7/24	Stakeholder outreach	BSD, Metro, others
Week of 7/24	Anticipated closure of 2 Northbound lanes on 112 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE; 1 direction each way on Southbound	Anticipated 4 month closure; subject to change. First phase. Longer term closures expected as construction moves forward
By Aug 4	Social media reminder	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
Early August	Sign installation	Pilot begins. Implementation is contingent upon sign order and crew availability
	Data monitoring/collection	Before pilot and during to measure impacts
	Police enforcement - education	First 2 weeks
	Police enforcement	Begin 3 <sup>rd</sup> week. Ongoing as resources allow
	NTMC meeting to check in on pilot	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> week
	Social Media reminder	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> week; End of 8 <sup>th</sup> week; End of 12 <sup>th</sup> week
End of October	Pilot Ends	Pilot ends
Early November	NTMC meeting to share results of pilot & community feedback	
	Post results of pilot on project webpage	Send update to list serv subscribers