

# NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PROJECT COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



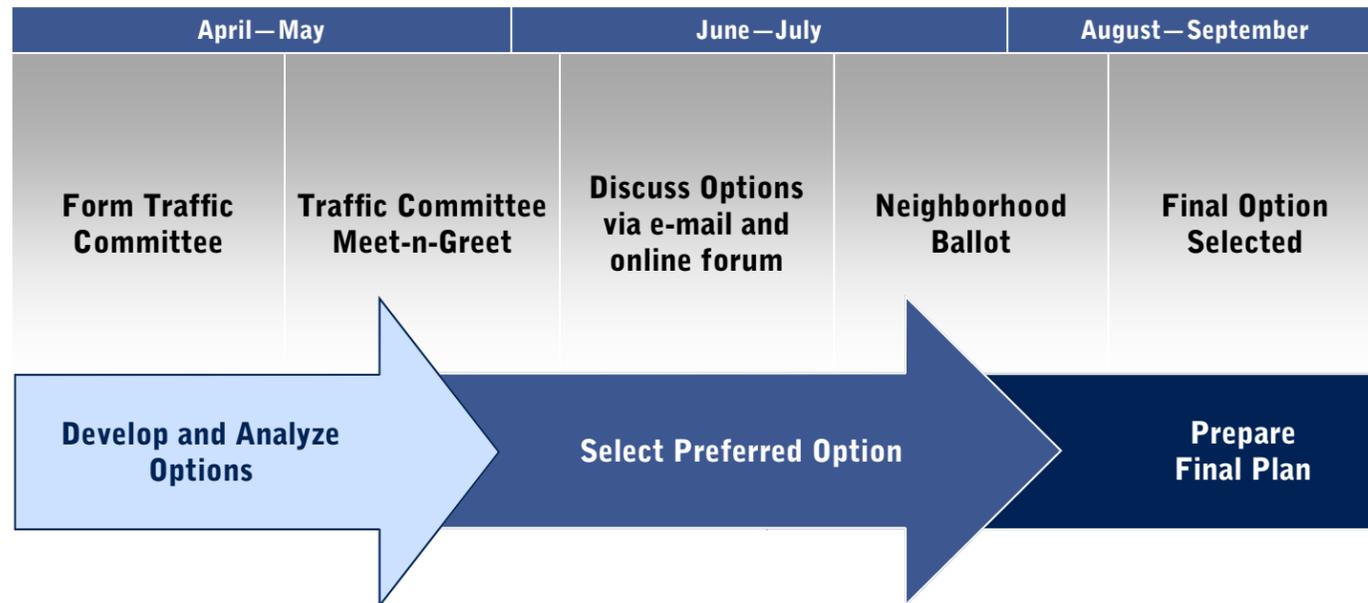
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## Role of Traffic Committee

Traffic Committee members are key in assisting in the development of the plan to address cut-through traffic for the neighborhood. We are asking for volunteers who are willing to be representatives for the neighborhood by being engaged in discussions and willing to talk to neighbors about the project.

Knowing that time is a priority, only one meeting will be held at City Hall during a weeknight and all other correspondence will be via e-mail and/or an online project forum. If you would like to participate, please make note in the enclosed survey!

If you do not have access to e-mail or intranet and would like to still be a part of the traffic committee, please make note in the survey and we will contact you to discuss how best to accommodate you.



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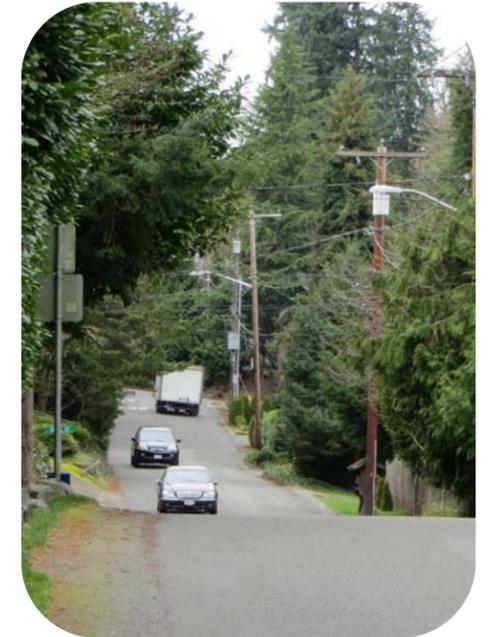
## SE 8TH STREET

### TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SURVEY

#### Are you concerned with traffic?

We have received numerous requests to address residents' concerns with vehicle speeds and cut-through traffic over the years on SE 8th Street, between 100th Ave SE and Bellevue Way. Evaluation and analysis of the traffic concerns were postponed until the Bellevue Utilities sewer project that closed SE 6th Street was complete.

A number of traffic studies and field visits were conducted in recent months. Studies show that there is a significant amount of cut-through traffic using SE 8th Street and SE 6th Street to get to Bellevue Way in the afternoon. This allows a traffic improvement project to begin to address this issue.



SE 8th St, facing west

#### Need your input

In order to develop traffic solutions for your street, we need your input. In order to address cut-through traffic concerns, physical measures must be installed that provide enough delay so cut-through vehicles stay on arterial streets. Please respond to this brief survey with information about current traffic conditions and whether you support the concept of installing physical measures by **Tuesday, April 30th**.

#### Help develop the plan

We are also requesting volunteers from the neighborhood to help develop the traffic improvement plan by participating in a traffic committee. This committee will discuss feasible measures, assist with project outreach, and develop the plan that will be proposed to the neighborhood through a ballot.

Being involved in the traffic committee would require one meeting at City Hall with the rest of communications and discussions through an on-line group website and e-mail.

#### Questions?

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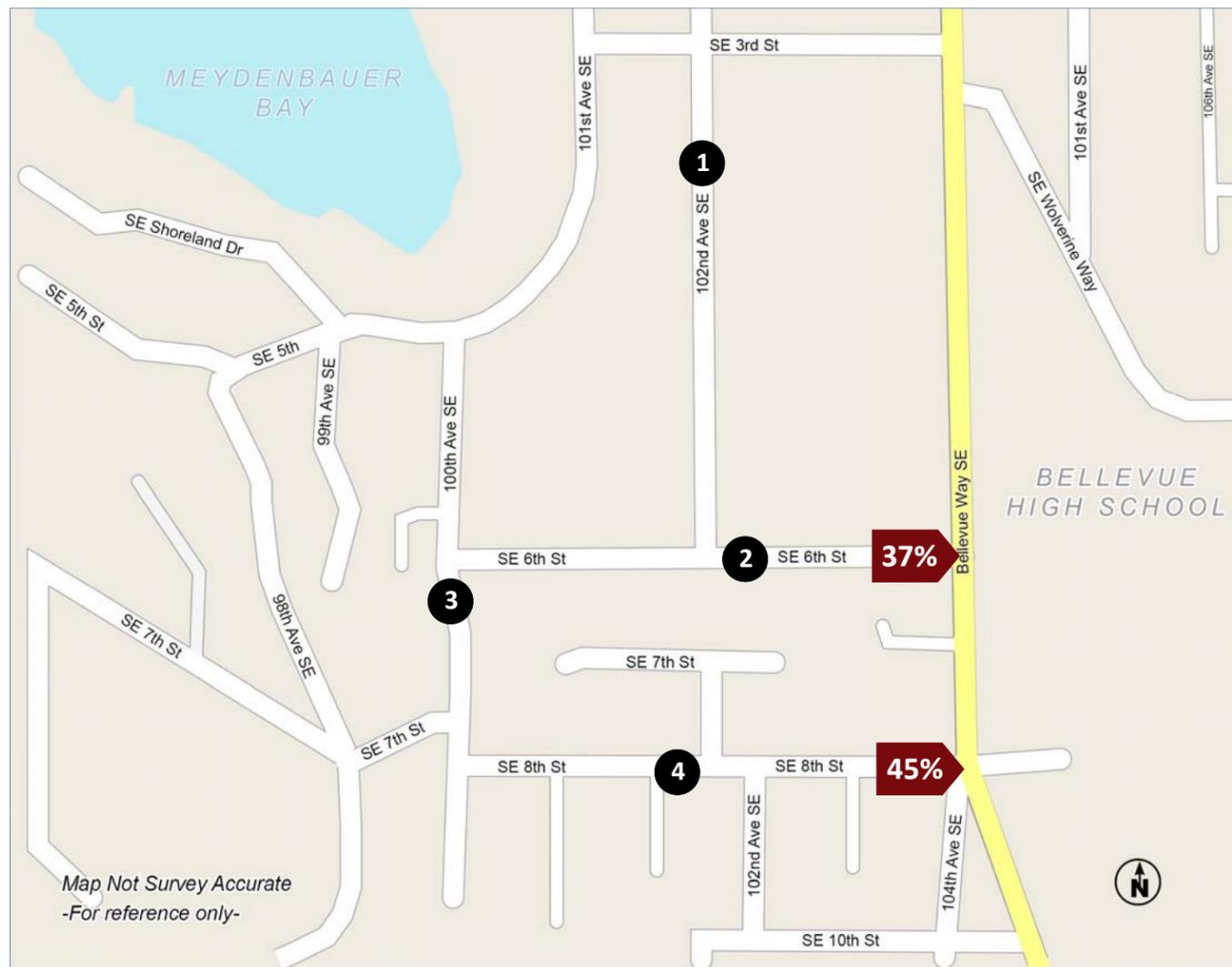


## EXISTING CONDITIONS: Traffic Study Data

| # | Description                     | Avg. Daily Traffic | 85th% Speed* |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 102nd Ave SE south of SE 3rd St | 1100               | 30 MPH       |
| 2 | SE 6th St east of 102nd Ave SE  | 1028               | 29 MPH       |
| 3 | 100th Ave SE south of SE 6th St | 906                | 27 MPH       |
| 4 | SE 8th St west of 102nd Ave SE  | 1099               | 28 MPH       |

The speed limit along these streets is 25 mph.  
*\*the speed at or below which 85% of traffic is travelling*

**Cut-Through traffic** is defined as drivers not having an origin or destination in the area. The percentages below represent the **amount of cut-through traffic during 4-6pm.**



## POTENTIAL OPTIONS

Below are some options of physical measures that help address cut-through traffic. Each measure has advantages and disadvantages. **What ideas do you think would work in your neighborhood?**

### Chicanes:

**Chicanes** are a series of two to three curb extensions that alternate from one side of the street to the other forming S-shaped curves on what would be an otherwise straight roadway. These slow points allow only one car at a time to pass.



Chicane - Slow Point

### Modified Speed Humps:

Typical speed humps are not the preferred choice for the Fire Department because SE 8th St is their primary access to the adjacent neighborhood from Fire Station #1 on Bellevue Way. However, speed humps can be modified to allow emergency vehicles to navigate through them without much delay such as with split speed humps and speed cushions.



Split speed humps

**Split speed humps** are two halves of a speed hump separated with enough distance so that an emergency vehicle can maneuver through, like a chicane. **Speed cushions** are modified speed humps with channels cut down the middle. The channels are designed so that emergency response vehicles can straddle the middle speed cushion and avoid traveling over the hump helping to reduce the delays caused by conventional humps.



Speed cushions

### FILL OUT YOUR SURVEY BY TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH!

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail back in the postage-paid enveloped provided.

Please note if you would like to be part of the traffic committee to help develop the traffic improvement plan.

For questions, contact Vangie Ann Garcia at 425-452-6103 or [vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov)