

Newport Heights Traffic Improvement Project Fall 2018 UPDATE

Over the past year, City of Bellevue Transportation Department staff have been working with area residents to develop a traffic safety improvement project for 119th Ave SE and streets around Newport Heights Elementary School. The goal of this project is to address concerns about speeding and the need for walking improvements near school and in the neighborhood.

Phase I Elements—the following elements focusing on calming traffic along 119th Ave SE and improving pedestrian safety are in design and will be constructed by the end of 2019.

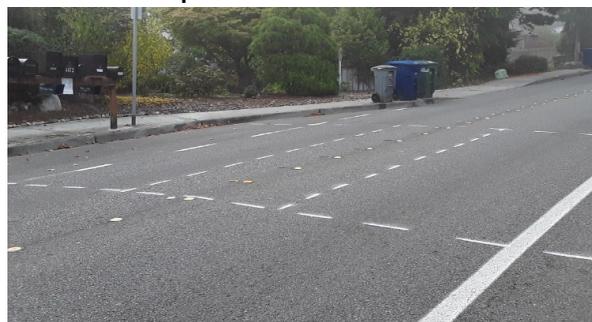


Speed Cushions near Tyee Middle School

119th Ave SE Speed Cushions: To address excessive speeds on this street, we will be installing speed cushions at the seven locations on 119th Ave SE marked with dashed spray paint (see picture below).

A speed cushion is a modified speed hump with channels cut down the middle. They are designed so that Fire Department vehicles can straddle a cushion and avoid the bump. In doing so, the emergency response vehicles avoid the delays caused by conventional speed humps.

Speed Cushion Location



119th Ave SE Sidewalk Installation: To improve safety and connectivity for people walking between Newport Heights Elementary School and SE 56th St, a 6 foot sidewalk will be built on the west side of the street. It will also visually narrow the roadway to encourage slower speeds in the area.

Enhanced School Crosswalks on 119th Ave SE:

- At the **mid-block crosswalk** in front of the elementary school, medians will be rebuilt with larger, landscaped islands to discourage driving in the opposite lane of travel to bypass queued traffic, encourage slower speeds, and heighten motorists' attention to the crosswalk.
- At **SE 56th St/119th Ave SE**, existing stop signs will be upgraded to LED lighted stop signs. Additional enhancements to crosswalks and the intersection are also under review.



Newport Heights Mid-block Crosswalk



LED Stop Sign

Future Phases: as resources allow, other design concepts will be implemented where feasible. See www.bellevuewa.gov/newportheightstraffic for details.

For more information about the improvements detailed in this update:

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