

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Status Update of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	William L. Conner, Public Works Department

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:** On August 21, 2000, Council approved implementation of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) to address traffic related concerns in the City of Shoreline's neighborhoods. Staff began working with the Shoreline Police Department and various citizens groups on June 1, 2001 to form residential areas for implementation of the NTSP. The purpose of this staff report is to provide Council with a status update of the implementation of the NTSP.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The NTSP is included in the City's Capital Improvement Program. Funding for the NTSP is obtained from the City's Roads Capital Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required at this time. This item is for Council information and discussion only.

Approved By:

City Manager



## **INTRODUCTION**

The Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) provides a systematic approach to addressing the issue of traffic safety including identification of the problem and potential solutions, gaining support and commitment from the neighborhoods involved through educational programs, and implementation of measures to address traffic related concerns and issues. Staff is requesting that Council provide staff with any input to further enhance the NTSP.

## **BACKGROUND**

On August 21, 2000, Council approved implementation of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP). The NTSP is Shoreline's specialized plan that responds to residents' concerns about speeding, cut-through traffic, accidents and pedestrian safety on neighborhood (non-arterial) streets. Under the supervision of the Project Manager, Rick Vogler, a graduate intern from the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs, was hired in April to coordinate NTSP activities such as training workshops, community meetings, purchasing equipment, interdepartmental meetings, record keeping, and performing research as necessary.

## **DISCUSSION**

The NTSP became available for citizen participation June 1<sup>st</sup> and has received a tremendous response since that time. Currently, there are 32 residential areas enrolled in the program. Shoreline residents can enroll in the program by simply calling in a traffic complaint to the City's Customer Response Team (CRT) or to the Police Department. Citizen Action Request Forms (CARF) for applying to the NTSP are available on-line at the City's Website (Look under City News – NTSP Story) for those who wish to print the forms from their personal computers and send them to CRT. These forms are also available at the East and Westside Police Storefronts.

The NTSP purchased two radar trailers over the summer for use in Phase 1 (Education and Enforcement). The radar trailers are used on arterial streets and designated residential streets that are enrolled in the NTSP. In the past two months, 11 residential areas participated in baseline data collection including traffic counts, speeds and determining cut-through traffic. The citizen contacts from each of these areas have gathered signatures from at least seven neighbors who agree that there is a traffic safety problem on their street. These contacts also attended a training workshop where they learned their roles as leaders for their streets and received valuable safety training from a Shoreline Police Department officer. The next training workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 11.

The Ridgecrest residential area of 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from North 155<sup>th</sup> Street to 165<sup>th</sup> Street will gather for a community meeting on Wednesday, October 10 to discuss safety concerns and to develop a traffic management plan using Phase 1 tools.

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