



What does the Project accomplish?

The Radar/Readerboard Project is a passive, inexpensive educational program that helps everyone affected by neighborhood speeding.

- Motorists become aware of their own driving speeds
- Neighborhood residents distinguish between actual speeding and perceptions of speeding in their neighborhood
- Community members become more aware of actual speeding problems
- Deputies from the Sheriff's Office are able to determine enforcement priorities



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For more information

If you and your neighborhood would like more information about the Radar/Readerboard Project, contact the King County Traffic Engineering Section at 206-296-6596.



Traffic stop in residential neighborhood

Comments?

If you have comments or questions regarding services provided by our division, please feel free to contact us by e-mail or phone.

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Help enhance traffic safety in your neighborhood.

What is the Radar/Readerboard Project?

The Radar/Readerboard Project is part of the King County Road Services Division's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program. Through the Radar/Readerboard Project, residents in unincorporated King County work with traffic engineers to help identify and reduce neighborhood speeding problems and make their communities safer. This



King County Department of Transportation project is also supported by the King County Sheriff's Office.

Using special equipment that tracks and displays vehicle speeds to drivers, residents can observe and document the speed of vehicles that are driven through their neighborhoods. As they pass by a digital readerboard, drivers receive an instant readout of their vehicle's rate of speed, which helps to encourage voluntary compliance with neighborhood speed limits.



Setting up the Radar/Readerboard car



Stand-alone Speed Trailer

What are the basic Radar/Readerboard tools?

King County has two kinds of Radar/Readerboard tools:

1. A stand-alone **"SpeedTrailer"** is used in neighborhoods on specific roadways where speeding has been documented through speed studies or frequent requests for enforcement action. A digital display board shows the oncoming driver what their speed is compared to the posted speed limit.
2. A **"Radar/Readerboard Car"** is used in neighborhoods where residents wish to be actively involved. Residents operate a hand-held radar device by directing the radar beam towards oncoming vehicles. Like the Speed Trailer, a digital display shows the driver their vehicle speed compared to the posted speed limit. At least two neighborhood residents are required to properly operate this equipment.

As a citizen, what are my next steps?

To obtain use of a Speed Trailer, contact the King County Road Services Division's Traffic Maintenance Section at 206-205-7111. Traffic Maintenance personnel will schedule your request, deliver the equipment to your neighborhood, and set up the trailer.



Setting up the Speed Trailer equipment

To obtain use of a Radar/Readerboard car, contact the King County Sheriff's Office - North Precinct #2 (Kenmore) at 206-296-5020 to make an appointment. After a brief training session and a police records check, neighborhood members themselves drive the Radar/Readerboard car to their neighborhood, set it up, and use the equipment. Data collected by residents can be analyzed by traffic engineers, who will work with residents to develop solutions.

There is no charge for use of either the Speed Trailer or the Radar/Readerboard car.