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RE: Fwd: Re: Sheriff Dept records for Nov. Needed as well as records on phony 25 mph on HCD

From: info@beep4bumps.com**Date:** Thu, Dec 13, 2007 11:33 pm**To:** Kathy Collings <KColling@co.kitsap.wa.us>**Cc:** Elizabeth Watkins <EWatkins@co.kitsap.wa.us>

Thanks Kathy. Yes, I did get your email. It was from Monday. But then I never heard anything after that. That's why I wrote to find out what was happening.

Also, people have emailed me (and I've also noticed myself) that one of the Hood Canal Speed Bumps is starting to really fall apart. Gravel is becoming exposed, potholes are forming, and it looks like it's becoming safety hazard. If there are pedestrians there, and I very rarely see any, they could be in danger if a car swerves to avoid a pothole which wouldn't be easy to spot much in advance if its on the opposite side of the bump, aka "table," you're approaching. They're not huge holes now, so likewise I don't think it's a huge issue yet. But I've never met pothole that doesn't continue to get bigger. Nature of the beast, especially this time of the year. Is the sheriff's department aware of this problem? I'm assuming Public Works is.

I have to tell you that it's so frustrating because just prior to the installation of these, our roadways here were smooth, recently paved, widened, and safe. When they were in that condition, I observed that most folks drove at or very near the speed limit and they didn't typically feel compelled to pass each other. Now, with the speed bumps and solid striped lines, cars frequently pass me at excessive speeds, and often when visibility makes it very dangerous. That happened tonight, in fact. And it's happened several times in the past few weeks. I'm glad I don't have to travel them everyday!!!

Also, when driving at night and a car approaches me, I get blinded by headlights because when they hit the bump, it has the same effect as if they had flashed their high-beams. Same thing happens with following traffic. There's a reason the county has a written policy prohibiting speed devices on roads like this and it's obvious every time I drive those bumps. In my opinion, these have done nothing to slow speeders. In fact, I've never really noticed speeders or tailgaiters there until they've been put in. And with the headlight flashes and illegal passing, they've really decreased road safety. Please pass my concerns along to the appropriate folks in your department.

Thanks!

--John