Fatal Crash Follow-up

New York Ave and Bladensburg Rd NE

MPD description of crash from press release:

Preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 10:40 am, a vehicle was travelling in the 2800 block of New York Avenue, Northeast, when it struck another vehicle. The striking vehicle continued to travel through the intersection of New York Avenue and Bladensburg Road, Northeast, colliding with two additional vehicles. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the operator of the striking vehicle to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	6/8/20
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	20084955
Type of crash	Vehicle/Vehicle

Historical crash data, nearest intersection, 2017-19 (Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	468
Fatalities	0
Injuries	161
Pedestrians involved	13
Bicyclists involved	2
Motorcyclists involved	2







Site visit notes

- Date of site visit: 6/11/20
- DDOT divisions present: Traffic Operations & Safety; Planning (Active Transportation team); Community Engagement; Traffic Engineering & Signals; Automated Traffic Enforcement; Vision Zero
- Other agencies present: MPD
- Street Design Context: Signalized intersection

Factors observed on site visit:

Westbound speeds approaching intersection

Next steps

Short-term DDOT action items (timetables pending):

Upgrade and refurbish signage at the intersection.

Further DDOT evaluations (timetables TBD):

- Following fatal crashes, DDOT collects data and gathers information to inform potential interventions that would improve safety at the location.
- Visibility enhancements to existing traffic signals and signs
- Supplemental signage or road markings on westbound approach
- This location is part of the New York Avenue Streetscape and Trail Project which will bring safety upgrades to the corridor.



