

Fatal Crash Review

Location: Fairland Road near Fairridge Drive

Accident Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021

Accident Time: Approximately 8:03 PM

Local case number: 210051770

Review Date: December 26, 2021

Concurrence: Michael L. Paylor

January 5, 2022

Location and Site Description:

Fairland Road is a 36' wide open section arterial roadway. It is a two-lane road with double yellow lines and white edge lines. There are bike lanes along both sides of Fairland Road. Sidewalk is provided along the south side of Fairland Road. Fairland Road at the intersection with Fairridge Drive has bus stops on both sides and a marked pedestrian crosswalk. There is an approximately 1500' radius horizontal curve along Fairland Road between Fairridge Drive and Fairland Park Drive. The crash location is near the entrance to West Fairland Local Park which is approximately 110" west of Fairridge Drive. The posted speed limit along Fairland Road is 40 MPH.

Description of Crash:

Preliminary investigations indicated a vehicle travelling along westbound Fairland Road crossed into the eastbound lane of Fairland and collided with a WMATA Passenger Bus. The driver of the vehicle travelling on westbound Fairland Road died on the scene.

Observations:

A field investigation was conducted at the crash location on December 26, 2021. There are streetlights on mast arms on the north side of Fairland Road near the crash site. We checked the on-line streetlight outage reporting database, and no streetlight outages were reported along Fairland Road near Fairridge Drive. There are 36"x48" speed limit 40 signs with yellow call-out plates on both direction of Fairland Road. On westbound Fairland Road the speed limit sign is located approximately 1,500' east of the crash site and one eastbound direction the speed limit sign is located approximately 1,100' west of the crash site. In addition to the speed limit signs, there are speed limit 40 mph pavement marking legends marked along Fairland Road on both approaches to the crash site. All pavement markings and signs are in good condition.

Conclusion:

All required traffic control is in place and in good condition.

Westbound Fairland Road east of Crash Site



Eastbound Fairland Road near crash site



Eastbound Fairland Road west of Crash Site