

Fatal Crash Review

Crash Location: Muddy Branch Road, at King James Way/ Harmony Hall Road, Gaithersburg MD 20877

Crash Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2022

Crash Time: 2:05 PM

Local case number: 220056642

Police District: 6D (Montgomery Village)

Review Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Concurrence: Michael L. Paylor

Date: January 4, 2023

Site Description:

At the intersection with King James Way/ Harmony Hall Road, Muddy Branch Road is a 107' wide closed section divided major highway (two lanes in each direction with dedicated left turn lanes divided by a 35' wide grass median with a posted speed limit of 45 MPH. On Muddy Branch Road a pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) is provided with marked crosswalk on both legs. Stop controls are provided on both the Harmony Hall Road and King James Way legs of the intersection. A marked crosswalk and stop bar are provided on the Harmony Hall Road leg of the intersection. The western leg, King James Way, is private with a median divided monumental entrance to the Londonderry Apartments. A stop bar is provided along this leg.

Description of Crash:

Crash report indicated a single vehicle was travelling southbound Muddy Branch Road approaching King James Way. Two pedestrians were crossing the southbound lanes of Muddy Branch Road at the intersection of King James Way, when the vehicle struck both pedestrians, one of whom suffered a fatal injury.

Observations:

A field investigation was conducted at the crash location on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 11 am. The PHB was found to be functioning as intended during this site visit and, according the TMC, at the time of the crash. All required signs and pavement markings at and approaching the intersection were present and in good condition.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

None.

Pictures:

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Southbound Muddy Branch Road, approaching King James Way



Southbound Muddy Branch Road, at King James Way



Northbound Muddy Branch Road, approaching King James Way



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