

Fatal Crash Review

Crash Location: West Gude Drive, approximately 300' west of Watkins Pond Boulevard, Rockville MD 20850

Crash Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Crash Time: 2:29 PM

Local case number: 230002700

Police District: 1D (Rockville)

Review Date: January 25, 2023

Concurrence: Michael L. Paylor

Date: 2/14/2023

Site Description:

At the crash location, West Gude Drive is a closed section east-west oriented grass median divided 4-lane major highway with a posted speed limit of 40 MPH, maintained by the City of Rockville. Near the crash site is a signalized T-intersection with Watkins Pond Boulevard as the north leg. Protected crossings are provided on the north and west legs. The speed limit is double-posted along both West Gude Drive approaches to Watkins Pond Boulevard 900' east and 1000' west of the intersection. There is a slight vertical curve along West Gude Drive, west of Watkins Pond Boulevard. Advance traffic signal warning signs are double-posted on both approaches approximately 350' from the signal. Curbside LED lighting is provided along West Gude Drive at 150' spacing.

Description of Crash:

Crash report indicated a single vehicle was travelling eastbound on West Gude Drive approaching Watkins Pond Boulevard. The vehicle left the roadway for unknown reasons and struck a tree. The operator of the vehicle suffered fatal injuries as a result of the crash.

Observations:

A field investigation was conducted at the crash location on Monday 1/25/2023, at 10 am. All required roadway signs, pavement markings and the roadway surface are in place and in good condition.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

None.

Pictures:

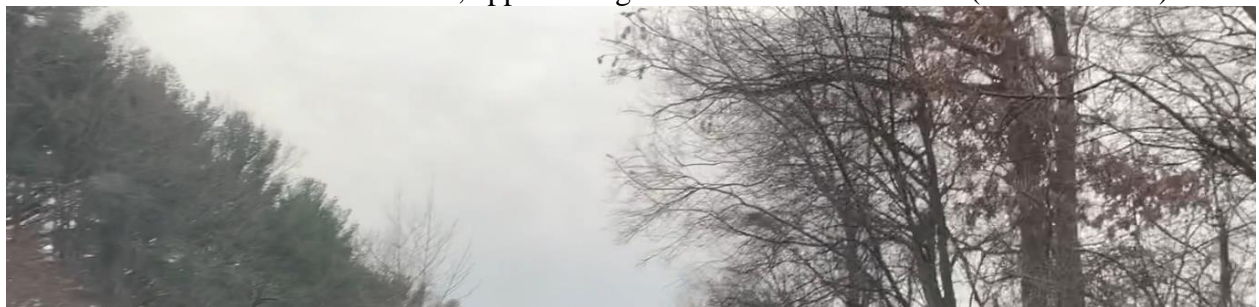
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Eastbound West Gude Drive, approaching Watkins Pond Boulevard



Eastbound West Gude Drive, approaching Watkins Pond Boulevard (crash location)



Westbound West Gude Drive, approaching Watkins Pond Boulevard



Westbound West Gude Drive, at Watkins Pond Boulevard