

## Fatal Crash Review

Location: Wightman Road & Aspenwood Lane

Crash Date: April 23, 2023

Approximate Crash Time: 02:05 AM

Local case number: 230020241

Review Date: May 09, 2023

Concurrence: *Michael L. Paylor*

Date: 05-10-23

### Location and Site Description:

Wightman Road is an undivided two-lane Area Connector road oriented north-south with a posted speed limit of 35 mph. Typical section provides a 10.5' travel lane (in each direction) delineated by double yellow center lines and white edge lines. Wightman Road is nearly straight on either approach to Aspenwood Lane. It has a rolling grade with a slight over-vertical at its intersection with Aspenwood Lane. Along northbound Wightman Road at its intersection with Aspenwood Lane, a right-turn lane and acceleration lane are provided. Along southbound Wightman Road at its intersection with Aspenwood Lane, right turns onto Aspenwood Lane are prohibited.

### Description of Crash:

Preliminary police report indicated a vehicle was traveling southbound along Wightman Road making a left turn onto eastbound Aspenwood Lane in the early AM hours. This vehicle was then struck by a truck traveling in the northbound direction of Wightman Road which came to rest after striking an Adopt-A-Road sign at the northeast corner of the intersection. The driver of the vehicle traveling southbound suffered fatal injuries in the crash.

### Observations:

A field investigation was conducted at the crash site on May 09, 2023. Along the southbound Wightman Road approach to Aspenwood Lane there is a moderate upgrade to the slight over-vertical at Aspenwood Lane. There are intersection advance warning signs posted along both Wightman Road approaches to Aspenwood Lane and there is sufficient sight distance in all direction at the intersection. Intersection lighting is provided on a utility pole at the NE corner of the intersection, the county streetlight map indicates it is operational. Several signs near the intersection are old, faded, and the knocked down Adopt-A-Road sign is covered up by mud.

### Conclusion/Recommendation:

Refresh old and faded Stop and No Parking signs at the intersection and remove/replace the damaged Adopt-A-Road sign.

**Pictures:** See pages 2 & 3

Crash site – Wightman Road at Aspenwood Lane



Northbound Wightman Road



Southbound Wightman Road

