

Fatal Crash Follow-up

16th and L St NW

MPD description of crash:

Preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 11:12 pm, a pedestrian was walking at the intersection of the listed location when he collapsed in the roadway. A vehicle was traveling eastbound of L Street Northwest and drove over the pedestrian. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the pedestrian to an area hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries. After all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead.

Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	8/21/20
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	20119747
Type of crash	Vehicle-Pedestrian



Historical crash data, nearest intersection, 2017-19

(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	47
Fatalities	0
Injuries	11
Pedestrians involved	3
Bicyclists involved	3
Motorcyclists involved	0



Site visit notes

- Date of site visit: 8/28/20
- Agencies present: DDOT and MPD
- Street Design Context: Intersection

Factors discussed on site visit:

- Location is along the L St protected bike lane, which runs on the left. When the bike lane was installed, the street was narrowed from 4 lanes to 3 lanes at peak and 2 lanes with a parking lane at other times.
- Travel lane reduction in late-night hours should improve safety by reducing speeding
- Visibility does not generally seem to be an issue at this location

Next steps

Short-term DDOT action items (timetables pending):

- Review location for pavement marking or signage improvements.