

Fatal Crash Follow-up

4200 block of Overlook Ave SW

MPD description of crash:

Preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 5:55 pm, the operator of a 2020 Dodge Charger was travelling at a high-rate of speed southbound in the 4200 block of Overlook Avenue, Southwest. The vehicle mounted the right curb and struck a tree head on. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the victim 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	9/5/20
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	20127040
Type of crash	Vehicle-fixed object

Historical crash data, nearest intersection, 2017-19

(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	9
Fatalities	0
Injuries	3
Pedestrians involved	0
Bicyclists involved	0
Motorcyclists involved	0



Site visit notes

- Date of site visit: 9/11/20
- Agencies present: DDOT and MPD
- Street Design Context: Collector roadway

Factors discussed on site visit:

- This is adjacent to the South Capitol Trail, which is in design phase
- Roadway is one lane in each direction in this stretch but the decedent driver may have attempted to use a narrow additional painted portion of the roadway to pass another vehicle.

Next steps

Short-term DDOT action items (timetables pending):

- Review location for pavement marking or signage improvements

Further DDOT evaluations (timetables TBD):

- Following all fatal crashes occurring after dark, DDOT evaluates the lighting.
- Evaluate options for visually or physically narrowing the roadway, potentially as part of the construction of the South Capitol Trail.