Fatal Crash Follow-up
Minnesota Ave NE and Benning Rd NE

Death Case Year
21

Death Case Number
02

Jurisdiction
MPD

CCN
21-009640

Death Type
Driver

Address Location
Minnesota Ave NE and Benning Rd NE

Ward
7

Striking Vehicle
- Motor Vehicle (MVT)

Crash Date and Time Jan 21, 2021, 6:53:00 PM

Fatality Person
Driver
Narrative

Detectives with the Metropolitan Police Department's Major Crash Investigations Unit are investigating a traffic fatality resulting from a traffic crash that occurred on Thursday, January 21, 2021, in the intersection of Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road, Northeast. The preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 11:53 pm, a Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metro Bus was traveling eastbound on Benning Road, Northeast. As the WMATA bus was making a left turn onto Minnesota Avenue, Northeast, a Nissan Altima traveling in the opposite direction, westbound, swerved into the left lane and struck the bus head-on. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the operator of the Nissan Altima to an area hospital where after all life-saving efforts failed, he was pronounced dead. The two passengers in the Nissan Altima were transported to area hospitals for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

MPD Press release link

Site Visit(s)
Completed

Factors/context discussed at site visit(s)

Area is part of the Benning Road Reconstruction and Streetcar Project

Actions Planned/Completed

Area is part of the Benning Road Reconstruction and Streetcar Project - https://www.benningproject.com/ - which will bring significant changes to the roadway between Oklahoma Ave NE and East Capitol St, including the intersection of Minnesota and Benning.

Actions Under Consideration

Benning Road project