

Fatal Crash Follow-up

Georgia Ave and Kennedy St NW

MPD description of crash:

Preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 3:15 pm, the operator of a Nissan Rogue was travelling eastbound on Kennedy Street, Northwest. The operator then crossed over Georgia Avenue, Northwest, into the 900 block of Kennedy Street, Northwest. As the operator entered the block, a juvenile male was crossing the street, outside of a marked crosswalk. The operator struck the victim then immediately came to a stop and remained on scene. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and after all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead.

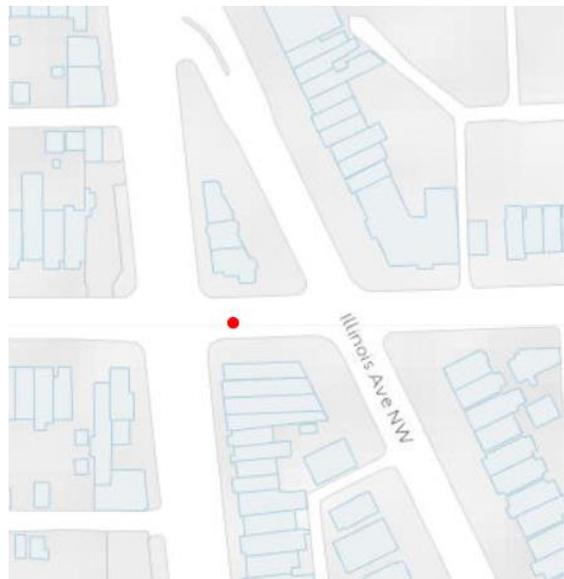
Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	4/1/21
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	21041258
Type of crash	Vehicle-Pedestrian

Historical crash data, nearest intersection, 2017-19

(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	34
Fatalities	0
Injuries	13
Pedestrians involved	4
Bicyclists involved	0
Motorcyclists involved	2



Site visit notes

- Agencies present: DDOT and MPD
- Street Design Context: Mid-block, near intersection

Factors discussed on site visit:

- The intersection is controlled by traffic signals; has a leading pedestrian interval, at all crosswalks, installed November 2020; as well as left-turn traffic calming, installed June 2019.
- This intersection was listed on DDOT's High Crash Intersection Site Visit 2016 [report](#).
- This location is within the [Kennedy Street reconstruction Phase II](#) capital project, which extends from 16th Street NW to Georgia Avenue NW.
 - The project objective is to revitalize the corridor by upgrading the roadway features; improving multi-modal connectivity; incorporating Vision Zero initiative by improving traffic safety; upgrading and improving signalized intersections and upgrading Stormwater Management Facilities.

Next steps

Short-term DDOT action items (timetables pending):

- Accelerate two changes to the Georgia/Kennedy intersection that are in the capital project plans:
 - no-right-turn-on-red at all corners signs at all approaches of the Georgia/Kennedy intersection
 - No left turns from Georgia (northbound or southbound) onto Kennedy.
- Make improvements and update the centerline left turn traffic calming located on Georgia Ave NW.

Further DDOT improvements (timetables below):

Kennedy Street Phase II is scheduled to begin construction in early 2022 and construction period is 18 months.

- At Georgia Ave and Kennedy St intersection:
 - Relocate bus stops on Georgia Avenue to the far side of Kennedy Street to improve pedestrian safety.
 - Extend curbs at the Georgia Avenue / Kennedy Street intersection, which will visually narrow the roadway, decrease pedestrian crossing distances, and add more room for people using the sidewalk and waiting for the bus.
 - Provide more space for transit users and improved amenities
 - Add accessible pedestrian signals at all corners of the Georgia/Kennedy intersection.
- Reconfigure Georgia Ave NW and Illinois Ave NW intersection (less than one block north) and upgrade roadway features including curbing, sidewalk, and ADA facilities.
- Install a new traffic signal at intersection of Georgia Ave NW & Longfellow Street NW (one block north) including countdown pedestrian signals.
- [Public presentation from summer 2020](#) - provides details and illustrations of above changes.

