Fatal Crash Follow-up
1400 block of K Street NW

Death Case Year: 21
Death Case Number: 23
Jurisdiction: MPD
Death Type: Driver
Address Location: 1400 K Street NW, Washington DC

Ward: 2

Striking Vehicle:
- Motor Vehicle (MVT)

Second Striking Vehicle/Object:
- Motor Vehicle (MVT)

Crash Date and Time:
Jul 4, 2021, 12:54:00 AM

Fatality Person:
Driver
Detectives with the Metropolitan Police Department’s Major Crash Investigations Unit are investigating a traffic fatality resulting from a traffic crash that occurred on Saturday, July 3, 2021, in the intersection of 14th and K Street, Northwest. The preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 12:54 am, the driver of a Acura TLX was traveling north bound, at high rate of speed north, in the 900 block of 14th Street, Northwest. The Acura proceeded through a red traffic light at the intersection of 14th and K Street, Northwest, and collided with a Hyundai Elantra, which was travelling east bound on K Street NW. The Acura pushed the Hyundai north bound through the intersection, where a BMW X5, collided with the driver’s side rear of the Acura. The BMW was initially travelling east bound, in the left lane of the 1400 block of K Street prior to the crash. As the BMW and Acura slid north bound through the intersection, a Nissan Maxima that was travelling west bound in the 1300 block of K Street NW, collided with the passenger side of the Acura. The Acura, BMW, and the Nissan came to final rest in the northeast corner of the intersection. The Hyundai departed from the Acura and momentum of the collision caused the Hyundai to travel sideways where the vehicle came to final rest on the northeast sidewalk of 14th and K Street NW. The driver and passenger of the Acura both fled the scene on foot. DC Fire and EMS transported the operator of the Hyundai to a local hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries. The drivers of the BMW and Nissan were treated on scene and released. On Sunday, July 4, 2021, after all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead.

MPD Press release link
https://mpdc.dc.gov/release/traffic-fatality-intersection-14th-and-k-street-northwest

Site Visit(s)
Completed

Factors/context discussed at site visit(s)
DDOT and MPD inspected the site and did not identify any safety countermeasures

Actions Planned/Completed
K Street Transitway will redesign K Street and multiple intersections throughout this area.