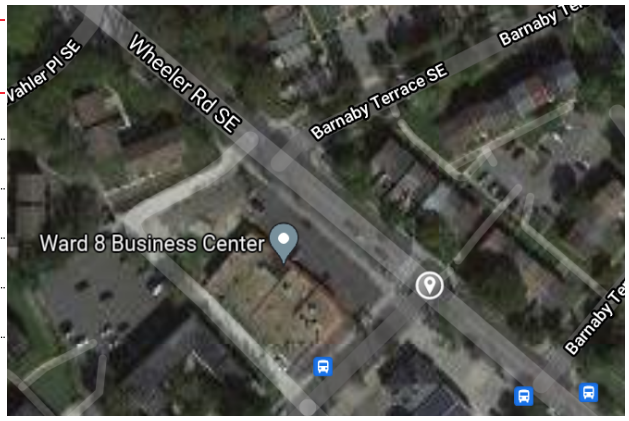
Fatal Crash Follow-up

4200 Wheeler Road SE

Crash information **(Source: MPD)**

Crash date and time	Nov 29, 2021, 10:45 PM
CCN	21-174421
Death Case Year	21
Death Case Number	39
Death Type	Pedestrian
Ward	8



Description

The preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 10:51 pm, the operator of a Nissan Altima was traveling northwest in the 4200 block of Wheeler Road, Southeast directly behind a silver vehicle in the left lane. At the same time, a pedestrian was crossing from the south side to the north side of Wheeler Road, Southeast, outside of a marked crosswalk. As the silver vehicle slowed down in the 4200 block of Wheeler Road SE, to yield to the pedestrian, the Nissan Altima changed from the left lane to the right lane, and continued to travel straight. Immediately after doing so, the pedestrian reached the right travel lane of the northwest direction. The operator of the Nissan Altima 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.

Site visit(s)

Status	Completed
Factors/context discussed	This location is within the project limits for the Wheeler Road Safety project which will bring safety upgrades to the roadway

Follow-up actions

Actions planned/completed

Temporary closure of the roadway; addition of speed cameras in the vicinity

Actions under consideration

DDOT has a project in place to manage speeds along the length of Wheeler Road, and based on feedback from public engagement and a survey, DDOT is nearing completion of proposed designs for the roadway that will narrow Wheeler Road to one lane in each direction, and add other proven safety measures along the corridor and at intersections. The specific designs will be shared with the community and installed as quickly as possible based on community buy-in.