On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at approximately 1723 hours, a driver was operating a 2008 Toyota Sienna Van traveling southbound in the 2400 Block of Georgia Avenue, NW. The Toyota was making a left hand turn onto the 600 block of Howard Place, NW when a black 2019 Yamaha Motorcycle crashed into the Toyota’s passenger side. Prior to the crash, the Motorcycle was traveling northbound in the right hand curb lane of the 2400 block of Georgia Avenue, NW. The speed limit on Georgia Avenue is 25 MPH. Based on the damage to the vehicle and the injuries suffered by the motorcyclist, it appears that the motorcycle was operating at an apparent excessive speed greater than 25 MPH. The motorcyclist was transported by FEMS to Howard University Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at 2348 hours, being pronounced by medical staff. It is noted that the motorcyclist was wearing an approved DOT motorcycle helmet, and he was in possession of a valid driving permit with a motorcycle endorsement at the time of the crash.
Site visit(s)

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Factors/context discussed

A box truck (unknown if parked or moving) was in the lane adjacent to the curb lane, where the motorcyclist was traveling. Obscured the line of sight from southbound vehicle as it was making a left turn.

Follow-up actions

Actions planned/completed

This section of Georgia Ave NW is slated for a bus priority project which will evaluate options for transit lanes and priority, as well as other multimodal safety improvements.

Actions under consideration

DDOT will evaluate the signal operation and evaluate a dedicated left turn phase.