

Fatal Crash Follow-up

7th and Rhode Island Ave NW

Crash information (Source: MPD)

Crash date and time	7/15/2022 2:30 AM
CCN	22-100964
Death Case Year	22
Death Case Number	20
Death Type	Bicyclist
Ward	2



The preliminary investigation revealed, at approximately 2:31 a.m., a driver operating a Peterbilt dump truck was traveling northbound in the 1500 block of 7th Street, NW. A bicyclist was also northbound in the same block, but on the east sidewalk. At the intersection of 7th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, NW, the dump truck, with a green light, began to make a right hand turn onto Rhode Island Avenue. At the same time, the bicyclist entered into the crosswalk from the sidewalk and struck the passenger side of the dump truck. The bicyclist went underneath the truck and suffered significant injuries. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and determined that the bicyclist displayed no signs consistent with life and was pronounced dead on the scene. They were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Site visit(s)

Status	Completed
Factors/context discussed	See below

Follow-up actions

Actions planned/completed

Street lighting evaluation to be conducted in the near term, though no indication this was an issue at this time. Evaluate for: signal and lane configurations that could minimize conflicts between right turn on green and people in the crosswalk; Leading Pedestrian Interval; other possible improvements to reduce conflicts in the eastern crosswalk

Actions under consideration

Evaluate opportunities to require more technology to decrease blind spots for large trucks on DC contracts