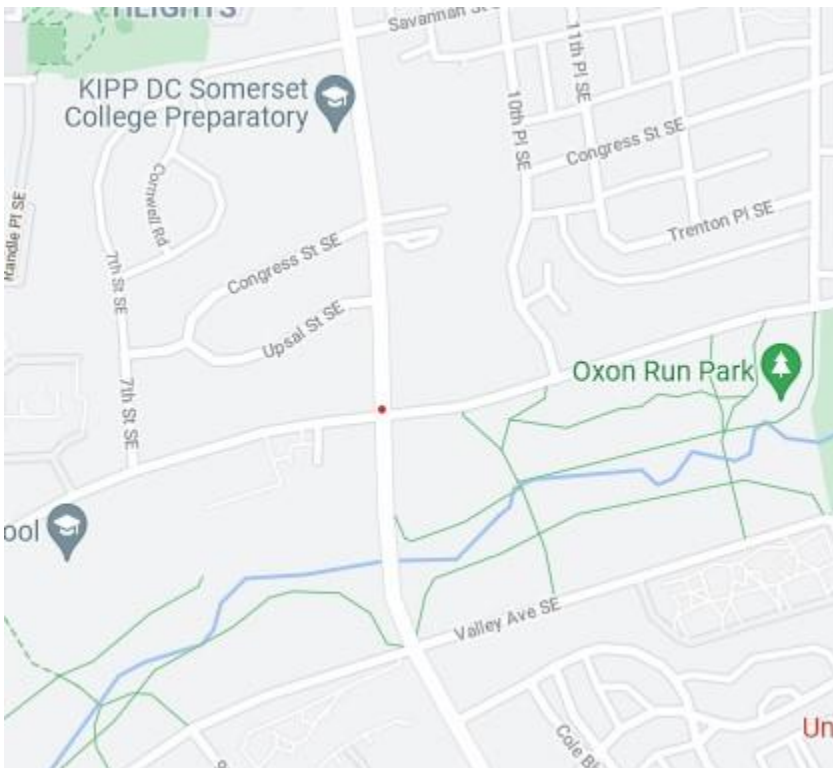


Special Crash Follow-up

Wheeler Road and Mississippi Ave SE

MPD description of crash:

The on scene investigation conducted by the MCIU shows that a 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee, being operated by Carolyn Carthens, was initially travelling westbound on Mississippi Avenue, SE and negotiating a left turn to proceed south on Wheeler Road, SE. While doing so, Mr. Tyrone Belton, and his juvenile daughters, Faith White and Heavyn White were walking east in the marked crosswalk, on the south side of the intersection. As the pedestrians proceeded about half way across the roadway, they were struck by the Jeep. Following impact, the Jeep ran off the roadway and came to final rest on the sidewalk area, on the southwest corner of the intersection.



Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	10/6/2021
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	21-144530
Type of crash	MV/Ped

Historical crash data, nearest intersection, 2018-20

(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	42
Fatalities	0
Injuries	25
Pedestrians involved	2
Bicyclists involved	0
Motorcyclists involved	0



Site visit notes

- Date of on-site visit: 10/6/2021
- Date of virtual site visit: 10/8/2021
- DDOT divisions present: Traffic Operations & Safety; Planning (Active Transportation team); Community Engagement; Traffic Engineering & Signals; Automated Traffic Enforcement; Vision Zero
- Other agencies present: MPD
- Street Design Context: Signalized intersection

Factors noted on site visit:

- High speed on Mississippi Ave approaching intersection
- Sweeping left turn movement by striking driver

Next steps

Short-term DDOT action items (timetables pending):

- DDOT is installing curb extensions on Mississippi Ave, and left turn traffic calming on all approaches, as well as upgrading signage for drivers entering the intersection, and speed humps on Mississippi Ave near the intersection.

Further DDOT evaluations (timetables TBD):

- The entirety of Wheeler Road is the subject of an ongoing DDOT Project that has obtained community input and will soon present alternatives for a “road diet” to stakeholders and residents. The survey seeking input is still open, and is accessible here: <https://ddot.dc.gov/wheelerroad>

