

# Fatal Crash Follow-up

## Southern Avenue SE, near Valley Terrace

MPD description of crash from [press release](#):

*At approximately 6:04 am, a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu was traveling south in the 1400 block of Southern Avenue, Southeast, when it evasively maneuvered to the right and collided with a Metro Bus to avoid striking a pedestrian. The Metro Bus then struck the pedestrian, causing the pedestrian to be trapped under the bus. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and extricated the pedestrian. After all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead on scene.*

### Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	2/7/20
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	20028539
Type of crash	Vehicle/Pedestrian

### Historical crash data, corridor (Southern Ave between Valley Terrace and 13<sup>th</sup> St SE), 2017-19

(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	93
Fatalities	1
Injuries	41
Pedestrians involved	3
Bicyclists involved	0
Motorcyclists involved	2



## Site visit notes

- Date of site visits: 2/11/2020 and 2/12/2020
- DDOT divisions present: Traffic Operations & Safety; Planning (Active Transportation team); Community Engagement; Vision Zero
- Other agencies present: MPD (by phone)
- Street Design Context: Mid-block

### Factors observed on site visit:

- Some faded road markings on this block
- High speeds on Southern Ave

## Next steps

### Short-term DDOT action items (within 90 days):

- Pavement marking improvements, including refurbishing crosswalks at intersection
- New speed limit signs along the corridor

### Further DDOT evaluations (timetables TBD):

- This crash site is adjacent to the [Southern Ave capital project](#) - limit is between Barnaby Rd to UMC campus. Construction is anticipated early Summer 2020. The improvement includes: installing traffic calming features, road configuration that includes refuge median, ADA compliant ramps, widening sidewalk, shared & dedicated bicycle lane, flashing beacons for pedestrians, pavement markings, traffic signs, street lighting, improved drainage systems, and landscaping. It also includes upgrade the existing traffic signals. Some work has already been completed, including the installation of a new HAWK signal to provide safe crossing of pedestrians at a previously uncontrolled intersection at United Medical Center.

