

Fatal Crash Follow-up

Minnesota Ave SE and L'Enfant Square SE

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

At approximately 4:17 am, a silver colored SUV was traveling southwest on Minnesota Avenue, Southeast. The vehicle failed to negotiate a turn and left the roadway. The vehicle struck a pedestrian who was on a sidewalk inside of a park area. The vehicle's occupants fled the scene and the striking vehicle remained on the scene. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the victim to a local hospital. After all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead.

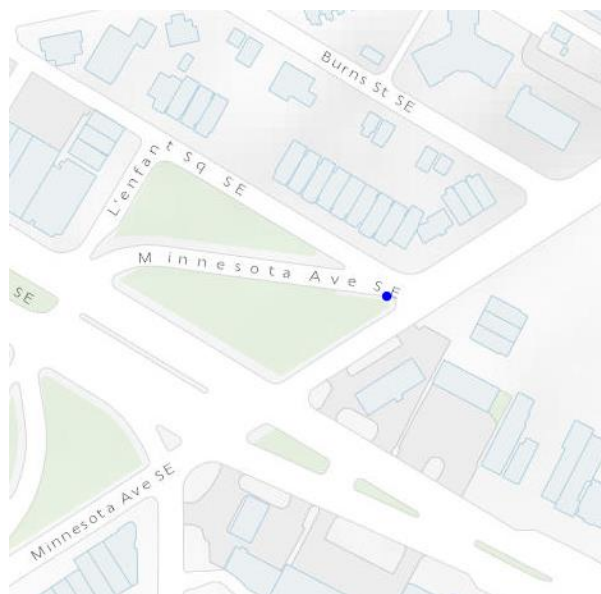
Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	1/1/20
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	20000224
Type of crash	Vehicle/Pedestrian

Crash data, nearest intersection, 2017-19

(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	17
Fatalities	0
Injuries	2
Pedestrians involved	0
Bicyclists involved	0
Motorcyclists involved	0



Site visit notes

- Date of site visit: 1/9/20
- DDOT divisions present: Community Engagement; Vision Zero
- Other agencies present: MPD
- Note: DDOT Traffic Operations & Safety Division made additional visits to the site.
- Street Design Context: Intersection

Factors observed on site visit:

- No signage approaching L'Enfant Square noting curve in the roadway to stay on Minnesota Ave.
- Queuing vehicles blocking crosswalk at Minnesota Ave and L'Enfant Square.

Next steps

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

- Install signage noting curve ahead, with advisory speed.
- Install pedestrian signs at crosswalk at Minnesota Ave and L'Enfant Square.
- Refurbish road markings on Minnesota Ave.

Further DDOT evaluations (timetables TBD):

- This location is part of the [Pennsylvania Avenue-Minnesota Avenue, SE, Intersection Improvement Project](#). In the short term, DDOT is evaluating the corridor for other safety improvements. Key goals are managing speeds and improving pedestrian facilities along Minnesota Avenue.

