

# SCHOOL-RELATED CRASH-INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW

**Location:** Public House Road between Ebenezer Chapel Drive and Martz Street

**Crash Date:** November 8, 2024

**Crash Time:** 9:01 AM

**Local Case No.:** 240053629

**Review Date:** July 10, 2025

## **Description of Incident**

On Friday, November 8, 2024, at approximately 9:01 AM, a motorist was traveling southbound from an unnamed driveway between Ebenezer Chapel Drive and Martz Street. A cyclist was traveling eastbound along Public House Road on the sidewalk crossing the street and struck the side of the motorist's vehicle. The report assigns fault to the 9-year-old cyclist, although the report indicates the motorist was slowing or stopping, meaning they did not stop at the marked stop line in advance of the crossing. The crash report indicated there were no apparent injuries. Daytime weather conditions were clear, and the roadway surface was dry.

**Figure 2** illustrates the crash location and direction of pedestrian and vehicle travel.

## **Location and Site Description**

The subject location occurred near the intersection of Public House Road at the unnamed driveway between Ebenezer Chapel Drive and Martz Street. Little Bennett Elementary School (ES) is located to the northeast at 23930 Burdette Forest Road. Little Bennett ES has a current enrollment of 609 students in grades K through 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Little Bennett Elementary School (ES)**

The majority of student arrivals are between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM and dismissal occurs between 3:25 PM and 3:45 PM.

### **Public House Road**

Public House Road is approximately 25 feet wide and is oriented in the east-west direction. Public House Road spans a distance less than a quarter mile long, beginning at Clarksburg Road to the west and ending at Clarksburg Square Road to the east. At the crash location, Public House Road has buffered sidewalks in the eastbound and westbound directions. There is no shoulder in either direction. Street parking is not permitted along Public House Road on the north leg of the street in the westbound direction. In the eastbound direction, on the south leg, street parking is permitted in certain designated spots.

The posted speed limit along Public House Road is 25 mph.

Refer to **Figure 1** in the attachments for additional details on the Public House Road segment.

### **Public House Road between Ebenezer Chapel Drive and Martz Street**

The intersection of Public House Road at the unnamed driveway between Ebenezer Chapel Drive and Martz Street is an unsignalized, three-legged intersection, with the unnamed driveway extending northerly from Public House Road. The unnamed driveway is an alleyway providing access to residential homes to the north of Public House Road.

Pedestrian facilities are ADA compliant along the north leg of the intersection, with sidewalk ramps and Detectable Warning Surface (DWS). There are no marked crosswalks at the intersection.

The Public House Road corridor was evaluated to identify potential infrastructure, maintenance activities, and road user behaviors that contribute to increased safety risk at and in the vicinity of the school-related crash location. The Public House Road corridor was reviewed between Clarksburg Road to the west and ending at Clarksburg Square Road to the east. Please refer to **Figure 1** for additional information.

### **Crash History**

Crash data obtained from dataMontgomery indicates that four (4) incidents occurred within the vicinity of the crash site between January 2020 and December 2024. Of these four (4) incidents, only one (1) occurred at or near the intersection of Public House Road at the unnamed driveway between Ebenezer Chapel Drive and Martz Street, the subject crash incident. These four (4) crashes included one (1) injury crash and three (3) property damage crashes, and the crash type consisted of one (1) angle collision, two (2) single vehicle collisions, and one (1) classified as “other”. There was one (1) pedestrian-related crash. All of the incidents occurred during daylight and dry pavement conditions.

All incidents are illustrated on Figure 3.

### **Field Observations**

Field observations were performed on Monday, March 3, 2025, at approximately 11 AM. Weather conditions were clear, and the roadway surface was dry. Pedestrian and vehicular activity was low during the observation period. There is limited sight distance due to adjacent foliage in the southbound direction looking to the right and left. Vehicles are parked along Public House Road on both sides of the street despite the “No Parking” signs. Two mailboxes are located on the south leg, across the street from the unnamed driveway. At the southbound approach, the stop line is faded and there is no existing stop sign.

### **Findings**

Site observations did not find any infrastructural deficiencies that contributed to this crash.

### **Recommendations**

While not related to the crash incident, the following were identified as maintenance recommendations to enhance the safety of the location:

1. Refresh stop line at the southbound approach of the driveway.
2. Install a stop sign at the southbound approach of the driveway adjacent to the stop line.
3. Recommend trimming existing foliage to improve sight distance.

## Site Photograph



**Photo 1. Taken from northwest corner looking eastbound along Public House Road at the north leg crossing. Approximate crash location.**



**Photo 2. Taken from the southbound approach looking eastbound along Public House Road.**





Figure 1 – Public House Rd between Ebenezer Chapel Dr and Martz Street Observations



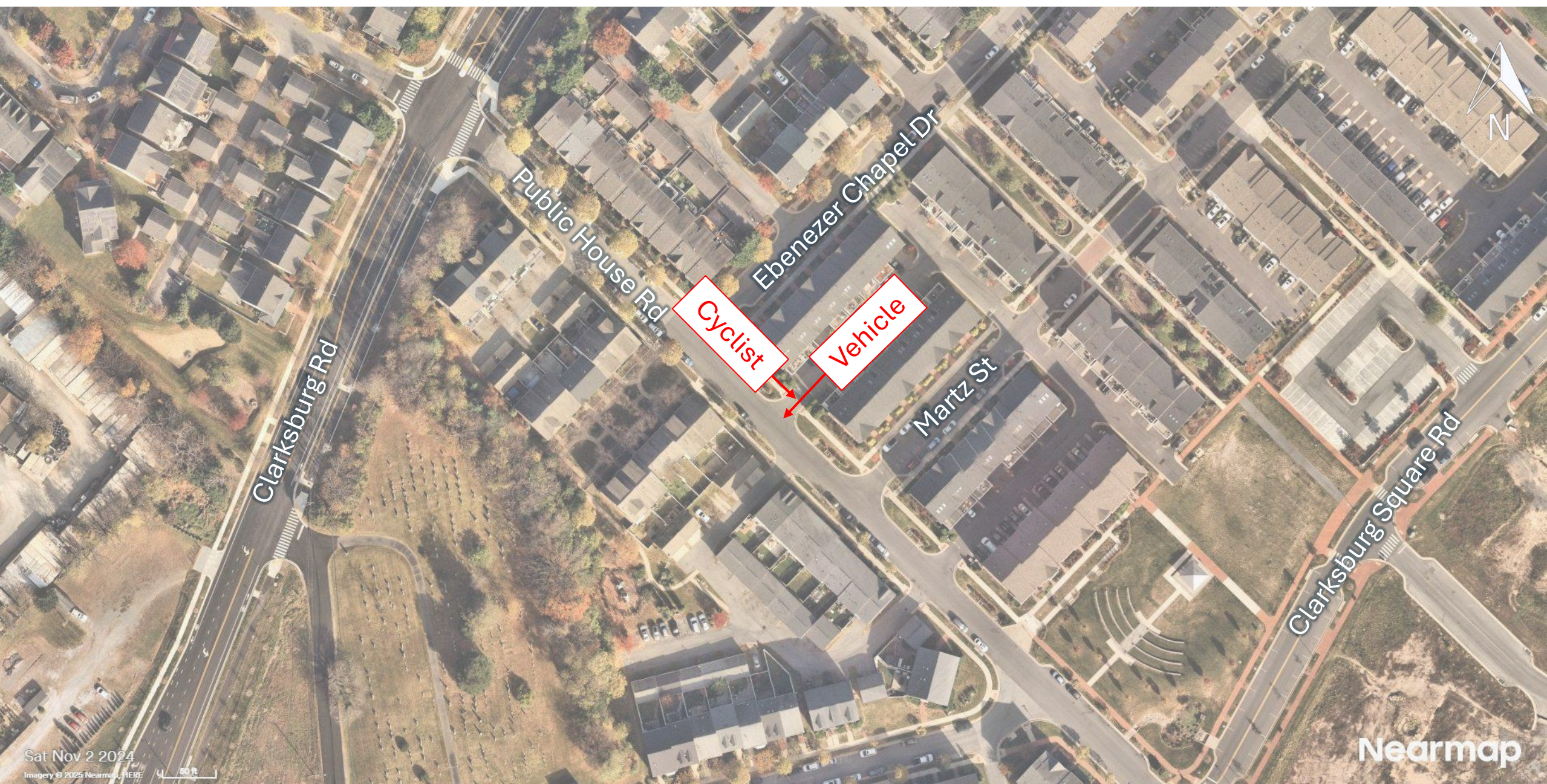


Figure 2 – Crash Diagram





Figure 3 – Crash History (2020-2024)