

SCHOOL-RELATED CRASH INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MCDOT)

- **Location:** Cross Laurel Drive at Blunt Road
- **Crash Date:** May 5, 2025
- **Crash Time:** Approximately 6:15 PM
- **School Name:** Captain James Daly Elementary School
- **School Walkshed Boundary:** ☒ Outside
- **Local Case No:** 250019778
- **Review Date:** January 30, 2026

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT AND CRASH DETAIL

On Monday, May 5, 2025, a motorist was driving northbound along Blunt Road when a bicyclist was driving along Cross Laurel Drive and did not stop at the stop sign, running into the side of the vehicle. The bicyclist suffered a possible injury. The weather was clear, and the roadway was dry. Figure 2 illustrates the crash location and the direction of pedestrian and vehicle travel.

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC CONTEXT

- **School Type:** ☒ Elementary
- **School Hours (Arrival / Dismissal):** 9:25 AM – 3:50 PM
- **School Enrollment FY 24-25:** 472
- **Crossing Guards Present:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

INFRASTRUCTURE & CONDITIONS

- **Sidewalk Coverage**
There is continuous sidewalk coverage on the west side of Blunt Road, along both sides of Cross Laurel Drive on the west leg, and along the north side of Cross Laurel Drive on the east leg. All sidewalks are buffered from the roadway. The sidewalk along Blunt Road continues southernly to the crossing at Red Buckeye Court.
- **Crosswalk Visibility**
The crosswalk markings are in good condition along both north leg.
- **Lighting at Location**
A 150 HPS leased light is located in the southwest corner of the intersection over the southbound Blunt Road travel lane.
- **Speed Limit / School Zone Limit**
The posted speed limit along Blunt Road is 25 mph.
- **Intersection Geometry**
Blunt Road is a two lane, two-way undivided roadway with one lane in each direction and no shoulders. Cross Laurel Drive is a two lane, two-way undivided roadway with no pavement markings and on-street parking permitted in both directions.
- **Nearby Transit Stop**
There are no nearby transit stops.
- **Nearby School Facilities**
The Captain James E. Daly Elementary School is located approximately ¼ mile to the west along Brandermill Drive.

SITE OBSERVATIONS

- **Observation Date/Time:** 7:15 AM-7:45 AM, Wednesday, January 7, 2026.
- **Pedestrian Activity**
Light pedestrian activity was observed crossing Blunt Road at the intersection with less than five non-motorists crossing the intersection.
- **Vehicle Activity:** ☒ Light.
- **Drop-off / Pick-up Operations**
No drop-off or pick-up patterns observed at the crash location.
- **Visibility / Obstructions**
Trees line Blunt Road to the south of Cross Laurel Drive. During observations, the trees are bare and do not obstruct, but may limit sight distance for motorists exiting Cross Laurel Drive when trees are full. To the north of Cross Laurel Drive, a horizontal curve and vertical crest limits reaction times for pedestrians and motorists crossing Blunt Road.
- **Driver Behavior**
Road users were observed generally following traffic control devices and properly yielding right of way. Pedestrians would cross during gaps in traffic.
- **Additional Details**
Cross Laurel Drive is a neighborhood street providing access to detached and attached residential houses. There is a speed hump on the west leg of Cross Laurel Drive. Blunt Road connects Germantown Road with Scenery Drive, providing access to detached and attached residential houses and transitioning into a more urban area at the termination of Blunt Road at Scenery Drive.

CRASH HISTORY (AT THE LOCATION)

- **Total Crashes (Last 5 Years):** A total of three (3) crashes occurred at the subject crash location between January 1, 2020 and November 30, 2025.
 - **Pedestrian/Bicycle Involved:** Only the subject crash involved a non-motorist.
 - **Student-Involved Crashes:** The only known student-involved crash included the subject crash.
 - **Crashes During School Hours:** None of the crashes occurred during school hours.
 - **Recurrent Patterns (Time/Type):** There is no recurrent pattern of crashes. One crash occurred between a motorist and an animal in the dark along a wet surface, one angle crash occurred in the dark (midnight), and the subject crash occurred between a bicyclist and motorist in the daylight.

FINDINGS

There were no obvious infrastructure deficiencies that contributed to this crash. The crash occurred due to a bicyclist failing to obey a stop sign.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- ☒ **Maintenance:** Install a combination horizontal alignment/intersection warning sign for the southbound Blunt Road approach, alerting drivers of Cross Laurel Drive. Trim vegetation along northbound Blunt Road approaching Cross Laurel Drive when trees are full (likely spring or summertime) (see **Photo 1** below).

SITE PHOTOS / MAPS

- ☒ Photos Attached
- ☒ Crash Diagram Included
- ☒ School Walk Zone Map Included
- ☐ Heatmap of Past Crashes (if applicable)

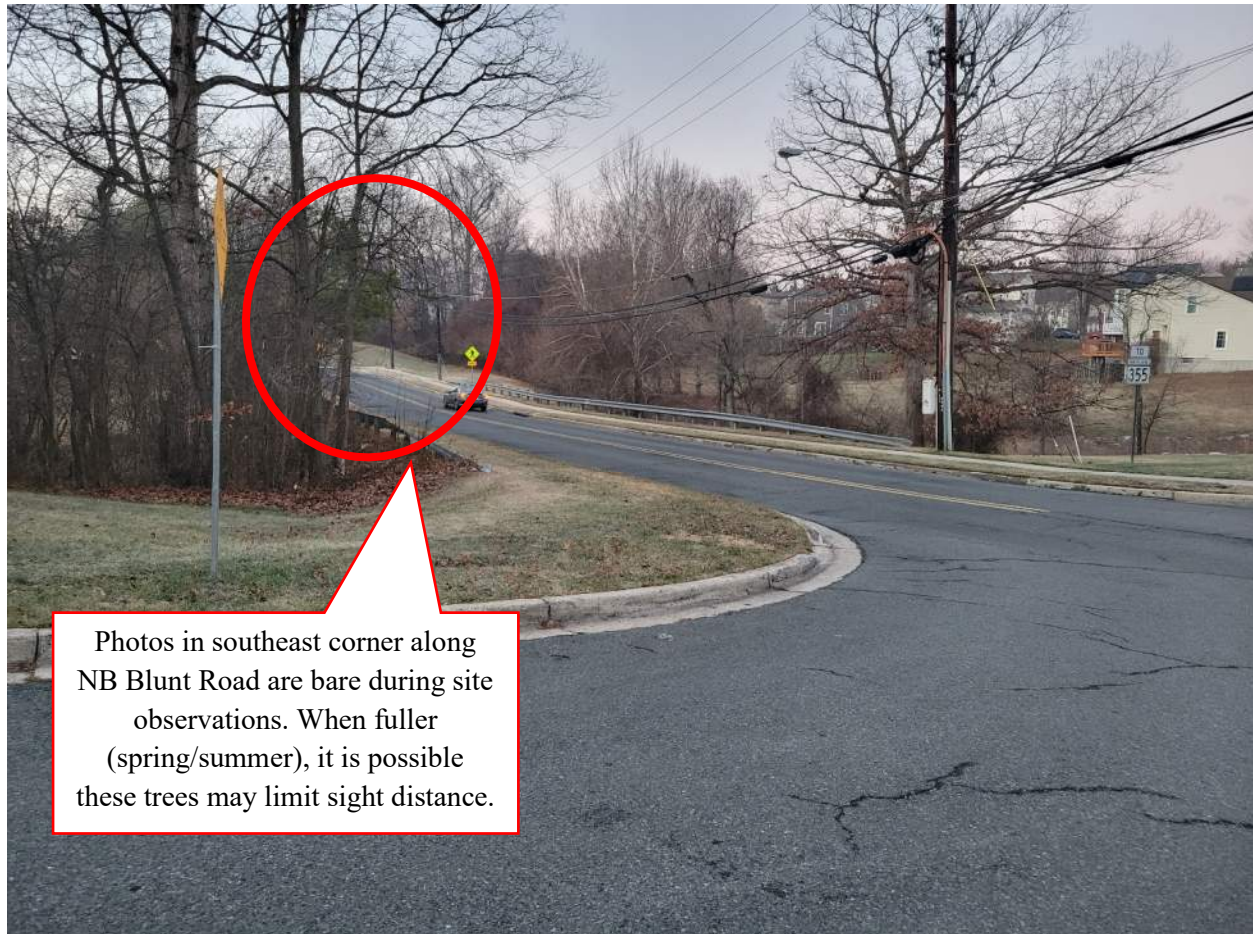
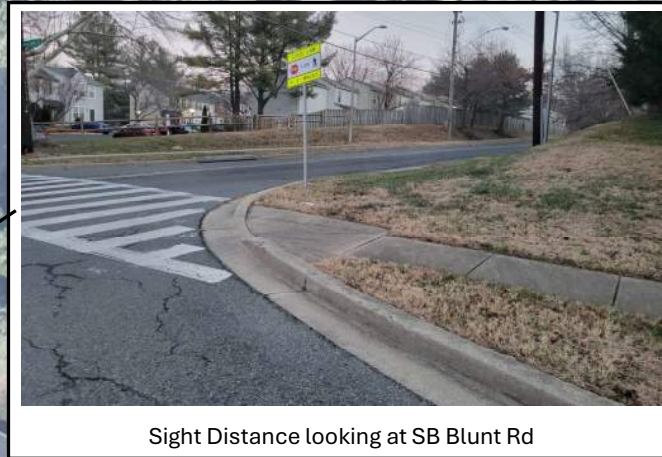


Photo 1: Picture taken from WB Cross Laurel Drive looking left at NB Blunt Road.



Marked Crosswalk in good condition



Sight Distance looking at SB Blunt Rd



Looking south – lighting and sidewalk connection to crosswalk at Red Buckeye Ct



Sight Distance looking at NB Blunt Rd – trees may limit sight distance when full



Nearmap

Figure 1 – Blunt Road at Cross Laurel Dr

★ Crash Location

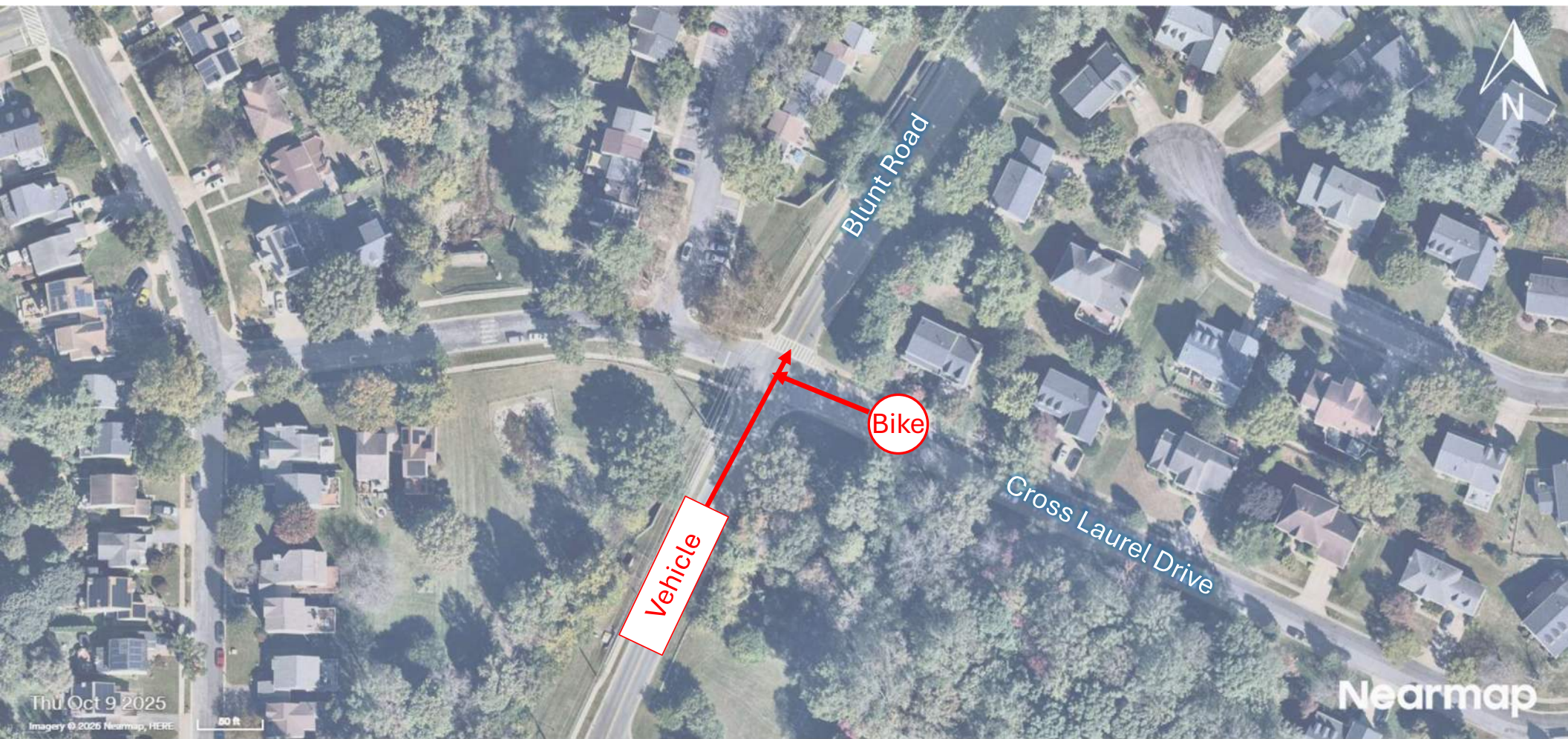


Figure 2 – Crash Diagram



Figure 3 – Crash History (2020-2025)

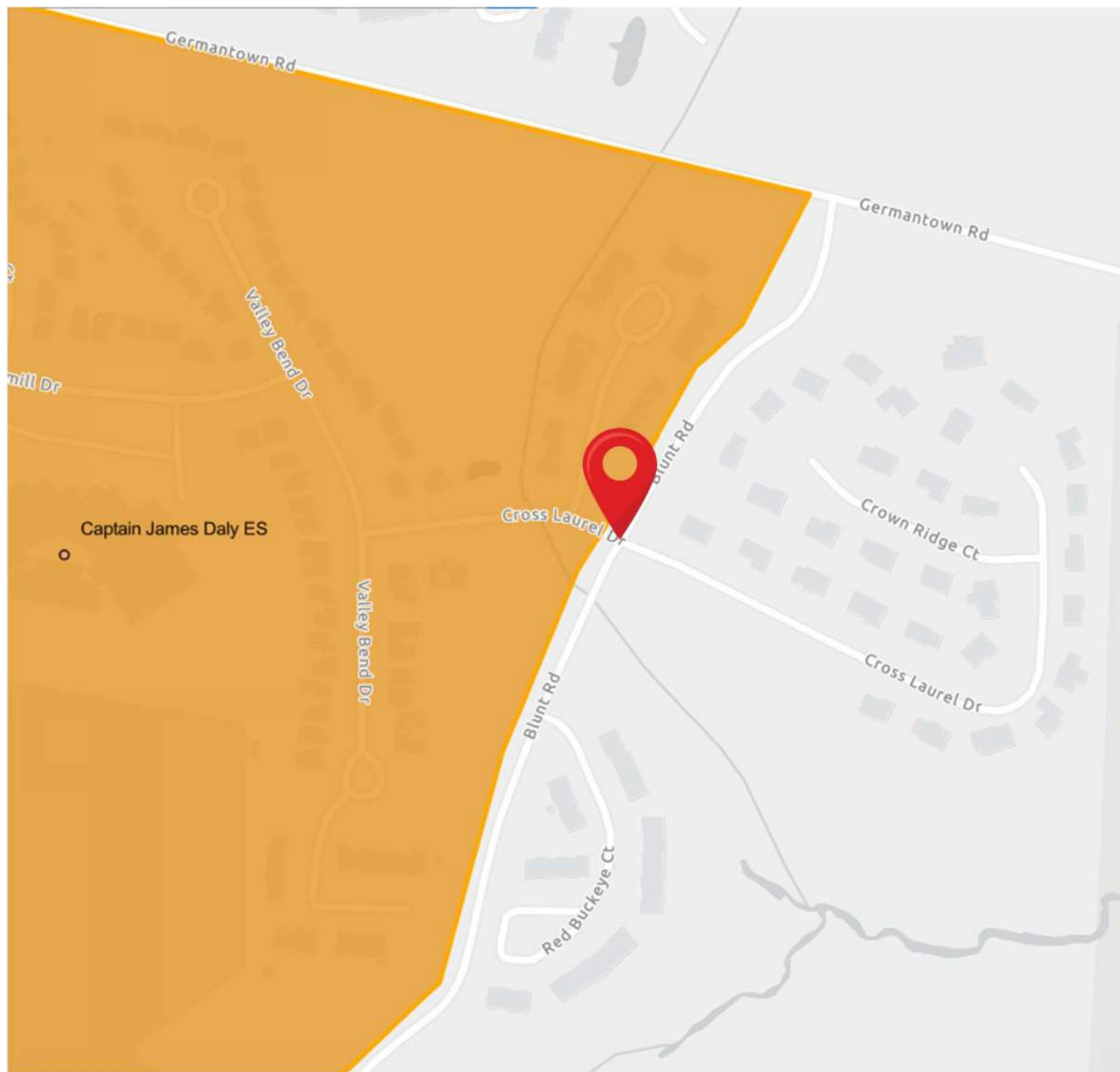


Figure 4 – School Walk Zone Map