

## **Fatal Crash Review**

Location: Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard at Midcounty Highway

Accident Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020

Accident Time: Approximately 04:41 AM

Local case number: 200031808

Review Date: August 20,2020

### **Location and Site Description:**

Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard is a 76' wide divided residential roadway maintained by the City of Gaithersburg that begins at Midcounty Highway and ends approximate 0.55 miles to the west at Forest Oak Middle School. At the crash location, Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard is a closed section concrete median divided roadway with six lanes - two thru lanes with a left-turn lane in each direction. Based on police crash reconstruction markings the crash location is on the north side of Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard approximately 190' west of Midcounty Highway.

### **Description of Crash:**

Preliminary investigation report from Montgomery County Police Department indicated that a vehicle was traveling westbound on Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard when for unknown reasons, the vehicle left the roadway and struck a sign before striking a tree. As a result of the collision, the vehicle became fully engulfed with the driver unable to escape and pronounced dead. Two passengers in the vehicle were able to escape.

### **Observations:**

A field investigation was conducted at the crash location on August 20, 2020. Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard begins to just beyond the crash location. A speed limit sign 25 mph sign is posted approximately 100' east of the crash location. The pavement markings in the area of the crash are visible and in fair condition. There are streetlights on Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard one each side near the crash location. In addition to the speed limit sign there are five traffic control signs along the 405' portion of westbound Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard between Midcounty Highway and Bristol Downs Drive. These were: No Parking (←→), Notice Bikes May Use Full Lane, Bumps Ahead, School Zone Flasher w/Fines Double message, and a Raised Crosswalk Pedestrian warning Sign. The signs were partially obstructed by tree branches

### **Conclusions / Recommendations**

Recommendation(s): We recommend trimming tree branches along Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard near Midcounty Highway.



Existing View of WB Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard west of Midcounty Highway.