Fatal Crash Review

Location: Norbeck Road east of Norwood Road Crash Date: Friday, April 1, 2023 Crash Time: Approximately 7:04 PM Local case number 230015704 Review Date: April 4, 2023 Concurrence: Michael L. Paylor Date: 04/27/2023

Location and Site Description:

Norbeck Road near Norwood Road is classified as a major highway. In the proximity of the crash Norbeck Road is a two lane undivided road. The crash location is on a bridge over the Northwest Branch Anacostia River which is a closed section roadway with guardrails. The location is approximately 1300' east of Norwood Road.

Description of Crash:

Preliminary investigations indicated a vehicle traveling west on Norbeck Road hit the right curb near the bridge abutment then crossed the double yellow line and struck a vehicle travelling eastbound on Norbeck Road. That vehicle then hit the curb and the guardrail. The driver travelling westbound on Norbeck Road suffered fatal injuries in the crash.

Observations:

A field investigation was conducted at the crash location and noted the pavement markings are in good condition. There are existing speed limit 45mph signs along eastbound Norbeck Road 300' west of the crash location. On the westbound direction speed limit 45mph sign is located approximately 6400'east of the crash location. There is a missing speed limit 45 mph sign along westbound Norbeck Road west of Firestone Drive.



Eastbound Norbeck Road west of Crash Location



Westbound Norbeck Rd just east of crash location



Westbound Norbeck Rd just at crash location

Conclusions / Recommendations

Install missing limit 45 mph sign along westbound Norbeck Road west of Firestone Drive.