

Fatal Crash Review

Location: Southbound Sam Eig Highway at the intersection with Fields Road

Crash Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Crash Time: Approximately 8:35 AM

Local Case Number: 250024163

Review Date: June 17, 2025

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Location and Site Description:

The intersection of Sam Eig Highway and Fields Road is a signalized T-intersection, with Sam Eig Highway running in the north-south direction and Fields Road connecting as the east leg. The crash occurred on southbound Sam Eig Highway which is designated as a major highway. At the location of the incident, Sam Eig Highway is comprised of nine lanes divided by a raised median with three northbound lanes and six southbound lanes, two of which are exclusive left-turn lanes. The posted speed limit along this section of Sam Eig Highway is 45 miles per hour.

Description of Crash:

A preliminary investigation indicates that at approximately 8:35 AM, a rear-end collision occurred on southbound Sam Eig Highway involving a sport utility vehicle (Unit 1) and a sedan (Unit 2). According to the police report, Unit 2 was likely stopped at a red traffic signal when it was struck from behind by Unit 1. The passenger in Unit 2 died as a result of the crash.

Observations:

A field investigation was conducted at the subject location on June 12, 2025, at approximately 10:30 AM. Existing traffic signs were properly positioned, clearly visible, and in good condition. A "Speed Limit 45 mph" sign is posted along the southbound approach approximately 800 feet upstream from the crash site, while a similar sign is located approximately 500 feet upstream along the northbound approach. The pavement surface was in satisfactory condition, the road markings were visible, and no foliage-related visibility obstructions were observed. MCDOT confirmed that the signal was functioning normally at the time of the crash.

Recommendations

None

Site Pictures



Southbound Sam Eig Highway near the crash location



Northbound Sam Eig Highway south of crash location