Fatal Crash Follow-up
2400 block of Alabama Ave SE

MPD description of crash from press release:

At approximately 8:42 pm, a pedestrian was rolling in the roadway in the 2400 block of Alabama Avenue, Southeast. While the pedestrian was in the roadway, a vehicle traveling in the left lane of the northbound lanes of travel ran over the pedestrian then fled the scene. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the pedestrian to an area hospital. After all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead on scene.
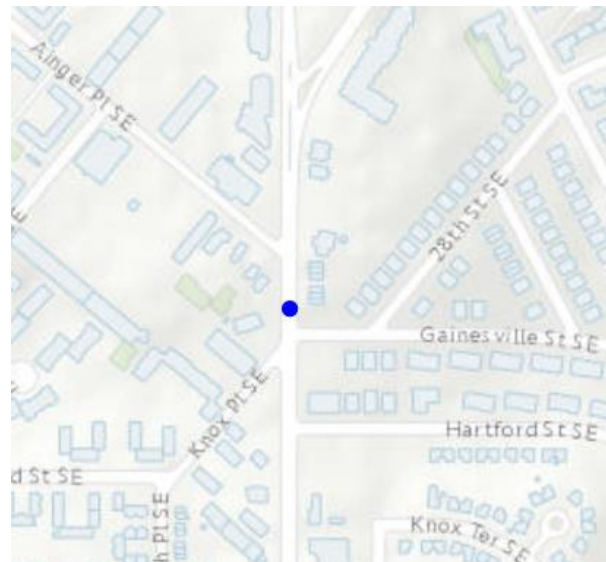
Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	2/26/20
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	20035011
Type of crash	Vehicle/Pedestrian

Historical crash data, nearest intersection, 2017-19
(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	34
Fatalities	0
Injuries	16
Pedestrians involved	5
Bicyclists involved	0
Motorcyclists involved	0

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Site visit notes

- Date of site visit: 3/6/20
- DDOT divisions present: Traffic Operations & Safety; Planning (Active Transportation team); Community Engagement; Transit Delivery; Vision Zero
- Other agencies present: MPD
- Street Design Context: Mid-block

Factors observed on site visit:
- Limited visibility - lighting (MPD Major Crash Unit officer identified limited lighting during investigation immediately following the crash)
- Some faded road markings on this block
- High speeds on Alabama Ave (not likely a cause of this crash but the Alabama Avenue SE Corridor Safety Study identified potential high speeds on this corridor)

Next steps

Short-term DDOT action items (timetables pending):
- Add signage along Alabama Ave, including signs indicating speed limit and traffic signal ahead at Ainger.
- Pavement marking improvements, including refurbishing crosswalks at intersection with Gainesville St.

Further DDOT evaluations (timetables TBD):
- Evaluate the lighting at this location.
- This location is part of the Alabama Avenue SE Corridor Safety Study and DDOT is working with stakeholders to implement recommendations from that study. Key goals are managing speeds and upgrading pedestrian facilities along Alabama Avenue.