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SUBJECT: Vision Zero Post-Crash Inspection – November 21, 2025, E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a report for the inspection conducted by city staff at the intersection of E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue. After a fatal crash in Rockville, the Montgomery County Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) manages the crash investigation and prepares the CRU crash report. This crash occurred on November 21, 2025, and was initially classified as an injury crash. However, the pedestrian died from their injuries and this crash was reclassified as a fatal crash. Montgomery County notified the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD) in late January. The inspection was completed during the end of February and in March, after the snow and ice accumulation had melted.

The city's Department of Public Works (DPW) inspects the roadway pavement, sidewalks, curb ramps, signs, and pavement markings; confirms that the traffic signals and pedestrian signals are operating appropriately; assesses whether the streetlights are working and whether lighting is sufficient. Additionally, the Communications and Community Engagement Department (CCE) posts Vision Zero safety messages relevant to all modes of travel. Lastly, the RCPD determines whether additional enforcement for pedestrians and motorists is necessary.

This memo, and subsequent Vision Zero post-crash inspection memos, will be posted on the City's Vision Zero webpage and be accessible to the public.

Additionally, as part of state legislation, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), will prepare a "Pedestrian and Bicycle Fatality Infrastructure Review". This review will be posted to the MDOT SHA website within six months of the crash.

**November 21, 2025, Intersection of E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue**

On November 21, 2025, at approximately 2:53 PM, a motorist struck a pedestrian in the crosswalk on E. Jefferson Street crossing Rollins Avenue. The motorist struck the pedestrian while making a left turn from southbound E. Jefferson Street onto eastbound Rollins Avenue. The pedestrian was struck in the crosswalk on the east leg of the intersection. The pedestrian was injured, taken to a hospital, and later died of their injuries. E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue are both city-owned and maintained roadways.

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### **Post Crash Inspection Findings and Response**

DPW staff completed its post-crash inspection between February 24, 2025, and March 20, 2025. Staff inspected the intersection of E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue, as well as two-hundred feet on either side of both streets from the intersection.

Signage and Pavement Markings – There are two “No Parking” signs that were faded and had low reflectivity. The stop bars, crosswalks, arrows, and other pavement markings are showing normal deterioration, but are sufficiently visible.

DPW staff has replaced the faded “No Parking” signs.

Roadway Pavement and Sidewalk – E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue are expected to be resurfaced in 2027, after the completion of a water main project that will impact both streets. Staff evaluated the roadway surface and sidewalks in this area. There are no roadway hazards on the pavement and the surface is sufficient. Staff found several trip hazards on sidewalk along Rollins Avenue. Temporary repairs were made, and the sidewalk has been added to the list to be scheduled for permanent repair.

DPW staff will resurface both roadways after the completion of the underground water main project along the same streets.

Intersection Signals – The traffic signal timings, crosswalk buttons, and pedestrian signal heads operate as programmed.

Streetlights– The streetlights are operational and providing light as expected.

Public Outreach – The CCE Department prepared and posted Rockville Vision Zero Public Safety Announcements for pedestrian and motorist safety. These messages were released through the City’s social media and other channels. Additionally, a pedestrian and driver safety tips article is included in the March 2026, Rockville Reports.

Enforcement – The RCPD has added this intersection to its patrol list for additional enforcement. RCPD also shared a copy of the crash report.

### **Crash history at E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue**

Under the city’s Vision Zero program, neither this section of E. Jefferson Street nor Rollins Avenue is included in the High Injury Network (HIN). Using the Automated Crash Reporting System (ACRS) data, provided Data Montgomery, city staff found there have been nine crashes at or within 200 feet of this intersection between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2025. Of these crashes, three involved pedestrians and motorists and the remaining six involved motorists only. The three pedestrian crashes included the fatal crash, one crash classified as “suspected minor injury,” and a crash classified as “possible injury.” One of the motorist-only involved crashes included an injury, the remaining crashes were “property damage only” crashes.

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### **Future planned improvements**

DPW staff are currently carrying out a complete streets study on Rollins Avenue between the roadway's western terminus, just west of Evelyn Drive, and Rockville Pike (MD 355). This study is funded through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Regional Roadway Safety Program. The purpose of the study is to identify traffic calming, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements that can be implemented to better facilitate multimodal travel and improve safety for all roadway users. This study will include an evaluation of the E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue intersection. The study is expected to be complete in June 2026. DPW staff will be able to review suggested improvements and implement recommended changes.

A bicycle facility study was conducted along E. Jefferson Street and Halpine Road in 2025. Staff plan to install shared roadway pavement markings on E. Jefferson Street between Rollins Avenue and Congressional Lane. Shared roadway pavements markings will remind motorists that the roadway is a shared space for motorists and bicyclists. These markings also help direct bicyclists where to travel laterally along E. Jefferson Street to be visible to motorists and to be outside of the "door zone," reducing conflicts with parked vehicles.

### **Conclusion and Next Steps**

DPW staff completed its Vision Zero post-crash inspection for the fatal pedestrian crash that occurred on November 21, 2025. Staff has replaced the faded street signs, made temporary repairs to trip hazards on the sidewalks and added these sidewalks to the list to be scheduled for permanent repair. Also, staff will finish the ongoing complete streets study on Rollins Avenue. Lastly, DPW staff will continue to track transportation safety concerns raised by the public regarding the E. Jefferson Street and Rollins Avenue intersection.

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