



## Fatal Crash Review Commission

### Agenda for May 9, 2023

*Indianapolis, Indiana*

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#### Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, the bi-monthly meeting on the Fatal Crash Review Commission was called to order. The meeting took place in Room 2030 of the Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Building on the 20<sup>th</sup> Floor. All members of the Fatal Crash Review Commission were present.

- Austin Gible – Chair of the Commission, Department of Metropolitan Development
- Jill Palmer – Multi-Modal Program Manager
- Tedd Grain – Vice President, Social Determinants of Health, Eskenazi Health
- Damon Richards – Health by Design
- Captain Frederick Ilnicki – Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Traffic Operations

The Chair of the Fatal Crash Review Commission opened the meeting and called for the floor to be open to any old business. At this point, the crashes that were still under investigation during the past meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> were introduced. This comprised of one crash.

Following the review of the crash, the floor was opened for new business. At this point, the first fatal crash of 2023 was introduced for review. The results of the deliberations on the January to February crashes of 2023 are provided in the report below.

Following the review and deliberations of crashes, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn; passed unanimously.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Chair of the Fatal Crash Review Commission realized an error had been made and the minutes and report from the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting had not been adopted. The report was redistributed to all Commission members and Commission members were given a set amount of time to voice any objections. Seeing none, the Minutes and Report for November-December of 2022 were adopted unanimously.

This concludes the meeting minutes for the Fatal Crash Review Commission on May 9, 2023.



Signed,

*Austin Gibble*

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Administrator of Long-Range Transportation Planning

Chair – Fatal Crash Review Commission



# Fatal Crash Review Commission Report

## Crashes for November and December of 2022

Master Record Number: 904181766

Date	December 24, 2022
Time	2:05 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	E. Vandergriff Rd. & S. Davis Rd.
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes
High Rate of Speed?	Unknown
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	The motorist was unable to give a statement as they needed to be transported to the hospital. Investigation found that the motorist (single-vehicle incident) had been driving eastbound on E. Vandergriff Rd. when they left the roadway and struck a utility pole on the passenger-side. The motorist died several months later due to injuries sustained in the crash.
Recommendation	None

Master Record Number: 904196509

Date	January 2, 2023
Time	8:43 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Madison Ave. & Stop 11 Road
Vulnerable Road User	Yes
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	The operator of a Ford F-150 was traveling northbound on Madison Avenue just north of Stop 11 Road when they struck a pedestrian crossing outside of an intersection. The crash area has incomplete sidewalks and long distances between signalized crossing opportunities.



Recommendation	<b>Work underway:</b> This stretch of Madison is undergoing scoping as part of the Interurban Trail project. The project will strategically determine where to add crosswalks to maximize access and minimize distance between crossing opportunities. The project will add a multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists, connect gaps in the pedestrian network, and enhance signalized crossing opportunities.
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Master Record Number: 904190687

Date	January 3, 2023
Time	3:39 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	W. 62 <sup>ND</sup> Street & Zionsville Road
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	The motorist involved in the single-vehicle collision was operating a stolen sedan and traveling at a high rate of speed. The motorist left the roadway at 62 <sup>nd</sup> Street while traveling southbound on Zionsville Road. The motorist and the vehicle struck a utility pole and caught fire. The motorist was killed.
Recommendation	While street geometry was not likely a factor in this crash and the operator was traveling at an unsafe speed, there has been a history of water ponding on this stretch of roadway, increasing the likelihood of a crash if a motorist is traveling too fast. <b>This area and issue have been sent to Indy DPW's Stormwater team to be addressed.</b>

Master Record Number: 904195472

Date	January 4, 2023
Time	12:07 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	W 86 <sup>th</sup> Street & Ditch Road
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No





High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes – Motorist 1 had a prior conviction of driving without an operator’s license.
Circumstances	Witness statements noted that the motorists in question were behaving erratically and dangerously. One witness had stated they spoke to a clerk at a nearby service station, who stated that one of the parties had been revving their engine in the parking lot for over an hour. Other witnesses had noticed one of the operators doing “donuts” in the intersection. A witness stated that Motorist 1 passed them at a red light and proceeded to enter the intersection at a high rate of speed. Motorist 2 was traveling west on 86 <sup>th</sup> Street, also at a high rate of speed, and entered the intersection. Motorist 2 collided with Motorist 1 and pushed Motorist 1 over the concrete median. Motorist 1 was killed.
Recommendation	There is no engineering solution to this. However, it is indicative of broader poor behavior that has been observed by motorists on public roadways in recent months and years.

Master Record Number: 904195523

Date	January 7, 2023
Time	9:50 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	N Emerson Avenue & E 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Unknown
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes – Operator of the vehicle had two priors of driving without a license and speeding/driving on a suspended license.
Circumstances	Investigating officer noted that two of three persons who were in the vehicle had exited, but the third was trapped inside. It was noted that the operator of the vehicle lost control while traveling northbound on Emerson Avenue and slid sideways across the southbound lanes before striking a tree and a fence. The operator was not being cooperative with the investigation. The trapped passenger succumbed to their injuries.
Recommendation	<b>Work underway:</b> This stretch of Emerson Avenue is slated to undergo a significant rehabilitation/reconstruction within the next couple of years and analysis is underway to determine if major modifications to the cross-section are feasible and appropriate.



Master Record Number: 904209061

Date	January 12, 2023
Time	12:58 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	7900 Allisonville Road
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Single-vehicle crash striking a utility pole. The operator of the vehicle was in too much pain to give a statement, but only noted that they passed out a home and were attempting to drive to an ER. The driver sustained head injuries and later died.
Recommendation	None

Master Record Number: 904211436

Date	January 16, 2023
Time	10:22 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	S. Meridian Street & Southport Road
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes – Operator of Unit 1 had two convictions of driving while intoxicated, one conviction of operating without a driver’s license, excessive speeding, and endangering persons, and driving without working headlights. The operator of Unit 2 had five convictions of driving under a suspended license and speeding.
Circumstances	Witness statements noted that the driver of Unit 2 (U2) was turning north onto S Meridian Street from W Southport Road when the driver of Unit 1 (U1) approached at a high rate of speed with their flashers on. Witnesses stated that they believed to be the speed to be between 60 and 85 mph. Witnesses stated that U1 ran the signal at the intersection and struck U2, who was turning on a protected left. The driver of U1 and a passenger in U2 were killed.



Recommendation	Enforcement against reckless driving: unclear as to why motorist was speeding and behaving erratically. This appears to be another example of a motorist, or in this case two motorists, with a history of reckless driving.
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Master Record Number: 904216683

Date	January 27, 2023
Time	6:38 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	E 75th & State Road 37 (Binford Blvd)
Vulnerable Road User	Yes
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes
High Rate of Speed?	Unknown
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Motorist was traveling west along E 75th Street approaching Binford and merging into the left-turn lane to turn into the entrance of a school. Pedestrian was walking west on E 75th in the left turn lane. The motorist struck the pedestrian in the turn lane and stopped to provide aid and call 911. The pedestrian died. This is the second pedestrian fatality at this intersection since 2015.
Recommendation	A multi-use path along E 75th between the Nickel Plate Trail and Hague Road is planned but a funding source has not yet been identified. It is recommended that this crash be documented and mapped to be used as supporting data for capital grants to construct this multi-use path and other safety attributes.

Master Record Number: 904220642

Date	January 31, 2023
Time	9:46 Am
Location/Nearest Intersection	S. 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave & E. Thompson Rd
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	No



Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	N/A
Circumstances	It is believed that this motorist had a medical emergency and passed away.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904227798

Date	February 8, 2023
Time	10:57 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	N White River Parkway W Drive & N Belmont Ave
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Investigation concluded that the motorist traveling southbound (V1) failed to maintain and crossed the centerline, striking V2 head-on. The operator of V1 was killed.
Recommendation	This crash occurred near a location where there is an unusual curvature to the roadway. While it's not possible to determine if the alignment of the roadway was the cause of the crash, this will be mapped out to be analyzed and addressed in a future project.

Master Record Number: 904227769

Date	February 18, 2023
Time	9:30 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	8032 E 21st St
Vulnerable Road User	Yes
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No



Circumstances	Investigation concluded that the motorist was in a parking space and was preparing to leave. They put the vehicle in what they believed to be reverse but was drive. The motorist accelerated forward, striking a pedestrian on the sidewalk, and pinning them to a nearby building. The pedestrian died of their injuries.
Recommendation	Private property incident; none

### Master Record Number: 904230426

Date	February 21, 2023
Time	6:18 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	S Tibbs Ave. & Delmar Ave. (850-feet south of intersection)
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - Operator of V1 was convicted of driving without a license in 2011.
Circumstances	Motorist 1 (U1) was traveling north and Motorist 2 (U2) was traveling south on Tibbs. A witness stated that they were following U1 when U1 made a sudden movement to left-of-center. U2 was struck by U1 head on. The operator of V1 was killed.
Recommendation	There is too little information available to effectively draw a conclusion.

### Master Record Number: 904208414

Date	January 16, 2023
Time	10:22 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Knollton Road & W 44 <sup>th</sup> Street
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Motorist was drunk driving at a high rate of speed, southbound on Knollton Rd. The motorist left the roadway and went airborne before



	striking trees and rolling the vehicle. The motorist was not wearing their safety restraints and was ejected and killed.
Recommendation	None

Total Number of Crashes Reviewed: 13

Proportion of Crashes Involving Vulnerable Road User: 23%

Proportion of Crashes Identified as Hit & Run: 0%

Proportion of Crashes Involving SUV or Truck: 46%

Proportion of Crashes Involving Prior Serious Traffic Offender: 30.67%

Bicyclist Fatalities: 0

Pedestrian Fatalities: 3

Other (ex. riders of micro-mobility devices): 0