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County Executive Reviews Scene of Fatal Pedestrian Accident In Edgewood

Seeking Solutions to Alleviate Dangers to Pedestrians

(Edgewood, MD – February 27, 2009) - - County Executive David R. Craig accompanied by Dion Guthrie of the Harford County Council, business and community leaders, as well as representatives from the State Highway Administration and Maryland State Police, met at the intersection of MD Rt. 24 and MD RT 755, to review the scene of last weeks fatal pedestrian accident. Mary Saludares, 20, of Washington D. C., was struck and killed by a motorist February 20, 2009 shortly after 10:00 p.m. as she was attempting to cross MD Rt. 24.

"The unfortunate death of Ms. Saludares gives us an opportunity to review the traffic situation in this business community and ascertain what improvements might be made to assist pedestrians," County Executive Craig stated. "We are not trying to place blame for this tragedy, but rather hope to learn from it and avoid similar accidents in the future," Craig remarked.

According to traffic investigators with the Maryland State Police, it is unclear whether Ms. Saludares was in the crosswalk when she was struck by a vehicle traveling south on MD Rt. 24. She died a short time later.

Representatives of the nearby business in Edgewood requested the county executive personally review the accident scene and help facilitate improvements to the area for pedestrians who frequently travel between hotels, a conference center, and restaurants.

"I am pleased with the information we gathered today from the Maryland State Police and State Highway Administration officials, and look forward to working with a state partners to find a long-term solution to make pedestrian travel safer in this community," County Executive Craig commented. "There are significant business interests in Edgewood community and we will do all that we can to enhance pedestrian safety in this area," the county executive advised.

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