



On September 10, 2019, an employee of Metro Water Services (MWS) was driving a Metro dump truck westbound on Buena Vista Pike. Ms. Lynda Patton was also traveling westbound on Buena Vista Pike in the adjacent lane. The MWS employee attempted to merge from one lane into another but struck Ms. Patton's vehicle in the process.

Ms. Patton was transported to the hospital with complaints of a headache and pain in her neck, left shoulder, left hip, and ankle. She was diagnosed with bulging disks with positional cord impingement and required treatment by a neurologist and physical therapist.

Ms. Patton's damages totaled \$31,414.09, including medical treatment and lost earnings. Metro previously paid \$7,267.34 for property damage to her vehicle.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of this claim for \$54,010.

*Fiscal Note: This \$54,010 settlement would be the 16<sup>th</sup> payment from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY21 for a cumulative total of \$928,078. The fund balance would be \$7,106,899 after these payments.*