

Infrastructure (“NDOT”) was traveling east on Briley Parkway in a truck pulling a skid loader on a trailer. The NDOT employee was behind Brenda Thompson. A four-vehicle crash ensued where a vehicle stopped short, causing Ms. Thompson’s vehicle and another vehicle to make a hard stop. The NDOT employee applied his brakes but did not have enough time to stop. The NDOT employee collided with Ms. Thompson’s vehicle and pushed it into the vehicle in front of her. The original vehicle the stopped short fled the scene before the police arrived.

Ms. Thompson’s vehicle sustained damage to her rear bumper and lift gate. The total estimate for the repair is \$26,821.74, which includes a \$1,000 deductible. This amount exceeded 70% of the market value of Ms. Thompson’s vehicle and the vehicle was declared a total loss. The value of the vehicle was \$35,381.44, plus \$709.09 for a rental and \$269.91 rack unit and installation. The vehicle was salvaged for \$8,856.06.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of Donegal Insurance Group, as subrogee of Ms. Thompson’s property damage for a total of \$27,504.38, in full settlement of the claim.

Fiscal Note: The total settlement amount is \$27,504.38. This settlement along with Resolution No. RS2024-368 would be the 23rd and 24th payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of \$1,193,067. The fund balance would be \$14,052,782 after these payments.