

On July 9, 2022, a Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (“NDOT”) was driving a knuckleboom truck on Interstate 65 South. The NDOT employee attempted to merge into a lane to his left and struck a vehicle driven by Maya Davila, which veered to the right and rolled over multiple time before coming to a stop against a rock and dirt embankment. The vehicle was declared a total loss, and the Claims Department has compensated Ms. Davila’s insurer for the property damage.

Ms. Davila complained of neck, back, left arm, and hip pain after the crash. She was transported by ambulance to the hospital and treated there. Ms. Davila later received physical treatment and acupuncture. She later underwent hip surgery. Ms. Davila claims \$80,499.41 in medical expenses.

Ms. Davila asserted negligence claims against the Metropolitan Government. The parties participated in settlement negotiations of the Ms. Davila’s negligence claims and have agreed upon the settlement amount of \$240,000, subject to Council approval. The Department of Law recommends settlement of Ms. Davila’s personal injury claim for \$240,000.

The NDOT employee received a written reprimand following this incident.

Fiscal Note: The total settlement amount is \$240,000. This settlement along with RS2025-989 would be the 17th and 18th payment after approval by the Metropolitan Council from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY25 for a cumulative total of \$1,025,258. The fund balance would be \$13,023,698 after this payment.