

# National Transportation Safety Board

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## **CRASH SUMMARY - WOODLAWN, MD**

## Crash Information

**Location:** Interstate-695 (I-695) Northbound near Dogwood Road in Woodlawn, Baltimore County, Maryland

**Vehicle 1:** 2017 Acura TLX

**Operator:** 54-year-old female (incapacitating injury)

**Vehicle 2:** 2017 Volkswagen Jetta

**Operator:** 20-year-old male (no injury)

### Work Zone Crew:

43-year-old male (fatal injury)

52-year-old male (fatal injury)

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30-year-old male (fatal injury)

46-year-old female (fatal injury)

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On March 22, 2023, about 12:36 p.m. EDT, six highway construction workers were struck by an errant passenger vehicle while working within a work zone along northbound Interstate 695 (I-695) north of Dogwood Road in Woodlawn, Baltimore County, Maryland. The work zone was a long-term closure of the left shoulder and was part of a project incorporating about 21.3 miles of I-695 between Interstate 70 and Maryland State Highway 43. The work zone occupied both left shoulders of the divided highway and used a series of concrete barriers to isolate workers from vehicles operating in the travel lanes.

The passenger vehicle that struck the workers was a 2017 Acura TLX, driven by a 54-year-old female driver. The Acura had traveled about 1.8 miles through the work zone when it collided with a 2017 Volkswagen Jetta, driven by a 20-year-old male. The collision occurred in the far-left lane as the Acura moved leftward from the far-right lane and struck the Volkswagen. At the time of the crash, both vehicles were traveling at speeds in excess of 100 mph. As a result of the collision, the Acura was redirected through an access opening in the concrete barriers - one of many spaced at regular intervals designed to allow construction vehicles to enter and exit the work zone. After being redirected by the inside barrier, the Acura traveled through the work zone while overturning and struck miscellaneous construction materials and six workers before coming to a stop.

As a result of the crash, the six construction workers who were struck died. The Acura driver was seriously injured. The Acura driver sustained incapacitating, but non-life-threatening injuries. The Volkswagen driver reported no injuries.