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MTA Statement on Metro-North Train Collision in Bridgeport, Conn.

At approximately 6:10 p.m., a Metro-North train (the 4:41 p.m. departure from Grand Central, due to New Haven at 6:32 p.m.) traveling to New Haven with an estimated 300 passengers derailed in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

A passenger train traveling in the opposite direction carrying an estimated 400 passengers on the adjacent track (the 5:30 p.m. departure from New Haven-State Street, due Grand Central at 7:18 p.m.) then struck the derailed train.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has deployed MTA Interim Executive Director Tom Prendergast, who has been nominated to be MTA Chairman and CEO, to the scene as well as additional MTA and emergency personnel and resources. The Governor has spoken with Governor Dannel Malloy of Connecticut to coordinate the two states' responses.

Train service is operating between South Norwalk Station and Grand Central Terminal. Metro-North service is suspended between South Norwalk and New Haven until further notice.

There are four tracks in this segment of the New Haven Line, but two of those tracks are out of service for a long-term project to replace overhead wires. On the remaining two tracks, there was extensive infrastructure damage as a result of the collision. Both the track and the overhead wire have been damaged. The train cars cannot be removed until the on-scene investigation is complete, and they will need to be removed by crane.

Normal service through this area is not expected to resume until a full investigation is complete, the infrastructure is fully assessed, and repairs are made.

MTA Police, local police, Connecticut Office of Emergency Management, the Federal Railroad Administration and the FBI are all involved in the investigation. The National Transportation Safety Board will have lead on the investigation, and investigators are en route.

As more information becomes available we will notify you as soon as possible. Please visit mta.info for updates and listen for announcements at your station.