

Rail Accident Inspection Form

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Docket No: TR-160742

Current Date: 10/11/2017

Railroad Owing Track: BNSF

Railroad Operating on Track: AMTRAK

FRA Investigation: Yes No

Inspector: Matt Arnold

I. Type of Accident

Public Crossing Private Crossing Trestle Pedestrian at Crossing
 Pedestrian Not at Crossing Other (explain)

II. Time and Location of Accident

Date 4/30/2016 Time 1415
 USDOT Crossing No. 085584F WUTC Crossing No. 1E1.28
 Railroad Milepost 1.28 GPS Identifier: Lat: 47.58001 Long: -122.33203
 Number of Tracks: 4 City: Seattle
 Road name, yard name, bridge identifier: South Lander County: King
 Company responsible for track maintenance: BNSF
 Other railroad involved in train accident/incident: ATK

III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident

Weather: Clear to cloudy Fog Rain Snow
 Road Condition: Dry Wet Snow Ice
 Visibility Due to Weather: Daylight Darkness Unknown
 Adequate Sight Distance: Yes No N/A Train Speed: 30
 Describe: _____
 Train Type: Freight Passenger Locomotive only Cars only Tilt train
 Remote Control: Yes No N/A Haz-Mat on Train: Yes No N/A
 Type of Haz-Mat: _____

IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people killed 1 If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____
 Name: Francis Walker
 Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age 77 Gender: Male Female
 Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No Suicide: Yes No Undetermined
 Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: _____
 Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: _____
 Names of additional fatalities: _____

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured _____

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____

Name: _____

Driver: Passenger Pedestrian

Age _____ Gender: Male Female

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined

Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Pedestrian (not at a crossing) information: Accessing public area? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Deterrents at site, e.g. fence, signs, etc? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No

How many? 18

Dates of prior accidents: 11/2015-Vehicle, 10/2015-Pedestrian, 10/2013-Pedestrian, 10/1991-Vehicle,

Description of prior accidents (e.g., fatalities, injuries, property damage) Three fatal and four injury

Last inspection date? 8/10/2016

Defects? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Required to attach most current inventory? Yes No

VIII. Attachments

Railroad incident report? Yes No

Local law enforcement report? Yes No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No

Pictures? Yes No

Other (describe):

IX. Comments

On April 30, 2016 at 14:15 an Amtrak train was traveling south through the South Lander Street crossing when it struck a vehicle.

This is a four lane road that crosses four railroad tracks. The crossing is equipped with active warning devices including gates, pedestrian gates, bells, and lights which were activated at the time of the incident.

According to the police report, witnesses stated there was a slow moving freight train making switching moves across the crossing for several minutes. Once the freight train started to clear the crossing the witnesses observed a southbound passenger train headed towards the crossing. The passenger train was sounding its horn as it entered the crossing on one of the west tracks. When the train entered the crossing witnesses stated they heard a loud crash and saw debris fly into the air. According to witness statements, Mr. Walker passed behind the slow moving freight train travelling northbound on track main track three. As Mr. Walker crossed main track two, he was struck by a southbound passenger train traveling at 30 miles per hour.

The Certificate of Death listed the cause of death as "Multiple Blunt Force Injuries" and "Manner of Death" as "Accident".