

Angels Flight Cable Snaps

- **3 Critically Injured
Among 11 Injured
Passengers**

(Feb. 1) As many as 14 people were hurt, today, when a cable broke on the Angels Flight Railway causing the two to crash into each other, City New Service reported. Three were reported injured critically, 11 others were transported to area hospitals with minor injuries or treated at the scene and released.



Photo of Angels Flight taken Dec. 19 by Ed Scannell

The accident was reported to the City Fire Department at about 12:17 p.m. Some 40 firefighters responded to the scene.

Mayor Richard Riordan, who also went to the scene, told reporters the funicular would remain inoperative until the National Transportation Safety Board has conducted an investigation of the accident.

When the cable broke, City News Service reported, one of the cable cars fell down the hill and crashed into the other. A funicular involves counter-balanced cars that operate on parallel tracks via cables.

Angels Flight originally opened Dec. 31, 1901, and was installed on Bunker Hill. Now located at 315 S. Broadway, it was closed between May, 1969, and Feb. 24, 1996, when it was reopened as a tourist attraction.

Reconstruction of the funicular, which was coordinated by the Community Redevelopment Agency, cost some \$4.1 million, of which the MTA contributed \$750,000.

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