

Metrolink accident draws offers of assistance from MTA

(April 23, 2002) MTA offered to assist Metrolink following Tuesday morning's collision between a Metrolink commuter train and a Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train in Placentia. Authorities said two Metrolink passengers were killed and as many as 260 other passengers were injured, some critically.

MTA provided a bus to transport northbound Metrolink passengers from Fullerton Station to Norwalk Station and Union Station during the afternoon commute. In addition, MTA safety personnel contacted Metrolink and offered their assistance.

The apparent slow-speed head-on collision occurred shortly after 8 a.m. at Orangethorpe Avenue and Richfield Road when the southbound Metrolink train bound for San Juan Capistrano was struck by the BNSF train. The Metrolink train was stopped at the time of the collision.

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