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### Six Injured, Train Derailed in Metro Gold Line Accident

(Sept. 11, 2007) Six people were injured and a Metro Gold Line train was derailed in a train vs. pickup truck accident just before 8 a.m., today, about a block and a half south of the Highland Park station.

Paramedics responded to the accident scene at the rail crossing at the intersection of Marmion Way and Avenue 55.

A Sheriff's deputy and four passengers sustained minor injuries and were transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital. Train Operator Edward de Hoyos was not injured.

City firefighters freed the driver of the pickup, who also was transported to the hospital and was listed in critical condition. Witnesses said the pickup truck ran a red light and was struck by the train. The accident is under investigation.

The City Fire crew, assisted by Metro Rail personnel, worked to remove the truck from under the train.

Both the north- and southbound tracks were out of service for more than three hours. A bus bridge was set up from Highland Park to the Southwest Museum station to ferry passengers around the accident site.

The northbound track was reopened to trains at 11:28 a.m. Service was restored to both tracks about an hour later after the southbound train was lifted back on to the track and sent back to the yard.