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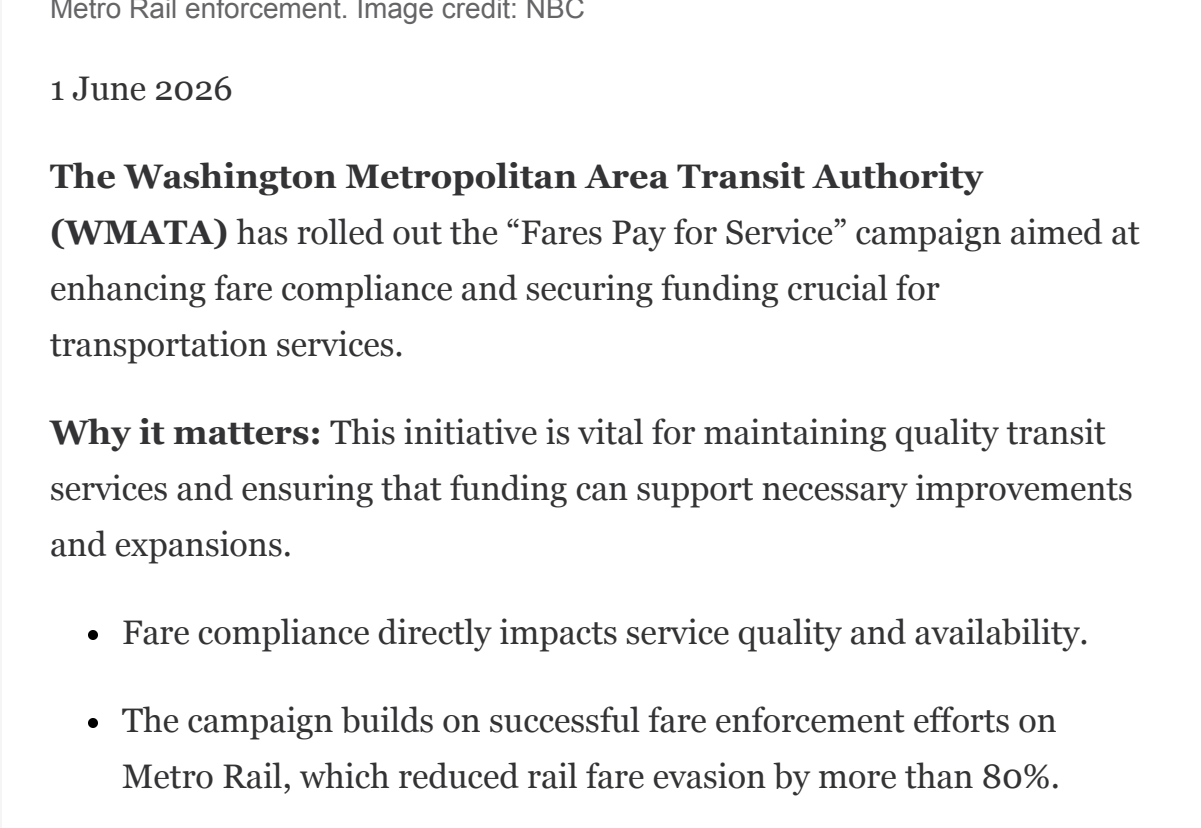
Public Transportation ISAC Over the Road Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (OTRBIAD)

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This edition features persistent challenges in public safety and transportation security, and continued efforts from authorities to address these challenges.

WMATA's new fare compliance campaign



WMATA is expanding its fare enforcement campaign to bus service after success with Metro Rail enforcement. Image credit: NBC

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has rolled out the “Fares Pay for Service” campaign aimed at enhancing fare compliance and securing funding crucial for transportation services.

Why it matters: This initiative is vital for maintaining quality transit services and ensuring that funding can support necessary improvements and expansions.

- Fare compliance directly impacts service quality and availability.
- The campaign builds on successful fare enforcement efforts on Metro Rail, which reduced rail fare evasion by more than 80%.
- Around 7 in 10 riders are not paying their fare on the bus, which is about twice the national average.
- An estimated \$50 million in WMATA revenue is at risk due to fare evasion.

What's happening: The campaign includes increased fare enforcement, customer education, and a focus on the ease of payment systems, such as Tap. Ride. Go.

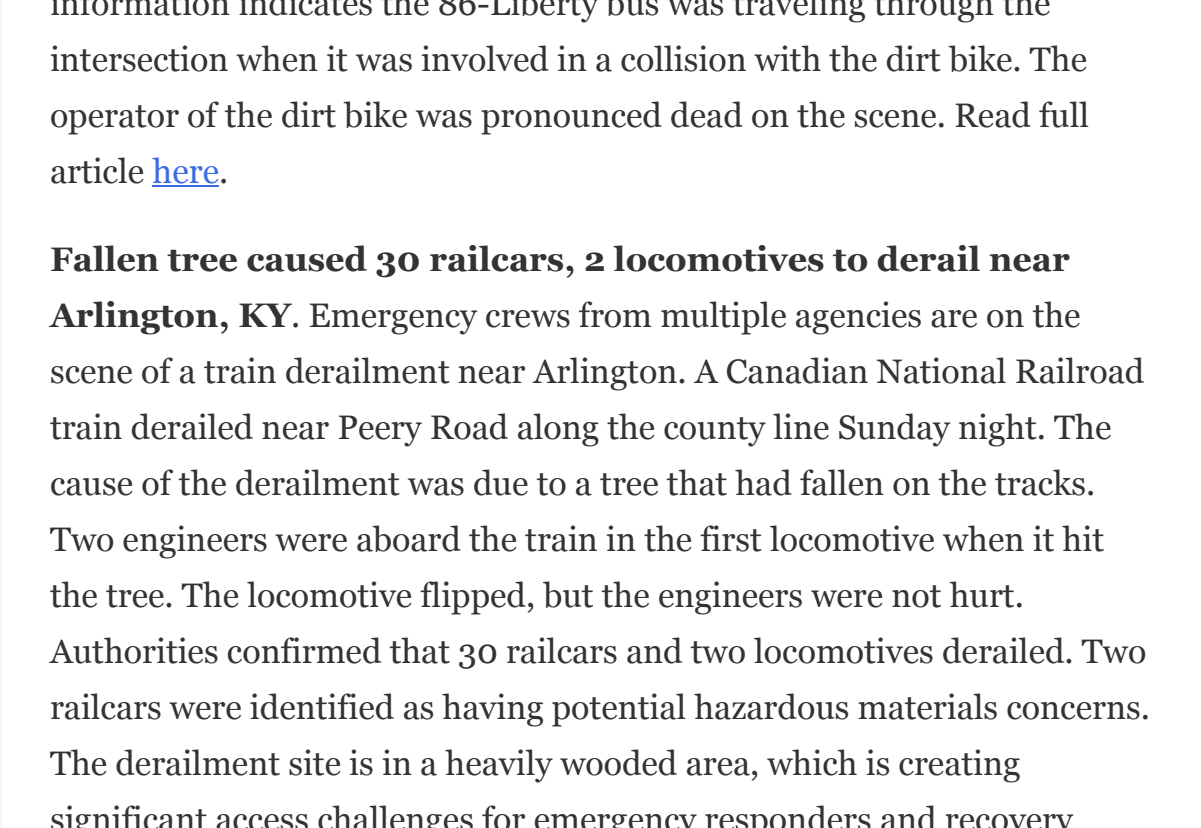
- WMATA's Metro Transit Police are utilizing real-time video to enhance enforcement efficiency.
- In its first six days, 533 citations were issued for fare evasion.
- 27 arrests were also made during fare enforcement operations for other offenses including outstanding warrants, not for fare evasion alone.

The stakes: Fare evasion remains a significant issue, particularly on Metro Bus routes, threatening the financial sustainability of the service.

- Targeted enforcement will focus on high-evasion areas like Silver Spring, Anacostia, Minnesota Avenue, New Carrollton, Fort Totten and Pentagon City stations.
- Community involvement and education are key components of the campaign's strategy.

Read full articles [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Recent transit-related incidents



A dirt bike rider was killed after colliding with a PRT bus on Saturday afternoon in Pittsburgh, PA. Image credit: WTAE

Transit-related Accidents:

Man dies after PRT bus and dirt bike collide in Pittsburgh, PA. A man was killed after a Pittsburgh Regional Transit bus and a dirt bike collided Saturday evening. Crews were called to a fatal crash at the intersection of Brushton and Frankstown avenues. Preliminary information indicates the 86-Liberty bus was traveling through the intersection when it was involved in a collision with the dirt bike. The operator of the dirt bike was pronounced dead on the scene. Read full article [here](#).

Fallen tree caused 30 railcars, 2 locomotives to derail near Arlington, KY. Emergency crews from multiple agencies are on the scene of a train derailment near Arlington. A Canadian National Railroad train derailed near Peery Road along the county line Sunday night. The cause of the derailment was due to a tree that had fallen on the tracks. Two engineers were aboard the train in the first locomotive when it hit the tree. The locomotive flipped, but the engineers were not hurt. Authorities confirmed that 30 railcars and two locomotives derailed. Two railcars were identified as having potential hazardous materials concerns. The derailment site is in a heavily wooded area, which is creating significant access challenges for emergency responders and recovery crews. Read full article [here](#).

Man struck and killed by CSX train in Manning, SC. Authorities have identified a man who died after being struck by a train in Manning on Sunday afternoon. The incident occurred near Ramsal and June Burn roads. Emergency responders reportedly found one person dead on the train tracks from injuries sustained after being hit. The man been fishing when the train came around the track, blowing its horn. The man was unable to get off the railroad tracks in time and was hit by the train. During the response and investigation, officials said CSX stopped train traffic in the area. Read full article [here](#).

Person dead after being hit by JTA bus on I-95 South in Jacksonville, FL. A person is dead after a JTA bus hit them on I-95 South and University Boulevard early Sunday morning. The bus was traveling southbound on I-95 near University Boulevard when a person walked into the bus's path, was struck, and was pronounced dead at the scene. The bus was not in service, and no customers were on board. The bus operator was not injured. Read full article [here](#).

Train collides with unoccupied vehicle in Conway, AR. Conway police were on scene early Sunday morning after a train collided with a vehicle. According to investigators, the train struck the unoccupied vehicle near the Mill Street railroad crossing. No injuries were reported. The train was transporting hazardous materials; however, crews were able to confirm that there were no leaks or releases, and no threat to the public. Read full article [here](#).

One killed in crash involving RTD A Line and pedestrian in Denver, CO. One person was killed in a crash involving an RTD A Line commuter rail train and a pedestrian on Saturday afternoon in Denver. The crash occurred in the 4200 block of N. Jackson Street. Shuttle buses replaced the A Line while the investigation was ongoing. Service resumed later Saturday afternoon. Read full article [here](#).

Two motorcyclists killed in crash with Metro Mobility bus in Bloomington, MN. Bloomington police are investigating after two motorcyclists were killed in a crash Friday night. The crash happened around near the 10600 block of Sheridan Avenue South. Two riders were on a motorcycle when it crashed with a Metro Mobility bus. Emergency responders arrived at the crash and began lifesaving measures; however, both motorcycle riders were pronounced dead. Read full article [here](#).

Transit Crime:

Man fatally shot at Park and Ride outside Universal Studios in Los Angeles, CA. A man was shot and killed late morning on Sunday in the Universal/Studio City Station Park and Ride lot. The shooting was reported in the parking lot near the Universal/Studio City Metro Station. Officers responded to the scene and found the victim suffering from gunshot wounds. The man died at the scene. The gunman remains at large. Read full article [here](#).

Fatal stabbing near Charles Center Metro Station in Baltimore, MD. Baltimore police are investigating a fatal stabbing near the Charles Center Metro Station at the corner of West Baltimore and North Hanover streets late Saturday night. When officers arrived at the scene, they found a man who had been stabbed in the chest. The victim was transported to Shock Trauma, where police said he died shortly after. Homicide detectives are investigating. There have been no reported arrests in the case. Read full article [here](#).

Woman fatally stabbed on MARTA train at Oakland City Station in Atlanta, GA. A woman was fatally stabbed aboard a MARTA train Saturday afternoon at Oakland City Station, according to MARTA Police. Authorities responded to reports of a woman who had been stabbed on a train and immediately took a suspect into custody. Officers also rendered aid to the victim before emergency medical services arrived. The woman was later pronounced dead at the scene. The reason behind the stabbing is still unknown with police classifying it as a random attack. Read full article [here](#).

Two drug traffickers arrested after departing train in Rensselaer, NY. On Friday, New York State Police arrested two drug traffickers from Brooklyn following a narcotics investigation that began in November 2024. As the investigation progressed, State Police developed information that the two male suspects frequently used rail transportation in furtherance of criminal activity. Troopers located both individuals after they exited a train in Rensselaer and took them into custody without incident. Amtrak Police were part of the operation, which resulted in the seizure of significant amounts of crack cocaine and fentanyl. Both suspects are being held on multiple felony drug charges. Read full article [here](#).

Other News of Interest

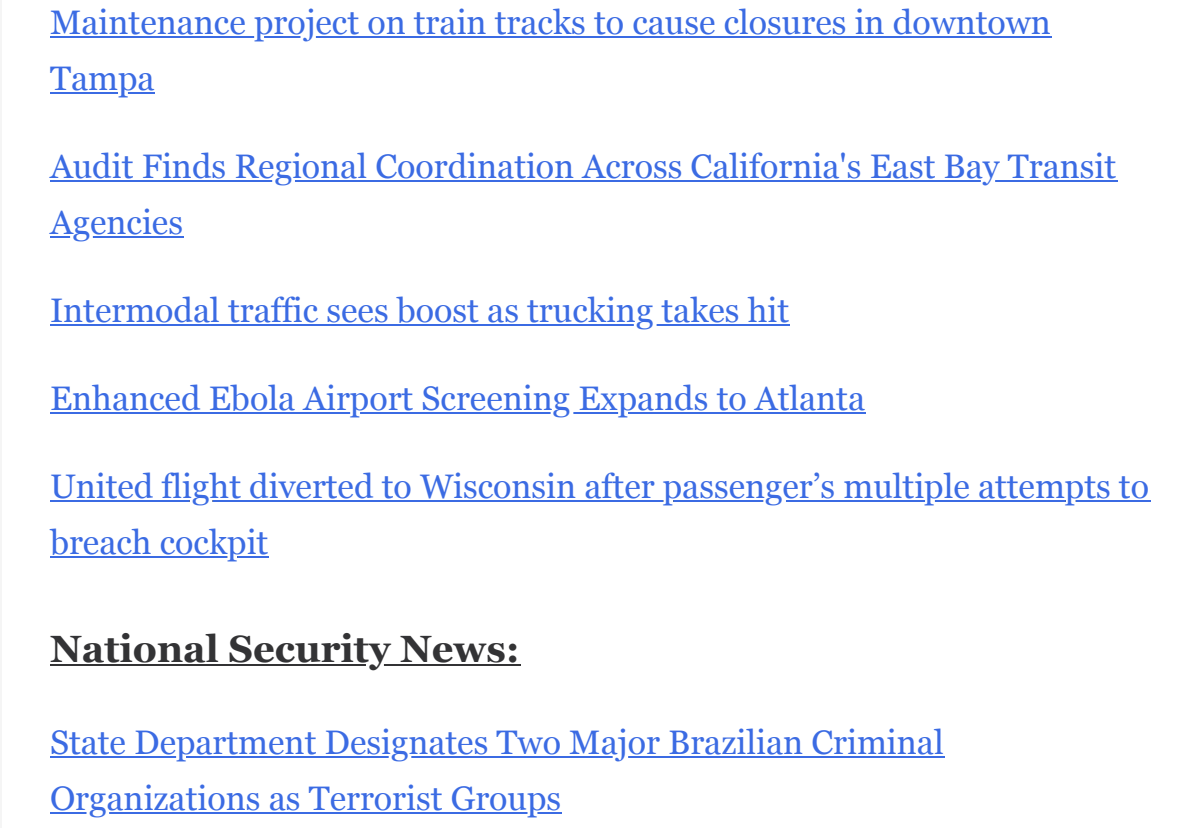


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