

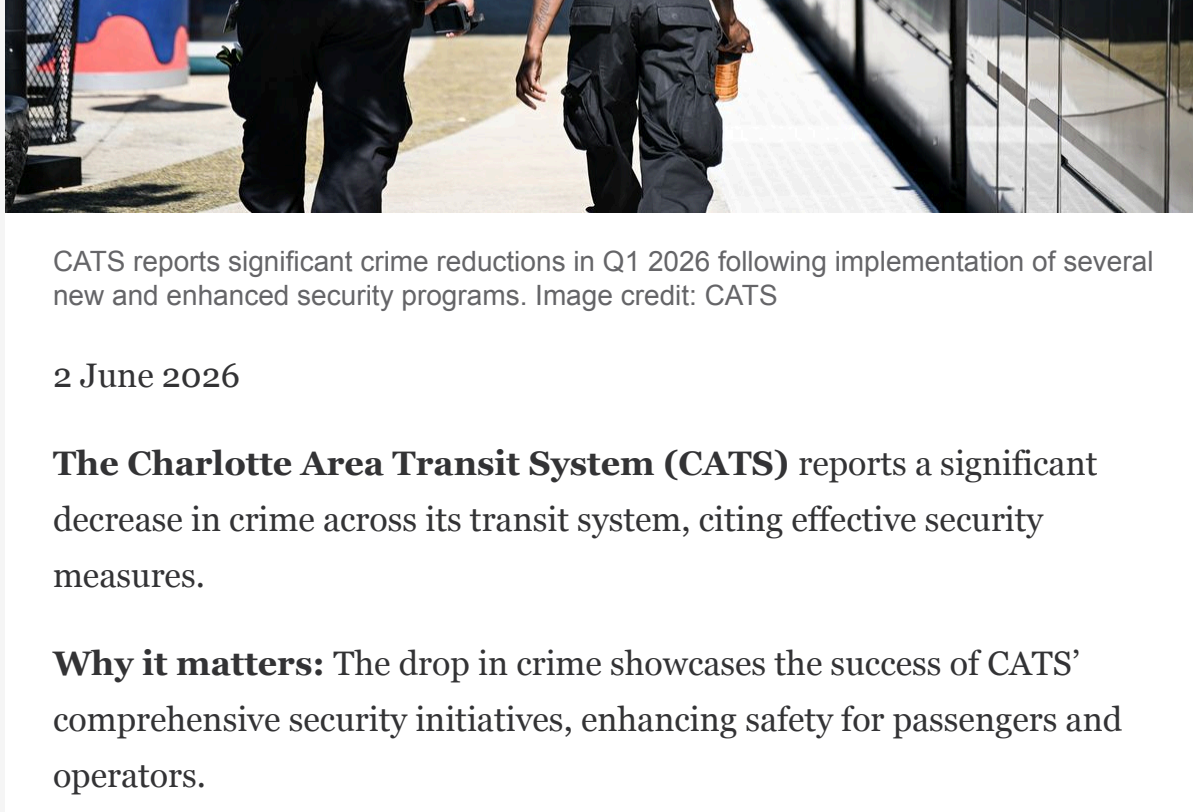
Public Transportation ISAC Over the Road Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (OTRBIAD)

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

CATS seeing drop in crime across transit system



CATS reports significant crime reductions in Q1 2026 following implementation of several new and enhanced security programs. Image credit: CATS

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The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) reports a significant decrease in crime across its transit system, citing effective security measures.

Why it matters: The drop in crime showcases the success of CATS' comprehensive security initiatives, enhancing safety for passengers and operators.

- Crime on the Blue Line decreased by 69%.
- Bus operator and passenger assaults reduced by 67%.
- No major assaults recorded in Q1 2026.
- No passenger-on-passenger assaults in Q1 2026.

Security improvements: CATS has implemented several critical safety protocols, including:

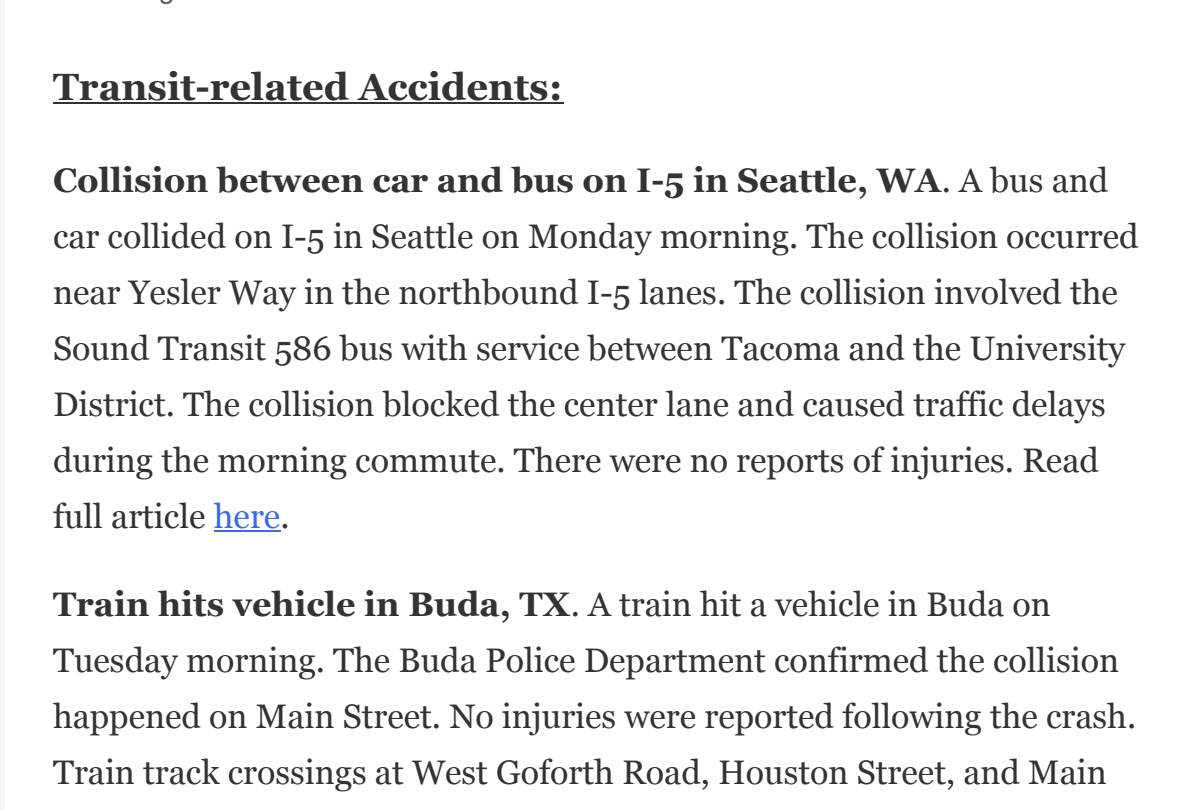
- **Real-time communication:** Radio controllers now have real-time video access to vehicles and undergo enhanced training to ensure rapid deployment of emergency services.
- **Passenger awareness:** Expanded announcements about active recording and consequences for aggressive behavior.
- **Faster response times:** Average bus response time reduced to 35 seconds.
- **Escalation procedures:** New protocols for high-level events ensure on-duty lead controllers coordinate responses to threats of violence immediately.
- **Text a tip:** CATS has integrated a text-a-tip line, giving riders an additional way to request support in addition to reporting a problem.
- **Promotion of reporting tools:** New signage and audio messaging throughout the system announce the various ways to request support.

Looking ahead: CATS plans to expand its security presence and develop AI-driven security technologies.

- CATS is scaling its security presence through the deployment of additional off-duty Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD and Mecklenburg County Sheriff's deputies.
- Partnering with local colleges to develop and test AI security solutions.
- Integrating future-focused initiatives into the fiscal year 2027 budget.
- For more details, visit the [CATS safety and security page](#).

Read full article [here](#)

Recent transit-related incidents



A car collided with the Sound Transit 586 bus on I-5N on Monday morning in Seattle, WA. Image credit: KING5

Transit-related Accidents:

Collision between car and bus on I-5 in Seattle, WA. A bus and car collided on I-5 in Seattle on Monday morning. The collision occurred near Yesler Way in the northbound I-5 lanes. The collision involved the Sound Transit 586 bus with service between Tacoma and the University District. The collision blocked the center lane and caused traffic delays during the morning commute. There were no reports of injuries. Read full article [here](#).

Train hits vehicle in Buda, TX. A train hit a vehicle in Buda on Tuesday morning. The Buda Police Department confirmed the collision happened on Main Street. No injuries were reported following the crash. Train track crossings at West Goforth Road, Houston Street, and Main Street were closed due to the crash. Read full article [here](#).

Amtrak wire repairs cause delays at NY Penn Station in Manhattan, NY. Amtrak continued overhead wire repairs Monday evening following Friday's fire. Ongoing repairs contributed to delays into and out of New York Penn Station through Monday. Amtrak expects the wire repairs to be completed in time for a normal commute Tuesday morning. Read full article [here](#).

Fatal train and pedestrian collision in Vivian, LA. A pedestrian was fatally struck by a train Monday afternoon near South Pine Street and Camp Road in Vivian, prompting an investigation by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. When the police arrived, they found an unresponsive male along the railroad tracks. Emergency personnel pronounced him dead at the scene. Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. Read full article [here](#).

Pedestrian struck and killed by Metra train in Arlington Heights, IL. Metra officials said a pedestrian was struck and killed by a commuter train Monday afternoon in Arlington Heights. The collision happened at when an inbound train struck the pedestrian near the intersection of Northwest Highway and Ridge Avenue, west of downtown. Officers were investigating the circumstances of the incident. Read full article [here](#).

Train hits dump truck in Sinton, TX. A dump truck driver was hospitalized Monday morning after a train collided with the vehicle near Highway 77 in Sinton. The collision happened on a private road near the Welder Wildlife area along the northbound side of U.S. Highway 77. Authorities said a train struck the dump truck at the crossing. The driver of the dump truck was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Read full article [here](#).

Transit Crime:

Police seek 2 suspects in robbery on CTA Red Line platform in Chicago, IL. Chicago police asked for the public's help identifying two men wanted in connection with a robbery on a CTA Red Line platform in the city's Fuller Park neighborhood. The robbery occurred late Friday night at the 47th Street Red Line station. The two suspects approached a passenger waiting on the platform, struck the victim and stole the victim's property before fleeing the scene. Detectives released surveillance images of the suspects and are seeking information that could help identify them. Read full article [here](#).

Other News of Interest

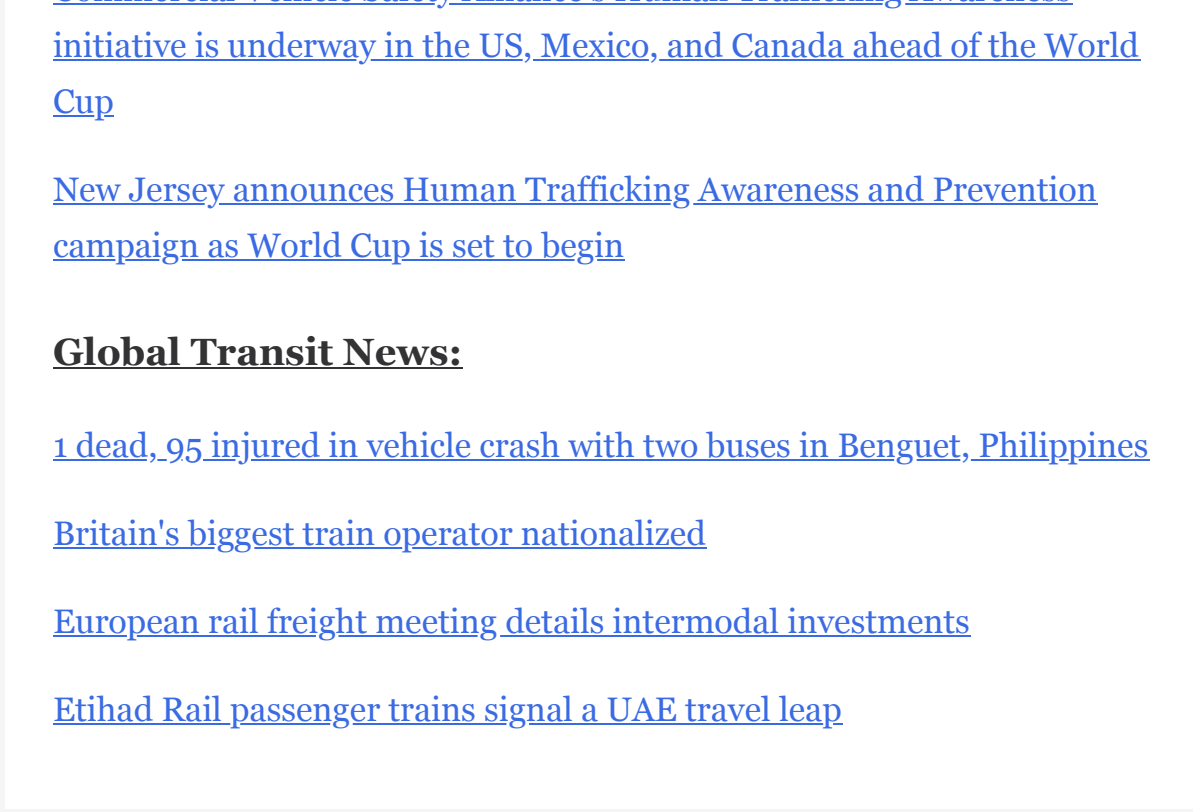


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- [MARTA completes renovations at several rail stations](#)
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National Security News:

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Global Transit News:

- [1 dead, 95 injured in vehicle crash with two buses in Benguet, Philippines](#)
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- [Etihad Rail passenger trains signal a UAE travel leap](#)

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