

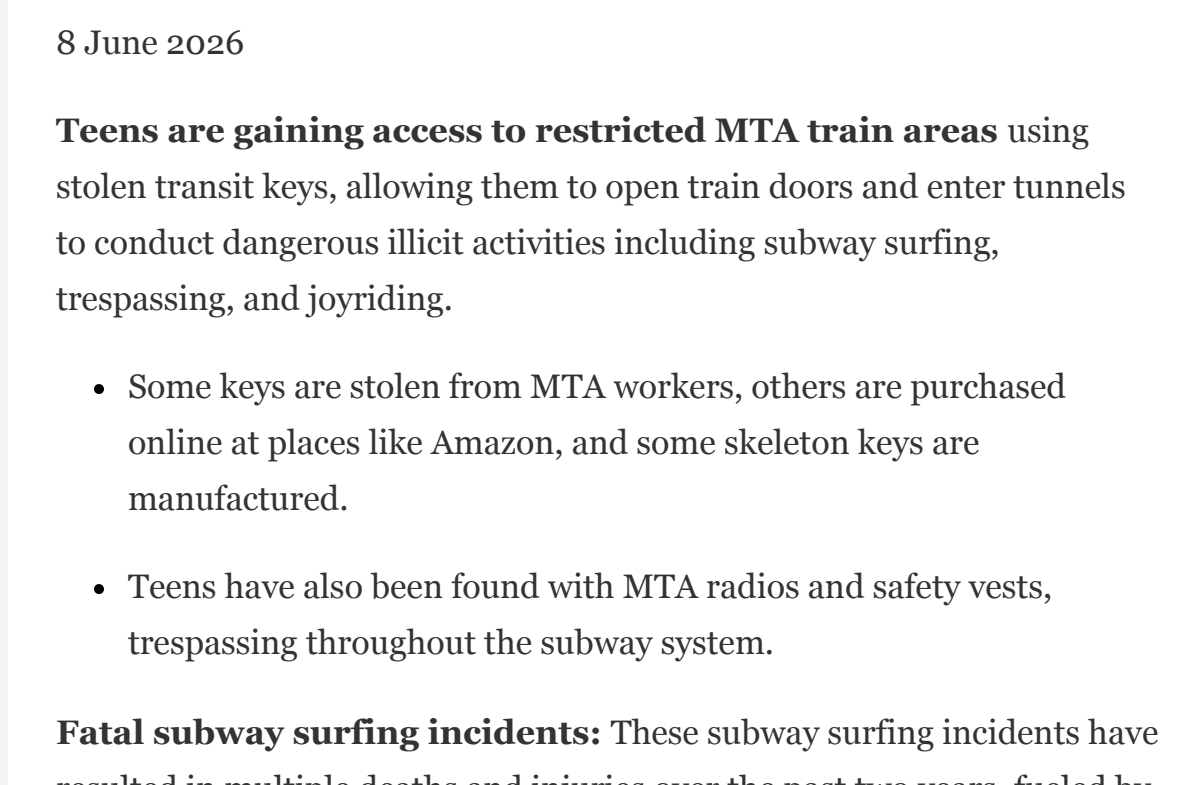
Public Transportation ISAC Over the Road Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (OTRBIAD)

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

MTA addresses transit keys facilitating dangerous teen crime trends



Deadly subway surfing continues among teenagers in New York City aided by access to transit keys. Image credit: Getty Images

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Teens are gaining access to restricted MTA train areas using stolen transit keys, allowing them to open train doors and enter tunnels to conduct dangerous illicit activities including subway surfing, trespassing, and joyriding.

- Some keys are stolen from MTA workers, others are purchased online at places like Amazon, and some skeleton keys are manufactured.
- Teens have also been found with MTA radios and safety vests, trespassing throughout the subway system.

Fatal subway surfing incidents: These subway surfing incidents have resulted in multiple deaths and injuries over the past two years, fueled by social media engagement.

- Subway surfers use transit keys to open doors and facilitate easier access to the train's roof.
- 76 individuals caught with transit keys since 2023 were involved in subway surfing.
- NYPD and outreach workers highlight this as part of a broader social media-driven trend that has led to injuries and fatalities.

Police crackdown on illegal access: Police have increased enforcement using drones to detect subway surfing and deploying increased transit teams and patrols.

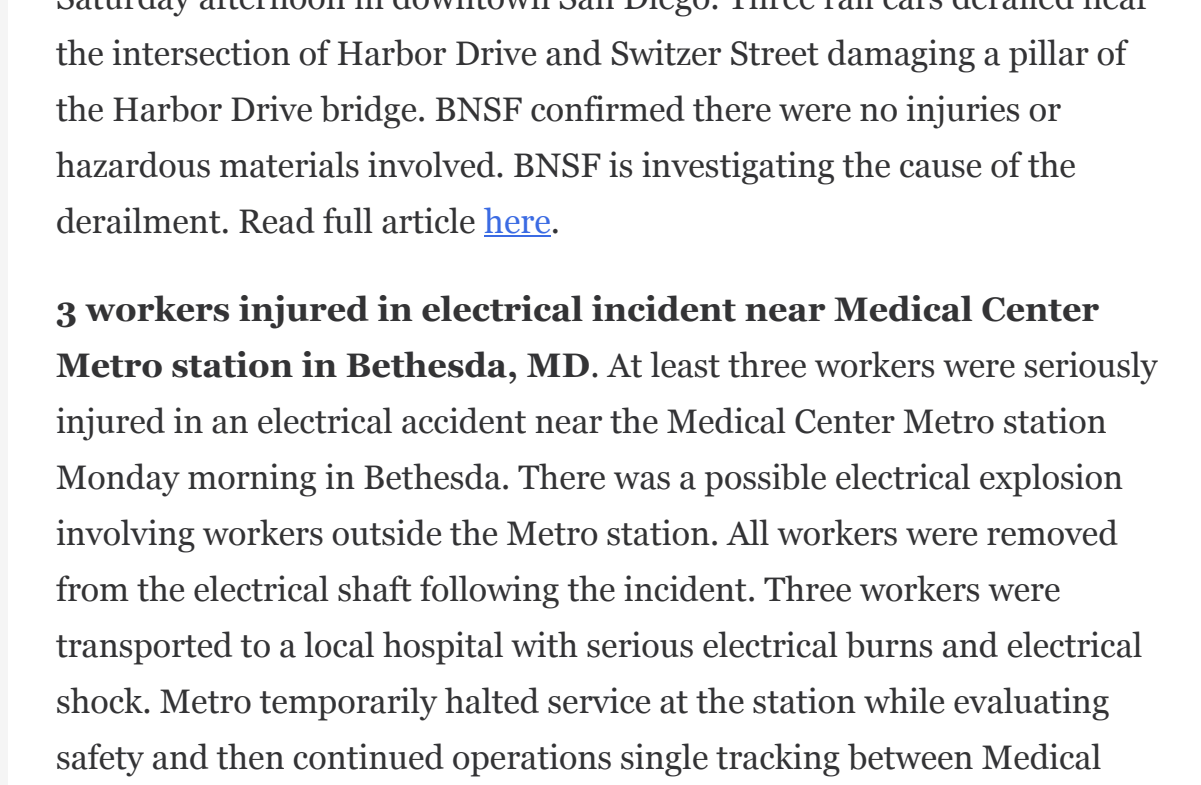
- Recent arrests include teens attempting to break into conductor cabins and steal keys.
- Three masked teenagers were recently detained in Brooklyn trying to steal conductor keys related to recent unauthorized train joyrides.

Additional MTA responses: The MTA is piloting high-security deadbolts on some trains to curb unauthorized access and protect restricted areas.

- The agency is increasing surveillance and collaborating with the NYPD.
- NYPD partnered with the mother of a teen killed while subway surfing in 2023 on a public outreach campaign to curb the dangerous trend.
- Despite efforts, the circulation of keys and online social media videos encouraging dangerous behaviors pose ongoing challenges.

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

Recent transit-related incidents



A BNSF train derailed and damaged a pillar of the Harbor Drive bridge on Saturday afternoon in San Diego, CA. Image credit: The San Diego Union-Tribune

Transit-related Accidents:

BNSF train carrying automobiles derailed in downtown San Diego, CA. A BNSF freight train transporting automobiles derailed Saturday afternoon in downtown San Diego. Three rail cars derailed near the intersection of Harbor Drive and Switzer Street damaging a pillar of the Harbor Drive bridge. BNSF confirmed there were no injuries or hazardous materials involved. BNSF is investigating the cause of the derailment. Read full article [here](#).

3 workers injured in electrical incident near Medical Center Metro station in Bethesda, MD. At least three workers were seriously injured in an electrical accident near the Medical Center Metro station Monday morning in Bethesda. There was a possible electrical explosion involving workers outside the Metro station. All workers were removed from the electrical shaft following the incident. Three workers were transported to a local hospital with serious electrical burns and electrical shock. Metro temporarily halted service at the station while evaluating safety and then continued operations single tracking between Medical Center and Bethesda stations. Read full article [here](#).

Crash involving sedan and transit bus causes power outages in Torrington, CT. A crash involving a sedan and a transit bus has closed a road and caused hundreds of power outages Monday morning in Torrington. The crash happened on Kennedy Drive, prompting a road closure at Torrington West Street. According to police, a pole was struck during the crash, leaving about 300 residences without power. No injuries were reported. Read full article [here](#).

Union Pacific train hit trespasser on tracks in Gresham, OR. Union Pacific and Gresham Police Department were on the scene where a train struck a person, leaving them with serious injuries. The person was trespassing at the time of the incident and laying down on the tracks. The person was transported to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries. The incident did not occur at a crossing. Read full article [here](#).

Freight train derailed in wooded area near Pass Christian, MS. A freight train derailed in a wooded area west of Vidalia Road Sunday morning. The train was carrying non-hazardous iron ore when it derailed. The train derailed due to heavy rain impacting the track. Read full article [here](#).

Pedestrian killed in collision with RTA bus in New Orleans, LA. A man died after he was struck by a Regional Transit Authority bus early Sunday in New Orleans. The collision occurred at the intersection of South Claiborne Avenue and Jackson Avenue. Investigators said the bus was traveling westbound on South Claiborne Avenue when it collided with the pedestrian. The pedestrian was transported by vehicle to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Read full article [here](#).

Norfolk Southern train derailment causes traffic disruptions in Metairie, LA. An overnight Norfolk Southern train derailment caused significant traffic disruptions early Sunday in Metairie. The derailment was reported around midnight near Metairie Road and Frisco Avenue. That crossing connects drivers from Metairie to New Orleans on one of the state's busiest two-lane highways. Authorities said no hazardous spills were reported, but multiple train crossings were left blocked. Norfolk Southern crews worked overnight to restore the train to its tracks. Read full article [here](#).

Amtrak delays after barge hit Susquehanna Bridge near Havre de Grace, MD. A barge struck Amtrak's Susquehanna River Bridge Saturday afternoon forcing officials to temporarily halt train traffic along one of the nation's busiest passenger rail corridors. Train traffic remained suspended while Amtrak crews inspected the bridge. Service resumed once Amtrak determined the structure was safe for operations. Read full article [here](#).

Transit Crime:

Elderly woman critically injured in bus stop shooting in Orlando, FL. Deputies are investigating a shooting that left an elderly woman critically injured at a bus stop in Orlando on Monday morning. Deputies responded to the scene in the 1000 block of Egan Drive, near Hager Way. The victim was shot by an unknown person while she was waiting at the bus stop. She was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. Deputies are searching for the suspect. Read full article [here](#).

6 injured in Penn Station stabbing in Manhattan, NY. Six people were injured in a stabbing at Penn Station on Sunday evening. The stabbing happened on the NJ Transit concourse. One person suffered a serious injury, two suffered moderate injuries, and the rest suffered minor injuries. All victims were transported to a local hospital. Amtrak police arrested the suspect. The suspect is considered to be emotionally disturbed. Read full article [here](#).

Man killed at bus stop in Richmond, VA. A man was killed at a bus stop in Richmond's East End on Sunday morning. Richmond Police were called to the 2300 block of Ford Avenue. Police later confirmed that when officers arrived, they found a man suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Read full article [here](#).

Midtown MARTA shooting suspect arrested after multi-agency manhunt in Atlanta, GA. A suspect who opened fire on a MARTA train at Midtown Station on Friday night was arrested the next day after a multi-agency search. Officers inside the station heard gunshots coming from a southbound train and found a man on board with gunshot wounds to his left arm and leg. The victim was transported to a local hospital and is expected to survive. The suspect fled before additional officers arrived. Nearly 24 hours later, law enforcement tracked the suspect to Douglasville, where he was taken into custody without incident. The suspect faces charges including aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Read full article [here](#).

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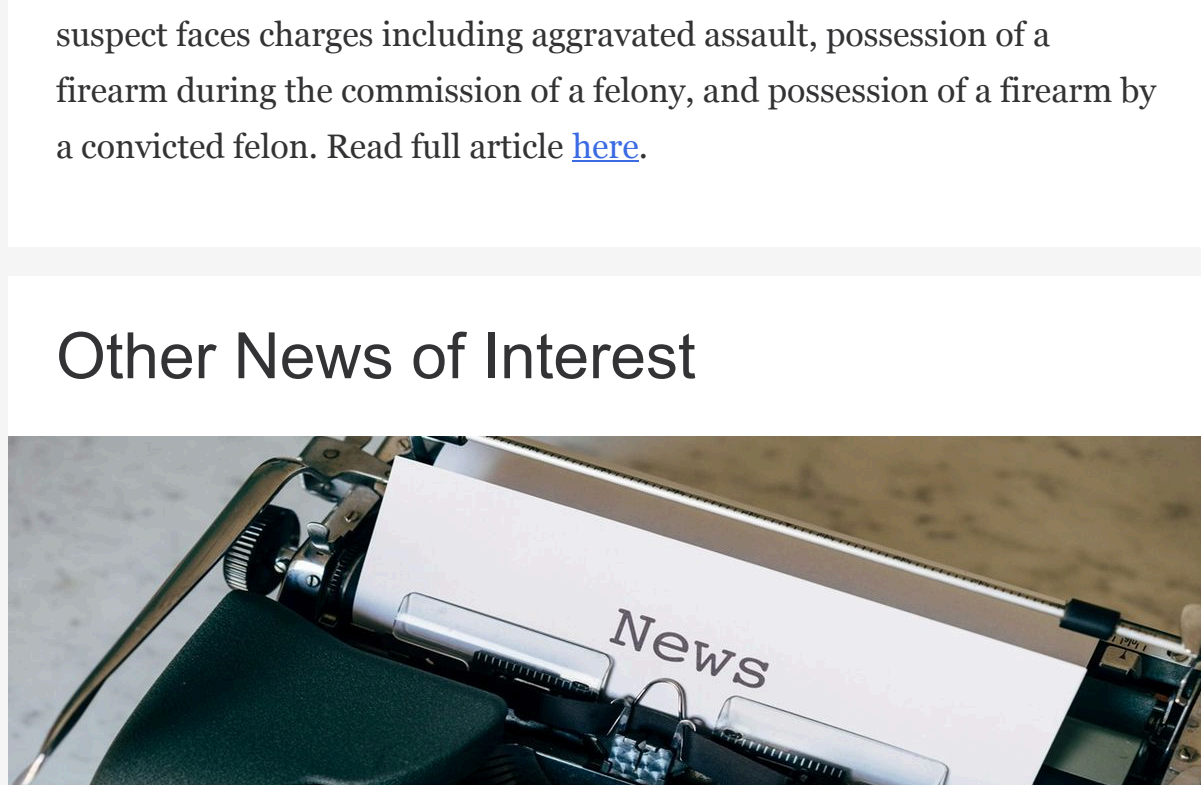


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