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Collision of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority
Trolley Car 9085 with Trolley Car 9101
38th Street and Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 4, 2017

Accident Summary

On January 4, 2017 at 12:47 pm, eastern standard time, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) trolley car 9101 was traveling northwest on trolley route number 10, with an estimated 47 passengers. Trolley car 9101 stopped at the southeast corner of Lancaster Avenue and 38th Street, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to offload passengers. SEPTA trolley car 9085, also moving northwest on route 10 with six passengers, struck the rear of stopped SEPTA trolley 9101 at an estimated speed of 11 mph. First responders transported 40 passengers and both operators to local hospitals for treatment of minor injuries. The total estimated equipment damage to both trolleys was \$60,000. The weather at the time of the accident was partly cloudy and 54°F.

The parties to the investigation include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT) and the Transport Workers Union (TWU).