



PRELIMINARY REPORT RAILROAD

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Passenger Fatality San Francisco, CA September 13, 2021

The information in this report is preliminary and will be either supplemented or corrected during the investigation.

On September 13, 2021, at about 15:15 pm local time, a passenger and dog had boarded a Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train. After receiving a report of an incident between the train and a passenger at the Powell St. Station, the northbound blue line train was diverted to the yellow line and proceeded to the Concord mechanical facility for storage and inspection by investigators.



Figure 1 Accident train located at Concord Maintenance Yard.

Preliminary information indicates the dog was on a leash that was attached to the passenger's backpack. Seconds before the train's departure the passenger stepped out of the train from car #9

out of a 10 car consist and onto the platform while the dog was still on the train. The doors closed separating the passenger from the dog and had pinched the leash in the doors. The train departed dragging the passenger along the platform. The distance from the operator's window to the rear door of car #9 where the subject passenger had exited was 611 feet. There were no visual indications on the dog that suggest it was a service animal. The dog was not injured and was returned to the passenger's boyfriend who was identified by police as a transient with no physical address.