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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT REGARDING TRAIN DERAILMENT AT HOWARD STREET TUNNEL

BALTIMORE, MD – “I would like to thank the members of Baltimore’s Unified Incident Command for their swift action in relation to today’s train derailment at the Howard Street Tunnel. Today’s incident posed no harm to the citizens of Baltimore and no one was injured as a result of the derailment.

Around 2 p.m. this afternoon I received a briefing from Baltimore’s Unified Incident Command about the process of removing the 13 derailed trains, as well as the steps being taken to ensure public safety. The train derailment, which occurred today at 8:15 a.m., will be thoroughly investigated, but is preliminarily believed to have been caused by worn tracks.

CSX workers have begun to remove the derailed trains from the station and estimate that their work should be completed by early Friday morning. Officials have stressed that no hazardous materials have leaked from the derailed trains. Today’s derailment will not impact MARC or Amtrak services.”

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