

# Via Rail service between Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa blocked by CN derailment

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A CN freight train derailment at Brockville, southwest of Ottawa, is blocking Via Rail passenger service on the Toronto-Montreal and Toronto-Ottawa routes. A CN spokeswoman says no one was injured when the 26-car eastbound freight train derailed near the eastern Ontario city at about 4 a.m. today. She says the freight train included two loaded automobile carriers and had five cars carrying carbon powder and 13 unloaded fuel tank cars.

Via Rail says it will transport passengers using buses until the derailment site is cleared but did not know exactly how long the disruption would last.

About 1600 VIA Rail passengers are affected by the derailment. A total of 29 trains won't be on th track today. However, passengers travelling between Ottawa and Montreal are not affected by the derailment.

A CN spokeswoman says the route will be blocked at least for the morning and the site is being assessed for any possible leaks.

The Transportation Safety Board has investigators on scene. A spokesperson says it generally takes at least a day to investigate derailments. The TSB must release the site before CN can clear debris and reopen the tracks.

Advisory: Due to a CN train derailment, service btw TO-OTT & TO-MTL is replaced by alternate transportation. INFO: viarail.ca 1 888 842 7245