BOWIE, Md. —

A person was struck and killed by a train Tuesday morning near the MARC Penn Line's Bowie State station, Prince George's County fire officials said.

The NTSB tweeted that it is sending investigators to investigate an accident involving Amtrak train No. 86 that struck and killed a track worker.

"We are deeply saddened by the death of an Amtrak engineering employee this morning in Bowie, Maryland," Amtrak spokeswoman Beth K. Toll said in a statement.

The employee who was killed was a lookout for a crew doing track work, according to National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Peter Knudson. At the time the employee was struck, the crew was working on the middle set of tracks while the northbound and southbound tracks were being used, Knudson said.

"There was a southbound MARC train approaching the accident site at the same time a northbound (Amtrak) train was approaching the accident site," he said.

Bryan Monroe teaches at Temple University's Klein College of Media and Communication and was a passenger on the train that struck the employee. Monroe says the train came to an abrupt stop about 9 a.m. and an announcement said the train would be delayed because of police activity on the tracks ahead.

Amtrak says that after the incident, passengers stayed on the train for more than an hour and were transferred to a different train.

The Maryland Transit Administration tweeted around 9:30 a.m. that MARC service was suspended. Metro honored MARC tickets.

Rail service resumed around 11 a.m. The MTA said service was slowly resuming and was extremely reduced on the Penn Line due to the police activity at Bowie. All trains are single-tracking from Bowie to Odenton.

Amtrak tweeted that customers traveling between Washington and Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport can expect delays of 60-90 minutes.

No further information was immediately released.
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The Associated Press contributed to this report

Amtrak Northeast @AmtrakNEC

Customers currently traveling between WAS and BWI can expect delays of 60-90 min due to an ongoing investigation related to an earlier incident near Bowie, MD.
1:36 PM - Apr 24, 2018

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UPDATE: Customers currently traveling between Wilmington (WIL) and WAS can expect delays of 1hr due to an earlier incident between BWI and New Carrollton (NCR).
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9:24 AM - Apr 24, 2018

MTA Maryland

MARC Train - Attention MARC Commuters: The PENN Line service will be suspended for extended period of time. https://ift.tt/2z5EW5m
8:41 AM - Apr 24, 2018

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@mtamaryland
MARC Train - Attention: PENN Line service is suspended due to an Amtrak train striking a trespasser.
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8:26 AM - Apr 24, 2018

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U/D @marctrain Station at @BowieState - victim located and is deceased. PGFD will clear scene and turn over to appropriate law enforcement agency. NFI. NFD
8:20 AM - Apr 24, 2018