

# Derailed U.S. train took bend too fast

An Amtrak train that derailed in Washington state was travelling at 130km/h in a 50km/h zone when it plunged off a bridge onto a busy highway, killing at least three people and injuring more than 100



06:00 local time  
(14:00GMT):  
Train 501 leaves  
Seattle, heading  
for Portland

Puget Sound

Tacoma

Former train  
route

DuPont

Olympia

*Train was on inaugural  
run on new, shorter,  
high-speed route*

7:34: Train derails.  
**Positive Train Control (PTC)** –  
safety system that automatically  
warns driver of speed limits and  
applies brakes if warnings are  
not heeded – not operational

10km

6 miles

Sources: National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB),  
Washington State Department of Transportation

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