



# On This Department of Transportation's Watch

During Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's tenure, the country's transportation track record has been less than stellar. Bridges are collapsing, trains are derailing, air travel is being squeezed, and the supply chain is being disrupted.

## MAJOR INCIDENTS UNDER PETE BUTTIGIEG

- ▲ **Iowa train derailment, May 2021.** 200 miles northeast of Des Moines, 47 train cars derailed, resulting in a fire that created thick black smoke. Some train cars were carrying hazardous materials.
- ▲ **D.C. pedestrian bridge collapse, June 2021.** A pedestrian bridge in Washington, D.C. collapsed onto an interstate, leaving five people injured and a truck leaking diesel fuel.
- ▲ **Major shipping backlog in the Port of Los Angeles, 2021 – 2022.** Beginning in 2021, the Port of Los Angeles experienced a major 25-month back-up that at its worst included more than 100 ships.
- ▲ **Pennsylvania bridge collapse, January 2022.** A municipal bus plunged into a ravine after a bridge collapsed near Pittsburgh.
- ▲ **FAA system outage, January 2023.** Thousands of flights across the country were delayed followed a system-wide disruption at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Flights were temporarily halted nationwide.
- ▲ **NYC air travel cut, April 2023.** Amid chronic labor shortages of air traffic controllers, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) asked airlines to cut 10 percent of flights in the New York area.
- ▲ **Montana bridge collapse, June 2023.** A bridge spanning the Yellowstone River collapsed, causing portions of a freight train carrying hazardous material to plunge into the water.
- ▲ **Colorado train derailment, October 2023.** A coal train derailed on a bridge spanning an interstate which subsequently collapsed, leaving one person dead.



- ▲ **Michigan train derailment, November 2023.** An Amtrak train carrying more than 200 passengers derailed after crashing into a truck, with 10 people reporting injuries.
- ▲ **Colorado train derailment, January 2024.** Northeast of Denver, an Amtrak train collided with a tractor-trailer, leaving four people injured.
- ▲ **New York subway derailment, January 2024.** Commuters were left in a state of shock after a subway train derailed in New York City, injuring dozens of passengers.
- ▲ **California train derailment, January 2024.** Near San Francisco, a commuter train derailed and caught fire, hospitalizing several passengers, and disrupting the travel of tens of thousands of people.
- ▲ **Ohio train derailment, February 2024.** Near East Palestine, Ohio, a Norfolk Southern train carrying toxic chemicals derailed, causing an evacuation of the nearby area.
- ▲ **Baltimore bridge collapse, March 2024.** The Francis Scott Key Bridge, a heavily trafficked transportation artery in Maryland, collapsed after being hit by a cargo ship. The event left several people dead.
- ▲ **Arizona train derailment, April 2024.** Near the border of Arizona and New Mexico, a freight train carrying propane and gasoline derailed, triggering an evacuation of the surrounding area.
- ▲ **Missouri train derailment, April 2024.** An early morning train derailment in Missouri left two crewmembers with minor injuries.
- ▲ **Kansas train derailment, May 2024.** With roughly 160 passengers onboard along with a crew of 20, an Amtrak train derailed in the eastern part of Kansas.
- ▲ **Iowa train derailment, June 2024.** A train derailed in Muscatine County, Iowa, spilling 3,100lbs of diesel fuel and hospitalizing one worker.
- ▲ **Oklahoma train derailment, July 2024.** A train derailed in Woodward, Oklahoma, affecting 18 cars, spilling tar and soybean oil, and resulting in an evacuation of nearby residents.
- ▲ **New York train derailment, July 2024.** A train derailed in Niagara Falls, New York, smashing a resident's garage and spilling 2,000lbs of diesel fuel into the sewer system.
- ▲ **Michigan train derailment, August 2024.** A train derailed in Adrian, Michigan, leaking pressurized carbon dioxide and leaving numerous intersections closed.