Bus service to continue on Orange Line segment

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Shuttle buses will continue to replace Orange Line service between Oak Grove and Sullivan Square until April 11, the MBTA said Thursday.

The T shut down service in both directions between those stations after a slow-speed derailment took place on March 16 near Wellington Station.

While the shuttle buses are running, workers are replacing a decades-old track switch that was damaged during the derailment.

Extending the use of the buses for an extra week will "allow for additional safety and reliability improvements," MBTA spokeswoman Lisa Battison said.

The T also is making improvements at stations along the Orange Line, including tie replacements at Malden, infrastructure repairs at Sullivan Square, station improvements at Oak Grove and the installation of a custom-built replacement of another track crossover at Wellington.

While the cause of the derailment has yet to be determined, the T said new Orange and Red line cars continue to be out of service as engineers assess the cars' performance.

The T and its engineers are trying to determine if anything vehicle-related could have been a contributing factor in the derailment.

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