

Blue Train to resume operations

Transnet has completed investigations into incidents which led to the suspension of the Blue Train service in the latter part of the 2021/22 financial year, paving the way for services to resume.



Source: The Blue Train

In February, management took a decision to temporarily suspend Blue Train operations as a precautionary measure following three incidents:

- A derailment on 7 November 2021, where 19 empty coaches derailed at the Union Station Loop in Germiston.
- A derailment on 16 January 2022 at the Blue Train's Maintenance Depot in Salvokop.
- A fire on 8 February 2022, where a coach that was among those derailed on 7 November 2021 caught fire while in for repairs.

There were no passengers or crew on board the train during any of the three incidents and no fatalities were reported.



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Transnet has also conducted a full review of safety and operational procedures focusing on risks to the overall Blue Train service and is confident that all safety-critical issues have been attended to during the suspension of the service.

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Further details on the resumption of service will be communicated in the coming days.

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