A Sounder commuter train leaves the Seattle station heading south on Wednesday. Full use of an automated crash protection system is being rolled out on Sounder lines. Such a system, called Positive Train Control, wasn’t in use during Monday’s fatal Amtrak derailment in DuPont.

“There were no signs of active maintenance work, through a 74-mile territory that is routine in Europe and Japan,” Advisory Board Chairwoman Pattie Harris said Wednesday. “Because this is a new deployment, it appears to be a new mistake.”

However, the final startup has been delayed beyond the operating schedule. Sounder train engineers are currently able to use PTC on 56 percent of Sound Transit work, through a 74-mile territory that is routine in Europe and Japan, according to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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