

## Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator	Shikoku Railway Company
Accident type	Level crossing accident
Date and time	About 04:45, April 11, 2018
Location	Takabayashi level crossing, class 3 level crossing equipped with road warning device but without automatic barrier machine, at around 132,405 m from the origin in Takamatsu station, between Iyo-Sakurai station and Iyo-Miyoshi station, single track, Yoson Line, Saijo City, Ehime Prefecture

### SUMMARY

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, while the inbound Limited Express Electric 2M train, started from Imabari station bound for Okayama station of Shikoku Railway Company, was running at about 81 km/h between Iyo-Sakurai station and Iyo-Miyoshi station, the driver of the train noticed a public person lying down in Takabayashi level crossing, class 3 level crossing, then applied the emergency brake immediately, but the train hit the public person.

The public person was dead in the accident.

### PROBABLE CAUSES

It is probable that the accident occurred as the train hit the public person at Takabayashi level crossing, class 3 level crossing equipped with road warning device, because the public person was lying down in the level crossing in the situation that the road warning device was operating according to the approaching train.

It could not be determined the reason why the public person was lying down in the level crossing because the public person was dead in the accident.