PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: MTA NYCT
CRITERIA CODE: Multiple Injury
DATE/TIME: January 20, 2009 at 7:50 am
DATE REPORTED: January 20
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 2
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 5
TYPE OF BUS: MCI
OTHER: School bus
ACCIDENT LOCATION: Linden Boulevard at 140th Street
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Stop sign
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight
INVESTIGATOR: M. Palanker
HOURS OF SERVICE: 1 hr and 19 min in last 24 hrs/55 hrs and 30 min in last 7days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: On January 20, 2009, at approximately 7:50 a.m., MTA NYCT bus #4309, traveling westbound on Linden Boulevard, was crossing the intersection with 140th Street entering the bus stop. A yellow school bus moving southbound on 140th Street, from the bus driver’s right to left, failed to stop for a stop sign, and entered the intersection. The front of the school bus struck the transit bus in the right side rear wheel well molding. Five occupants from the school bus claimed various injuries, were transported to local hospitals, treated and released. The rest of the students were examined and released at the scene by EMS. The drug and alcohol test administered to the bus driver 3 hours and 10 minutes after the accident was negative. The bus and the bus driver records were found to be in order and up-to-date. The PTSB staff determined that the MTA-NYCT bus operator could not avoid the accident.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE BUS PROPERTY INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

SUBMITTAL

THE ABOVE ACCIDENT HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED AND MEETS ALL OF THE CONDITIONS IDENTIFIED IN PTSB RESOLUTION #1340 AND REQUIRES NO FURTHER ACTION.

CHIEF, ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTION

DIRECTOR, PCSB, NYS DOT