**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**
**CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT**

**BUS PROPERTY NAME:** MTA NYCT  
**CASE NUMBER:** 10124  
**CRITERIA CODE:** Fatal  
**TYPE OF ACCIDENT:** Collision  
**DATE/TIME:** February 20, 2009, at 10:11 pm  
**DATE REPORTED:** February 20, 2009  
**TIME REPORTED:** 11:20 pm  
**VEHICLES INVOLVED:** One  
**NUMBER OF INJURIES:** 1  
**NUMBER OF FATALITIES:** 1  
**BUS NUMBER:** 6532  
**TYPE OF BUS:** Orion  
**NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:** 0  
**OTHER:** Pedestrian  
**OCCUPANTS:** N/A  
**ACCIDENT LOCATION:** Myrtle Avenue at Palmetto Street, Queens, NY  
**ROADWAY TYPE:** Asphalt  
**SPEED LIMIT:** 30 mph  
**TRAFFIC CONTROL:** Traffic signal  
**ROAD CONDITIONS:** Dry  
**LIGHT CONDITIONS:** Dark, Street Lighting  
**WEATHER:** Clear  
**INVESTIGATOR:** Mikhail Palanker  
**SUMMONS:** None  
**HOURS OF SERVICE:** 8 hrs and 16 min in last 24 hrs/43 hrs and 6 min in last 7 days

**ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION:** At approximately 10:11 pm, an MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) bus #6532 traveling north-east on Palmetto Street performed a right turn onto Myrtle Avenue and continued straight at a normal speed. Staff concluded that at that time a female pedestrian talking on a cell phone stepped off the sidewalk, slipped on an icy patch and fell down to the pavement in the area of the rear doors of the bus. The right rear wheel of the bus ran over the pedestrian’s left upper leg. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital, where she expired at 22:29 hrs. The drug and alcohol test administered to the bus driver 7 hours and 14 minutes after the accident was negative. The delay in administering the drug and alcohol test was due to the bus driver being transported to a local hospital, treated and released. The bus and bus driver records were reviewed and found to be in order and up-to-date. The bus sustained no damage. At the close of the investigation, PTSB staff concluded that the bus driver was unable to prevent involvement in the collision.

**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.

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CHIEF, ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTION  
DATE

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DIRECTOR, PCSB, NYSDOT  
DATE