PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: MTA NYCT  CASE NUMBER: 8996
CRITERIA CODE: Mechanical Failure  TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Fire
DATE/TIME: June 24, 2006; 1:14 pm  Accident Severity Index: 0.00
DATE REPORTED: June 24, 2006  TIME REPORTED: 1:37 pm
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 1  NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0  BUS NUMBER: 5253
TYPE OF BUS: New Flyer, Artic.  PASSENGERS: 65
OTHER: N/A  OCCUPANTS: N/A
ACCIDENT LOCATION: White Plains Road at East 225th Street
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt  SPEED LIMIT: 30 mph
TRAFFIC CONTROL: None  ROAD CONDITIONS: Wet
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight  WEATHER: Rainy
INVESTIGATOR: M. Palanker  SUMMONS: None
HOURS OF SERVICE: 7 hrs and 14 min in last 24 hrs/37 hrs and 23 min in last 7 days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 1:14 pm, MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) bus #5253 was standing in a bus stop when the bus driver noticed smoke and flames emanating from the exhaust pipe. The bus driver evacuated all passengers, shut the engine off and called Command Center for assistance. FDNY responded to the accident, and put the fire out. No injury claims were reported. The bus sustained moderate damage to the exhaust compartment body panel. A post accident drug and alcohol test was not administered to the bus driver due to the nature of the accident. A post accident inspection of the bus, conducted by the PTSB staff in conjunction with NYCT personnel found that the most probable cause of the fire was an unpredictable internal failure of the turbocharger, a non-maintenance item, which started to pump oil into the exhaust. Both the bus and the bus driver’s records were reviewed and found in order and up-to-date.

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, NYS DOT  DATE