PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: MTA LIB
CRITERIA CODE: Mechanical Failure
DATE/TIME: July 8, 2006, at 3:40 pm
DATE REPORTED: July 8, 2006
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 1
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0
TYPE OF BUS: Orion CNG
OTHER: None
ACCIDENT LOCATION: Old Country Road at East Gate Boulevard, Westbury, NY
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Traffic Signal
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight
INVESTIGATOR: Mikhail Palanker
HOURS OF SERVICE: 7 hrs and 52 min in last 24 hrs/40 hrs and 52 min in last 7 days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 3:40 pm, MTA Long Island Bus (LIB) bus #303 was traveling on Old Country Road approaching East Gate Boulevard, when the bus driver observed white smoke coming from the engine compartment. The bus driver stopped the bus, discharged all passengers, shut the engine “off” and notified the Command Center. At that time the onboard Fire Suppression System (FSS) had activated. Westbury Fire Department responded to the accident and extinguished the fire. No injury claims were reported. The bus sustained extensive damage to the engine compartment. A post accident drug and alcohol test was not administered to the bus driver due to the nature of the accident. Bus and bus records were reviewed and found to be complete, in order and up-to-date. The post accident inspection of the bus revealed significant damage to the electrical harness in the engine compartment. However the PTSB and the LIB staff were unable to determine the actual cause of the fire.

DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE AND CONTRIBUTING CAUSES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

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