PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: Suffolk Bus Corp.
CRITERIA CODE: Multiple Injury
DATE/TIME: July 19, 2006 at 1:30 pm

DATE REPORTED: July 19, 2006
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 3
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0
TYPE OF BUS: Orion
OTHER: 2 autos
CASE NUMBER: 9036
TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Collision
Accident Severity Index: 2.75

TIME REPORTED: 2:50 pm
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 6
BUS NUMBER: 9931
PASSengers: 6
OCCUPANTS: 2

ACCIDENT LOCATION: Montauk Highway at Irish Lane, East Islip, NY
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
TRAFFIC CONTROL: None
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight
INVESTIGATOR: M. Palanker
SPEED LIMIT: 35 mph
ROAD CONDITIONS: Dry
WEATHER: Clear
SUMMONS: None
HOURS OF SERVICE: 7 hrs and 50 min in last 24 hrs/41 hrs and 58 min in last 7 days.

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 1:30 pm, Suffolk Bus Corporation (SBC) bus 
#9931 was traveling westbound on Montauk Highway, with an approximate speed of 30 mph, when
a pickup truck moving in the opposite direction, with a speed of 55 mph, suddenly swerved to the
left, crossed over the yellow line and entered the path of the bus. In an attempt to prevent a collision
the bus driver swerved to the right and applied the brakes. However, the left front of the truck struck
the left front of the bus. The truck continued forward and struck another auto (SUV), which was
traveling to the rear of bus. The bus moved forward for approximately 163 feet and was stopped by
the self activated emergency brakes. The bus driver, the driver of the SUV and three bus passengers
claimed various injuries, were transported to local hospitals, treated and released. The driver of the
pickup truck was transported to a hospital by a helicopter and admitted in serious condition. The
drug and alcohol test administered to the bus driver 2 hours after the accident was negative. The bus
and the pickup truck sustained extensive damage with light damage to the SUV.

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.

DATE
1/22/07

DATE
2/2/01

CHIEF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTION

DIRECTOR, MCSB, NYSDOT