Bus Property Name: Dutchess County Mass Transit
Case Number: 9042
Criteria Code: Mechanical Failure
Type of Accident: Fire
Date/Time: July 21, 2006; 4:00pm
Date Reported: July 21, 2006
Time Reported: 4:47 pm
Vehicles Involved: 1
Number of Fatalities: 0
Type of Bus: Chevrolet
Bus Number: 306
Number of Injuries: 0
Passengers: Several
Occupants: na
Other: na

Accident Location: Rt 22, Pawling St.
Roadway Type: Asphalt
Traffic Control: na
Light Conditions: Daylight
Investigator: M. Palanker
Summons: na
Hours of Service: Not Relevant

Accident Description:
At approximately 4:00 pm, Dutchess County Mass Transit bus #306 was traveling on Rt. 22, North Pawling St., when the driver smelled something burning and heard a popping sound come from the engine compartment. At the same time the driver noticed smoke from the engine. He evacuated the passengers, and notified dispatch and 911 emergency. The local fire department responded and extinguished the fire. There were no injuries reported. The bus sustained extensive damage. A post accident inspection of the bus determined that the cause of the fire was the internal alternator bearing, a non-maintenance item. The repair of the bus is expected to be covered as a warranty repair by the manufacturer.

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

Date

Director, MCSB, NYSDOT

Date