On August 15, 2006, at approximately 9:05am, MTA Bus Company bus #105 was traveling west on the Long Island Expressway near Maurice Avenue when the bus operator observed smoke and flames coming from the rear of the bus. The operator safely evacuated the bus, activated the on-board fire suppression system and called dispatch for assistance. The fire was extinguished by the FDNY. There were no injuries, but the bus sustained extensive damage. The post incident inspection determined that the fire was caused by the failure of an internal bearing, a non-maintenance item, which seized the fan motor and allowed hydraulic fluid to leak onto the turbocharger and ignite.

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

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