PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: MTA NYCT
CRITERIA CODE: Fatality
DATE/TIME: October 10, 2006, 4:05 pm

DATE REPORTED: October 10, 2006
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 1
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1
TYPE OF BUS: Orion
OTHER: Pedestrian

CASE NUMBER: 9137
TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Collision
Accident Severity Index: 6.00

TIME REPORTED: 4:26 pm
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0
BUS NUMBER: 6662
PASSENGERS: 20
OCCUPANTS: N/A

ACCIDENT LOCATION: West 73rd Street at Broadway
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Traffic signal
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight
INVESTIGATOR: M. Palanker
SPEED LIMIT: 30 mph
ROAD CONDITIONS: Dry
WEATHER: Clear
SUMMONS: None
HOURS OF SERVICE: 9 hrs and 45 min in last 24 hrs/50 hrs and 10 min in last 7 days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 4:05 pm, MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) bus #6662 traveling westbound on West 73rd Street. The bus operator sounded the horn to alert a pedestrian who had stepped off the right curb at the intersection with Broadway. The pedestrian moved back up onto the sidewalk. As the bus was making a right turn, the bus operator tracked the pedestrian in his mirror and saw that he was still on the sidewalk with other pedestrians. As the bus operator continued his turn he heard a noise to the rear of the bus. At the same time, a passenger screamed that a male pedestrian had fallen down to the pavement under the bus in the area of the rear doors. The bus driver applied the brakes and stopped the bus. However, the right rear wheel of the bus ran over the upper body of the pedestrian. The pedestrian was pronounced DOA at approximately 4:12 pm. The drug and alcohol test administered to the bus driver 7 hours and 13 minutes after the accident was negative. The delay in administering the drug and alcohol test was due to the bus driver being transported to a local hospital and treated for trauma. The bus sustained no damage. The bus and bus records were reviewed and found to be in order and up-to-date. According to the investigation, the PTSB staff concluded that the bus driver was driving defensively but was unable to prevent this accident.

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

DIRECTOR, MCSB, NYSDOT

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