PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: MTA NYCT
CRITERIA CODE: Multiple Injury
DATE/TIME: March 24, 2007 at 1:52 a.m.
DATE REPORTED: March 24, 2007
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 3
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0
TYPE OF BUS: Nova/RTS-06
OTHER: Auto #1/Auto #2
BUS NUMBER: 4901
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 6
CASE NUMBER: 9305
TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Head-On Collision
ACCIDENT SEVERITY INDEX: 0.25
TIME REPORTED: 2:41 a.m.
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 6
BUS NUMBER: 4901
PASSENGERS: 70
OCCUPANTS: 1/1

ACCIDENT LOCATION: Linden Boulevard near 175th Place, Jamaica, NY
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
SPEED LIMIT: 30 mph
TRAFFIC CONTROL: None
ROAD CONDITIONS: Dry
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Dark
WEATHER: Clear
INVESTIGATOR: Harry W. Gerham
SUMMONS: None
HOURS OF SERVICE: Not Obtained

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 1:52 a.m., MTA NYCT bus #4901 was stopped on Linden Blvd., near the intersection with 175th Pl., when the bus driver observed two autos traveling side-by-side (racing) approaching the bus. Auto #1 made contact with Auto #2. Auto #1 rotated 180 degrees and collided with the front of the standing bus. The driver of Auto #1 fled the scene. Auto #2 meanwhile collided with a stationary object away from the bus. The driver of Auto #2 and five of the 70 bus passengers claimed various injuries and were transported to a local hospital where they were all treated and released. The bus sustained slight damage while both autos sustained extensive damage. No post accident drug and alcohol tests were performed on the bus driver. Bus and bus driver records were reviewed and found to be complete, in-order and up-to-date. The Public Transportation Safety Board staff found that the bus driver could not avoid involvement in the 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, PCSB, NYSDOT