BUS PROPERTY NAME: MTA NYCT
CRITERIA CODE: Mechanical Failure
DATE/TIME: April 30, 2007; 6:19 am
DATE REPORTED: April 30, 2007
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 1
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0
TYPE OF BUS: Orion
OTHER: N/A
ACCIDENT LOCATION: Roosevelt Avenue at Main Street
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
TRAFFIC CONTROL: N/A
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight
INVESTIGATOR: M. Palanker
HOURS OF SERVICE: 8 hrs and 47 min in last 24 hrs/43 hrs and 55 min in last 7 days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately, 6:19 am, MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) bus #670 moving eastbound on Roosevelt Avenue was pulling into a bus stop, when the bus driver heard a popping sound from the front of the bus and the bus dropped to the pavement. The driver stopped the bus and saw the left front wheel separate from the bus and roll across the street. The bus driver evacuated all passengers and called the Command Center. No injury claims were reported. The bus sustained slight damage. A post accident drug and alcohol test was not administered to the bus driver due to the nature of the accident. A post accident inspection of the bus, conducted by the PTSB staff in conjunction with NYCT personnel found that the most probable cause of the accident was an unpredictable (catastrophic) failure of the left front wheel outer bearing, causing the separation of the wheel from the bus. Both the bus and the bus driver’s records were reviewed and found in order and up-to-date.

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, NYS DOT