PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: Suffolk Trans. Service  CASE NUMBER: 9374
CRITERIA CODE: Fatality  TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Collision
DATE/TIME: May 21, 2007 at 4:12 pm  Accident Severity Index: 6.00
DATE REPORTED: May 21, 2007  TIME REPORTED: 5:11 pm
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 2  NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1  BUS NUMBER: 9925
TYPE OF BUS: Orion  PASSENGERS: 5
OTHER: Auto  OCCUPANTS: 1
ACCIDENT LOCATION: Montauk Hwy at Atlantic Avenue, Patchogue, NY
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt  SPEED LIMIT: 40 mph
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Stop sign on Atlantic Ave  ROAD CONDITIONS: Dry
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight  WEATHER: Clear
INVESTIGATOR: Mikhail Palanker  SUMMONS: None
HOURS OF SERVICE: 6 hrs and 22 min in last 24 hrs/53 hrs and 15 min in last 7 days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 4:12 pm, a Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. (STS) bus #9925 traveling eastbound on Montauk Hwy with an approximate speed of 30 mph, was approaching the intersection with Atlantic Avenue. An auto, moving from the bus driver’s right to left, failed to stop for a stop sign and yield the right of way to the bus. The auto entered the intersection with a high rate of speed attempting to turn left in front of the bus. The left front of the bus struck the left side of the auto. The auto was redirected to the north-east direction and came to final rest approximately 90 feet from the point of impact. The bus continued forward and to the left coming to final rest approximately 100 feet from the point of impact. The auto driver was extricated from the auto and transported by a helicopter to a local hospital, where she expired later in the day. The bus sustained moderate damage with extensive damage to the auto. The drug and alcohol test administered to the bus driver 2 hours and 47 minutes after the accident was negative. The bus and bus driver’s records were reviewed and found to be in order and up-to date. The bus sustained moderate damage with extensive damage to the auto. At the close of the investigation, PTSB staff concluded the bus driver was unable to prevent involvement in the collision.

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  DATE

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DIRECTOR, PCSB, NYSDOT  DATE