PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: Long Island Bus
CASE NUMBER: 9628
CRITERIA CODE: Fatality
TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Collision
DATE/TIME: January 6, 2008 at 4:10 am
Date Reported: January 6, 2008
DATE REPORTED: January 6, 2008
TIME REPORTED: 5:10 am
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 2
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 2
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 2
BUS NUMBER: 462
TYPE OF BUS: Orion
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OTHER: Auto
ACCIDENT LOCATION: Hillside Avenue at 168 Place, Queens, NY
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
SPEED LIMIT: 30 mph
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Traffic signal
ROAD CONDITIONS: Wet
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Dark, street lighting
WEATHER: Rainy
INVESTIGATOR: M. Palanker
SUMMONS: None
HOURS OF SERVICE: 9.5 hrs in last 24 hrs/57.5 in last 7days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 4:10 am, MTA Long Island Bus (LIB) #462 traveling westbound on Hillside Avenue was approaching the intersection with 168 Place on a green traffic signal. At the same time, an auto moving in the opposite direction at a high rate of speed, lost control, slid through the intersection into the path of the bus. In an attempt to prevent the collision bus driver applied the brakes, however, the right side of the spinning auto collided with the left front of the moving bus. Both occupants from the auto were pronounced dead at the scene. The bus driver and one bus passenger claimed various injuries, were transported to local hospitals, treated and released. The drug and alcohol test administered to the bus driver 4 hours and 38 minutes after the accident was negative. The delay in administering the drug and alcohol test was due to the bus driver being detained at the scene for the purpose of investigation. The bus and the bus driver records were found to be in order and up-to-date. The bus sustained moderate damage with extensive damage to the auto.

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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DIRECTOR, PCSB, NYS DOT

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