PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: MTA NYCT
CASE NUMBER: 9877
CRITERIA CODE: Fatality
TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Collision
DATE/TIME: August 28, 2008 at 11:54pm
Accident Severity Index: 6.00
DATE REPORTED: August 29, 2008
TIME REPORTED: 12:31am
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 1
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1
BUS NUMBER: 6194
TYPE OF BUS: Orion
PASSENGERS: 2
OTHER: Motorcycle
OCCUPANTS: 1
ACCIDENT LOCATION: Richmond Terrace at Morningstar Road, Staten Island, NY
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
SPEED LIMIT: 30 mph
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Traffic signal
ROAD CONDITIONS: Dry
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Dark, street lighting
WEATHER: Clear
INVESTIGATOR: M. Palanker
SUMMONS: None
HOURS OF SERVICE: 6 hrs and 51 min in last 24 hrs/47 hrs and 20 min in last 7days

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: On August 28, 2008, at approximately 11:54pm, MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) bus #6194 traveling eastbound on Richmond Terrace, was approaching the “T” intersection with Morningstar Road when a motorcyclist, moving in a curve in the opposite direction, lost control of his motorcycle and separated from it. The motorcyclist became airborne and moved in the direction of bus for approximately 122 feet to final rest. In an attempt to prevent a collision, the bus driver applied the brakes, however, the motorcyclist became wedged by the right front wheel of the bus and dragged forward for four feet. The injured motorcyclist was transported to a local hospital where he passed away at 12:29am on August 29th. The autopsy report indicated that the motorcyclist was under influence of alcohol and cocaine. NYC Police responded to the accident and no summonses were issued. The bus driver was administered an Alco-Sensor Test by AIS (police) which was negative. The bus and the bus driver’s records were found to be in order and up-to-date. The bus did not sustain any damage.

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, NYSDOT