

Crash Summary

On September 18, 2017, at approximately 6:16 am eastern daylight time, a 2015 Motor Coach Industries (MCI) 56-passenger motorcoach, operated by Dahlia Group Inc., collided with a 2015 New Flyer 35-passenger transit bus, operated by New York Metropolitan Transit Administration (MTA), in Flushing, NY. The motorcoach driver's intended trip was to be a two-day, round trip tour from Flushing, New York to Washington, DC. The crash occurred about 0.8 miles into the trip near the motor carrier's base of operations. The motorcoach, traveling eastbound on Northern Boulevard (NY 25A), failed to stop for a red traffic signal at the intersection with Main Street and collided with the transit bus. The transit bus faced a green right turn traffic signal and was executing a right turn from northbound Main Street onto eastbound Northern Boulevard. The motorcoach struck the left rear side of the transit bus which rotated about 180 degrees counter-clockwise. During the crash sequence, the motorcoach struck two cars, a 2009 Honda Odyssey and a 2002 Toyota Sequoia, parked along the right curb of Northern Boulevard east of the intersection. The Honda was unoccupied, and the Toyota was occupied by a driver and front passenger. The motorcoach departed the roadway, crossed over the sidewalk, and crashed into a building on the southeast corner of the intersection before coming to rest. Three pedestrians were struck during the collision. As a result of the crash, the motorcoach driver, a transit bus passenger, and a pedestrian died, six transit bus passengers and one pedestrian sustained serious injuries. The transit bus driver, five transit bus passengers, one pedestrian, and the two occupants of the parked car sustained minor injuries, and four transit bus passengers sustained unknown injuries.