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**BRYCE CANYON CITY, UT
CRASH SUMMARY REPORT**

A. CRASH INFORMATION

Location: State Route 12 (SR-12) mile marker 10.4 near Bryce Canyon City, Garfield County, Utah

Vehicle 1: 2017 Freightliner, Embassy body 37-passenger medium-size bus

Operator 1: America Shengjia, Inc.

Date: September 20, 2019

Time: Approximately 11:30 a.m. MDT

NTSB #: **HWY19MH012**

B. CRASH SUMMARY

About 11:30 a.m. mountain daylight time on Friday, September 20, 2019, a 37-passenger medium-size bus (bus), manufactured in 2017, and consisting of a Freightliner chassis and an Embassy bus body, was traveling eastbound on Utah State Route 12 (SR-12) near Bryce Canyon City in Garfield County, Utah. In the vicinity of a rest area near mile marker 10.4 at a vehicle recorded speed of approximately 64 mph, the right side of the bus departed the right edge of the roadway. As the driver steered to return the bus to the roadway, he redirected the bus to the left. The driver then steered sharply to the right and the bus began to roll left about its longitudinal axis. The bus struck the guardrail end treatment along the westbound side of the roadway and continued to roll, coming to rest on its wheels after one complete revolution. The bus was operated by America Shengjia, Inc. of Ontario, California, and was occupied by the 60-year-old driver and 30 passengers. They were on the first leg of a sight-seeing tour that originated in Los Angeles, California on September 14, 2019. The leg was scheduled to end in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 20, 2019, where another tour company was scheduled to provide transportation for the group.

Near the crash location, SR-12 is a two lane non-divided roadway that widens to accommodate dedicated turn lanes and has a slight curve to the right for eastbound traffic. The eastbound lane widens to create a dedicated left turn lane for traffic entering the rest area located to the north of the roadway. The westbound lane widens to create a dedicated right turn lane to accommodate traffic turning into the rest area. The posted speed limit in the area was 65 mph, and the weather conditions were reported as being dry and clear.

As a result of the crash, 4 bus passengers sustained fatal injuries, 17 passengers sustained serious injuries, and 9 passengers sustained minor injuries. The driver of the bus was not injured.