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NTSB to meet on fatal migrant worker bus crash

An accident that killed a bus driver and three migrant workers will be the subject of an upcoming National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) meeting in Washington, D.C.

How it happened

The crash occurred on July 2, 2016 near St. Marks, Florida when the driver of a bus carrying migrant workers failed to stop at an intersection with a flashing red signal. The bus then struck a truck-tractor semitrailer combination vehicle, which approached the intersection with a yellow caution signal. The bus driver and three passengers died as a result of the collision.

The NTSB, which has been investigating the incident, released more than 1,100 pages of factual information on Wednesday when it opened the public docket for the crash.

The docket for this investigation contains only factual information collected by NTSB investigators. The docket opening marks a transition in the investigative process where the majority of facts needed for the investigation have been gathered and the NTSB can move ahead with analysis of those facts. Opening the docket affords those with a need and desire for its contents the opportunity to review the factual information that has been gathered regarding the accident.

The analysis, findings, recommendations, and determination of the probable cause of the crash, along with any contributing factors, will be deliberated and voted on at a public board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, in Washington. In that meeting, investigators will also review circumstances of two other

crashes involving migrant workers – a Nov. 6, 2015 crash in Little Rock, Arkansas, and a June 18, 2016 accident in Ruther Glen, Virginia.