



NTSB National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Victoria, Texas

Motorcoach Rollover
January 2, 2008



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Victoria

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Monterrey, Mexico

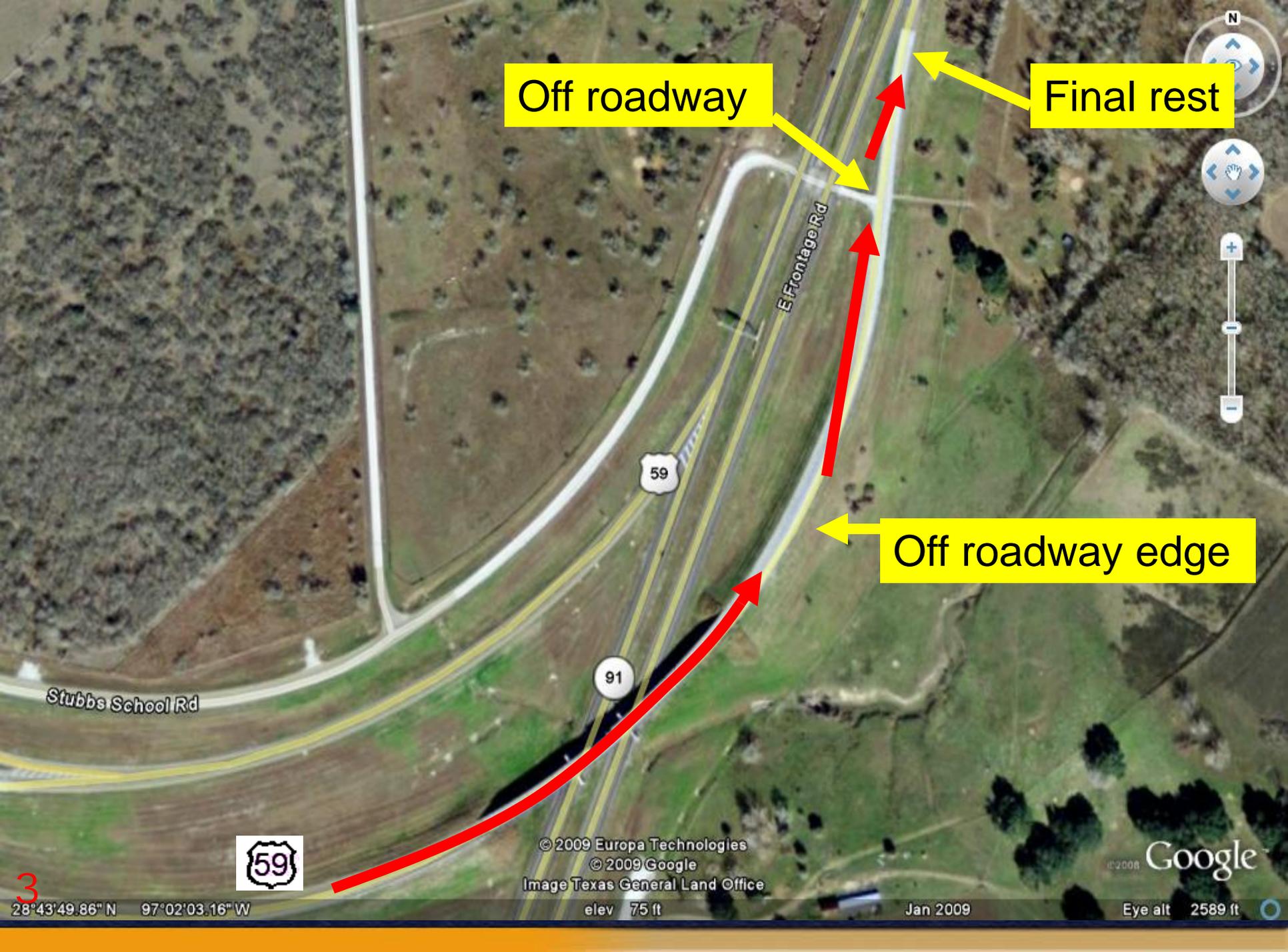
MEXICO



Off roadway

Final rest

Off roadway edge



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28°43'49.86" N 97°02'03.16" W

elev 75 ft

Jan 2009

Eye alt 2589 ft





Injuries

- Motorcoach passengers
 - 1 fatal injury
 - 46 minor to serious injuries
- Drivers
 - Motorcoach driver, minor injuries
 - Pickup truck driver, minor injuries

Public Hearing Issues/Topics

- October 7-8, 2008
- Motorcoaches do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- Noncompliant motorcoaches enter from Mexico, register and operate in the United States

Public Hearing Issues/Topics

- California and Texas registration procedures of FMVSS noncompliant motorcoaches
- Federal, state, local policies and cross-border operations of U.S. motorcoach operators

Parties to the Public Hearing

U.S. DOT OIG, Office for Surface and
Maritime Program Audits

U.S. Customs & Border Protection
Agency

Parties to the Public Hearing

FMCSA

NHTSA

Volvo de Mexico Division Buses
(Prevost Car)

American Bus Association

United Motorcoach Association

International Registration Plan, Inc.

Parties to the Investigation

Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Department of Transportation

FMCSA

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Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems

Issues

- Driver fatigue
- Lack of FMCSA oversight of passenger motor carriers
 - Scope of operating authority violations
 - Leasing agreements
 - Safety rating methodology
 - New Entrant Safety Assurance Program

Issues

- Operation of non-FMVSS compliant passenger-carrying vehicles in the United States
- Registration of non-FMVSS-compliant passenger-carrying vehicles



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