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ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TRANSIT BUS TAKING SHAPE -- Resembling a 38-foot-long Army jeep, the "Structural Test Bed" is the first physical evidence that the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB) project, also known as the "Stealth Bus", is moving forward. The bus-shaped structure is one of two test beds created by MTA's project partner, Northrop Grumman Corporation, to test material strength. The other test bed, known as the "Mobile Test Bed," will be equipped with an engine, generator, front and rear suspension systems and wheel motors in order to conduct emissions tests and other simulated on-road conditions. The structural test bed pictured here is made of a lightweight glass composite that is nearly half the weight of a conventional bus, but extremely strong.

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