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MTA FIELDS 82 PERCENT OF NORMAL BUS SERVICE ON FIRST DAY AFTER STRIKE ENDS

By 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, MTA had rolled out 1,444 buses, or nearly 82 percent of the usual weekday service, onto all 200 of its bus lines throughout Los Angeles County.

"We exceeded our expectations for service today," said Franklin White, MTA's chief executive officer. "I wish to thank those employees who returned to work so promptly. Our goal is to be back to full service by Friday."

MTA officials initially estimated that between 60 and 75 percent of normal service would be in operation Wednesday, the first day after a nine-day work stoppage.

The MTA also announced that July monthly pass holders are eligible to receive a refund for the days the strike was in effect. Pass holders may either turn their passes in at any of the nine MTA Customer Service Centers, or fill out a refund form to be available on any MTA bus in the next few days. In either case, the pass holder will receive a refund check in the mail.

MTA monthly passes for August are on sale at all monthly pass sales outlets at regular prices.

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