



NEWS

July 31, 1994

NOTICE TO MEDIA

- WHAT:** The MTA Board of Directors has scheduled a meeting to receive a status report from the MTA negotiations' team regarding the transit strike by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU).
- WHEN:** 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 1994
- WHERE:** Room 140, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration,
Los Angeles, CA

UPDATE ON CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Meanwhile, the number of buses continues to increase daily during the strike. Two more weekday bus lines will be added on Monday, bringing the total to 34 operating lines, or about 360 buses. Three additional private carriers have provided 32 additional buses to the MTA since Thursday.

The following lines will be added Monday, August 1:
Line 70, from Garvey Avenue/El Monte Terminal to Union Station, and Line 78, from Las Tunas Avenue in Arcadia to Union Station.

Riders may continue to use their July bus passes on any MTA bus; there is no fare charged on the emergency school buses being used during the strike.

When a settlement in contract negotiations is reached, the MTA will begin operating as much service as possible within twenty-four hours; however, it will take between 36 to 72 hours to return to normal service levels.

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On Wednesday, the MTA plans to provide at least partial service on all lines with the intention of restoring full service by Friday. MTA's telephone information numbers -- (800) COMMUTE, (213) 626-4455, (310) 273-0910 and (818) 443-1307 - will be operational from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesday, which is an hour longer than their normal hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Recorded information also is available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 8700-MTA.

During the nine days of the strike, MTA fielded up to 375 buses on weekdays and about 40 buses on weekends, using a combination of its own buses and equipment provided by five private companies. Substitute bus drivers drove approximately 120 MTA buses. The strike contingency fleet carried about 1.5 million passengers by the end of the first week.

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