

Funds Budgeted, but Pay Raise on Temporary Hold during Labor Talks

(June 28) While assuring employees that the money is in the MTA budget for a pay hike in FY 2001, Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky says implementation of the raise is on hold during labor negotiations.

"In approving the FY 2001 budget, the Board included funds for a cost-of-living pay raise," said Lipsky. "The MTA is committed to paying reasonable and competitive wages and maintaining our excellent employee benefits."

"The money is budgeted," he added, "but we should be evaluating wage increases for all our employees - union and non-union - at the same time. That's why we're asking non-contract employees to wait until labor negotiations are concluded before implementing the raise."

Lipsky said the raise will be given to non-contract employees, retroactive to the start of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2000, as soon as possible after labor contract settlements.

All regular and temporary regular employees in active service - including employees who are at the top or above their pay band - will be eligible for the raise. Newly hired employees must complete their six-month probationary period to be eligible for the raise.

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