

IN THE EVENT OF A STRIKE... MTA Urges Patrons to Explore Travel Options

**For strike information, call:
Strike Emergency Hotline
213-680-1531**

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(Aug. 31) The MTA is advising patrons of its Metro Bus and Metro Rail systems to make plans for other travel alternatives in the event of a strike, which could take place as early as 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, September 5.

Negotiations with three of the MTA's labor unions over the last five months have fallen short of an agreement to date. Unless a settlement or agreement to extend the negotiations is reached over the Labor Day holiday, the MTA's unions could halt bus and rail service in Los Angeles County as early as next Tuesday morning.

EDITOR'S NOTE: With the possibility of a transit strike next week, the MTA issued this news release as a "heads-up" for Metro Bus and Metro Rail patrons. Click on **EDITOR'S NOTE** for the complete story, including the latest on bargaining talks between the MTA and its labor unions.

The MTA is prepared to activate a very limited amount of bus service in the event of a strike, but the public should not rely in any way on Metro Rail or Metro Bus service.

Metro Rail and Metro Bus patrons should familiarize themselves with other travel alternatives, such as LADOT's Commuter Express, DASH bus service operated by LADOT in downtown Los Angeles, service provided by municipal and local bus operators (Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, Long Beach Transit, etc.), carpools and vanpools, and Metrolink.

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