

## **SAFETY AND COURTESY NEEDED WHEN CROSSING PICKET LINES**

(Sept. 20) With UTU pickets walking the line at the entrances of MTA buildings and operating divisions, employees should "exercise extreme caution" when crossing the lines in a vehicle, the Office of Safety and Security advises.

Drivers attempting to cross a picket line are obligated under state law to do so safely, remembering that pedestrians - even picketers - always have the right of way on sidewalks. Drivers must wait until the road or driveway is clear of pedestrians prior to moving forward.

"We all recognize," the Safety Department notes, "that personnel on the picket lines will occupy the area for a certain amount of time, from several seconds to a few minutes."

The Department asked drivers to be patient and wait until the area is clear. "Please understand that it will take some time to get through the picket line. When the line opens up for you, then proceed safely."

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