

LABOR UPDATE

- **MTA, UTU in Contact, but No Talks Scheduled**

(Sept. 28) Although negotiations between the MTA and UTU are stalled, the two parties have been in contact, but no timetable has been set for resumption of across-the-table talks.

"We're looking forward to resumption of negotiations," MTA officials said. On Wednesday, Board Chair Yvonne Burke called for the intervention of a "seasoned federal mediator who is experienced in transit issues."

MTA and ATU negotiators met briefly on Wednesday, but no talks are scheduled for the remainder of the week. Further negotiations with the TCU also are pending.

Meanwhile, First Transit, the company contracted to run a dozen MTA bus lines, rolled out 75 of its 84 buses today. Coach USA, which is under contract to run two lines in the San Fernando Valley, had all 18 buses in operation.

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