

## **MTA Negotiators Set Meetings with AFSCME, ATU, TCU, Teamsters**

(Nov. 21) Representatives of the MTA and AFSCME will open negotiations, Tuesday, Nov. 28, aimed at achieving a successor agreement to the current Memorandum of Understanding. Talks also are scheduled with the ATU, TCU and Teamsters union.

Employees represented by AFSCME have been working since May 15 under an MOU covering wages, benefits and working conditions. The MOU expires March 31, 2001.

Although many aspects of a contract were settled during the MOU negotiations, the MTA and AFSCME still need to reach agreement on such items as benefits and pension, according to Brenda Diederichs, director, Labor Relations.

### **Meeting with TCU**

Meanwhile, negotiators for the MTA and TCU negotiated Monday and were meeting again on Tuesday to discuss terms of a new labor contract. Diederichs reported that the two sides are making progress in the negotiations.

MTA negotiators expect to meet later in November with ATU representatives to continue discussions on wages, pension, benefits and other items.

"We'd like to resolve this contract as soon as possible," said Diederichs. "Once we have agreement and sign a contract, our ATU employees can begin receiving the wages and benefits agreed to in the new contract."

The MTA also has scheduled a negotiating session, Nov. 29, with Teamster representatives for the agency's security officers. At issue are wages, pension and other contract items. The Teamster contract expired Sept. 30.

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