

## **MTA, AFSCME Extend Agreement While Negotiations Continue**

(April 6) Negotiators for the MTA and AFSCME, which represents some 500 operations and other supervisors, have agreed to an indefinite extension of the memorandum of understanding that has been in effect during contract negotiations.

The MTA and AFSCME have been in negotiations on a successor contract since November 2000.

Bargaining talks between the agency and the union began Sept. 16, 1999, following a vote of a majority of supervisors in favor of union representation. In June 2000, the two sides reached a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that extended through March 31, 2001.

The two sides now have extended the MOU indefinitely until they agree on a contract or until one side gives the other 20 days' notice of cancellation.

Meanwhile, the MTA and the Teamsters union have been in negotiations since January to renew a contract that expired Sept. 30, 2000. The union represents 70 transit security officers.

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