

**MTA LABOR NEWS UPDATE**

Friday, October 24, 2003

**MTA, ATU Talks Resume;  
'Big-Ticket' Issues Still Not Resolved**

Negotiations between MTA and the ATU, representing striking mechanics, were resumed at about 1 p.m., today, in the 11th day of the transit strike. MTA negotiators have indicated a willingness to work around the clock.

Following a late afternoon start, Thursday, negotiators met until 10:30 p.m. The day was marked by the presentation of a counterproposal by the ATU, but the talks still have not resolved the big-ticket items of wages and benefits. The negotiations are expected to go into the weekend.

No contract talks were held, Thursday, between MTA and the UTU, representing bus and train operators. Negotiations are scheduled to resume, Sunday, at the County Hall of Administration.

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