

MTA LABOR NEWS UPDATE

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**MTA Board Declares Impasse in ATU Contract Talks;
Last, Best and Final Offer Issued to Mechanics**

With negotiations deadlocked, the MTA Board of Directors has declared an impasse after 17 months of contract talks with the ATU. At the Board's instruction, CEO Roger Snoble issued a last, best and final offer, today, to the mechanics union.

When negotiations broke off, MTA officials estimated that the two sides were \$37 million apart on health and welfare issues and, overall, approximately \$98 million apart. The Board said no more money can be or will be added to the last, best and final offer.

Saying that further talks with the union would yield no progress, Snoble has urged ATU leaders to present the MTA offer to its members and to recommend its approval by union members.

Negotiations with the UTU, representing bus and train operators, are expected to continue, although no further talks have been scheduled at this writing. Talks also are continuing with the TCU, representing clerks and custodians.

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