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## Board Ratifies TCU Labor Agreement; Provides Wage Increase

(Oct. 29, 2004) The Board of Directors ratified a labor agreement, Thursday, with the 650-member Transportation Communications Union.

The new three-year contract, retroactive to July 1, 2003, gives union members a 2.5 percent wage increase effective July 1, 2004 and a second 2.5 percent pay hike effective July 1, 2005.

Under the agreement, Metro will increase contributions to the TCU health and welfare fund by 20 percent as of July 1, 2003; 15 percent as of July 1, 2004; and 15 percent as of July 1, 2005.

Metro also will have equal representation on the union's Trust Fund Board of Trustees and will provide all administrative services necessary for the operation of the fund.

A contract agreement with the union was reached Sept. 15 after some 16 months of negotiations and was ratified by union members. Metro's previous contract with TCU expired in June 2003.