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Dozen Transportation Concepts Drivers Walk Off the Job

- Job action affects service on four San Fernando Valley lines

(March 14, 2006) About a dozen bus drivers walked off the job, Tuesday morning, at Transportation Concepts, a Metro contractor that provides service on four routes in the northern region of LA County.

Although other drivers reported to work, the job action caused a total of 11 missed runs on Lines 96, 167, 218 and 603, all in the San Fernando Valley.

Metro is monitoring the situation and may ask other contractors to serve the affected lines if the strike continues. Metro’s contract with Transportation Concepts includes financial penalties for missed service.

Transportation Concepts has held a five-year contract with Metro since August 2005, but has experienced on-going protests and picketing by Teamsters who drove buses on lines 96 and 167 under the previous contractor but did not hire on with Transportation Concepts.