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MTA REACHES TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

WITH UNION REPRESENTING MTA CLERKS

Tentative agreement has been reached on a new labor contract between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Transportation Communications Union, which represents approximately 600 MTA clerks.

The proposed contract includes cost-of-living adjustments and annual base pay increases for all TCU members. In addition, there is a guarantee of no layoffs and no reduction in wage rates and benefits for TCU members over the three-year term of the contract.

On the management side, the proposed agreement will enable MTA to operate more efficiently and improve customer service.

Precise terms of the agreement will be made public after the proposed contract is presented to union members and the MTA Board by the end of the month.

A new three-year contract with the United Transportation Union (UTU), which represents 4,000 MTA bus and train operators, was approved by the MTA Board July 8 following ratification by UTU members.

Bargaining talks are continuing between MTA and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), which represents 1,700 MTA mechanics and maintenance employees.

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