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MTA SERVICE UPDATE -- BUSES & TRAINS OPERATING AS TALKS WITH UNIONS TO RESUME

MTA Chairman Edmund Edelman announced today the resumption of negotiations with the leadership of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), which represents nearly 2,000 MTA mechanics.

"The State's mediator has asked us to meet with the mechanics' union," said Edelman. "The negotiation activities are reconvening this afternoon. Although we're still far apart, I'm hopeful that these new discussions with union leaders will lead to an agreement."

While the unions representing more than 4,000 MTA bus and train operators and 600 clerks reached tentative agreements with the MTA Board of Directors on July 25 and July 26, workers from both the United Transit Union (UTU) and the Transportation Communications Union (TCU) have not crossed picket lines.

"We did not want a strike," said the MTA's CEO Franklin White. "But the sooner negotiations resume, the sooner we can return to full service to accommodate our normal daily ridership of 1.2 million bus and train boardings."

On Monday, despite it being the first day of the strike, an estimated 150,000 riders boarded 318 MTA or substitute school buses, and 50,000 riders

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boarded MTA Red and Blue Line trains. Three Blue Line trains were added today to reduce overcrowding on the Long Beach to Los Angeles line.

"We're constantly refining this temporary schedule, adding buses as we go along. I'm asking the public to be patient and stay tuned as negotiations continue," White said. "Again, let me encourage carpooling whenever possible, and that employers consider shifting working hours to help alleviate congestion.

"I also apologize for the difficulties people may have had with the 1(800) COMMUTE information number," White added. We've been working with Caltrans on this, and service should get better."

The MTA has spent a total of \$198,000 to date on advertising to get the word out to the public on which bus lines are running, and to apprise the public of the key negotiating issues. Meanwhile, the MTA will seek a restraining order tomorrow to prevent any unlawful strike activities on the part of picketing employees, such as blocking or impeding the entrances to MTA facilities, or coercive or intimidating conduct toward any MTA employees.

The attached is a list of the 30 bus lines being served. Some lines may be modified, especially where MTA patrons can transfer to services provided by other carriers (see attached list for details).

MTA officials also noted that Metrolink commuter train service is also operating, and that more trains have been added. For Metrolink information, call 1(800) 371-LINK.

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BUS/TRAIN UNION STRIKE: MTA SERVICE PLAN

MTA's mechanics are on strike. The MTA offers service on the following routes, Monday through Friday only, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Many of the routes are using schoolbuses and other types of vehicles. All vehicles are identified with the MTA line number in the windshield and with the "M" logo on the outside.

FARES DURING THE STRIKE -- All regular fares: 50¢ one-way. No Transfers. Senior citizens or disabled riders: 25¢ one-way. Emergency buses (schoolbuses): FREE

Line Segments In Service			Line Segments In Service		
Line No	From	To	Line No	From	To
1- 217	Hollywood B.- Fairfax Av.	Venice Bl. Hill St.	152	Roscoe Bl. Roscoe Bl.	Lankershim Bl. Universal Pl.
16	West 3rd St. Wilton Pl.	Central Av. 6th St.	163	Sherman Way West Hills Hospital	Burbank METROLINK STATION
18	E. Whittier Bl.- West 6th St.	Lafayette Park Pl. 6th St.	180	Hollywood- Glendale-Pasadena	Hollywood Bl. LaBrea Av.
21	Wilshire Bl.	UCLA	204	Vermont Av.	REGULAR SERVICE
30	East 1st St.	Dozier Av. Rowan Av.	207	Western Av. Franklin Av.	Western Av. Franklin Av.
31	Pico Bl.	Rimpau Bl. Pico Bl.	210	Crenshaw Bl. Orange Dr.	Hawthorne Av. Orange Dr.
33	Venice Bl.	Main St. Sunset Av.	212	La Brea Av. SF Valley	Selma Av. El Centro Av.
45	Broadway	Huntington Dr. N Monterey Rd.	240	Reseda Bl.	REGULAR SERVICE
76	Valley Bl.	Union Station	251	Soto St. Palm Pl.	Seville Av.. Palm Pl.
81	Figueroa St.	Century Bl. Figueroa St.	260	Atlantic Av.	Atlantic Av. Hardins St.
92	Glencaks Bl.- Brand Bl.	Sylmar/SF METROLINK	420	SF Valley- Hollywood-LA	Van Nuys METROLINK
105	Vernon Av.	Washington Bl. Adams Bl.	424	Ventura Bl.-LA	REGULAR SERVICE
108	Slauson Av.	Mesner Av. Jefferson Bl.	442	Hawthorne- Manchester-Express	REGULAR SERVICE
115	Manchester Bl.- Firestone Av.	Manchester Bl. Sepulveda Bl.	470	Whittier- Montebello-LA	Beaudry St. 5th St.
117	Century Bl.	LAX City Bus Center	560	Van Nuys Bl.- Westwood	Veteran Ave. Sepulveda Bl.
125	Rosecrans Av.	Rosecrans Av. Sepulveda Bl.	Metro Blue Line		7th/Metro Station
			Metro Red Line		REGULAR SERVICE

*Connections

AV=Antelope Valley Transit Authority BL= Metro Blue Line CA= Carson Circuit CB= Commerce Bus Line CC = Culver City Bus Lines CE= Commuter Express DA= DASH
 FT= Foothill Transit GB= Gardena Bus Lines LB= Long Beach Transit MB= Montebello Bus Lines ML= Metrolink OC= Orange County Transit NT= Norwalk Transit
 RL= Metro Red Line SC= Santa Clarita Transit SM=Santa Monica Municipal Bus TT= Torrance Transit WT= Whittier Transit



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Metrolink trains will also continue to operate their routes. Schedules and other route information may be obtained by calling 1-800-COMMUTE (1-800-266-6883). All information is subject to change.

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