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MTA PREPARES TO RETURN TO FULL SERVICE FOLLOWING RATIFICATION OF MECHANICS UNION CONTRACT

The majority of MTA bus and rail lines are scheduled to roll into service Wednesday following the Amalgamated Transit Union's contract ratification vote, with full service scheduled to be restored by Friday.

Bus and Blue Line fares for all routes will remain at 50 cents until Sunday, announced County Supervisor Edmund Edelman, MTA's chairman, with Red Line fares continuing at 25 cents.

"We are keeping the fare at 50 cents for a few days as a gesture of our appreciation to the more than 1 million riders of MTA buses and trains who were negatively impacted during the recent work stoppage," Edelman said.

"We are delighted by the news of the ATU ratification vote," continued Edelman. "We commend the ATU for scheduling their vote quickly so our buses can roll again. Hopefully, these contracts will lead to a new era of improved labor relations for the MTA and better transit services."

"Now that we have reached fair and equitable agreements with all three of MTA's principal unions, we can return to the business of providing quality public transportation to the citizens of Los Angeles County," said Franklin White, MTA's chief executive officer.

"As we gear up our operations, we want to remind all ATU, UTU, and TCU members to contact their divisions or work stations by phone for an update on work plans. All returning employees should prepare to report for their regularly scheduled shifts beginning Wednesday morning," White said.

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