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MTA BOARD APPROVES NEW THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATIONS UNION

The MTA Board today approved a new three-year contract with the Transportation Communications Union (TCU) following ratification last week by the union's rank and file. The TCU represents over 600 MTA clerks.

The contract provides quarterly cost-of-living wage adjustments in addition to a 1.5% wage increase each year. The pact also reduces MTA's annual contribution to the TCU Health and Welfare Trust Fund while continuing to maintain the present level of benefits.

Other provisions include allowing the Authority to hire part-time employees to do either custodial or customer information work. It is anticipated that use of part-timers will reduce overtime and provide management with more flexibility in scheduling the workforce.

"The new contract is a win for both MTA and its over 600 dedicated clerks," said MTA Chairman and Los Angeles Mayor Richard J. Riordan. "It allows MTA to remain competitive and flexible during this period of fiscal restraint while making good on our pledge of no layoffs and no decrease in wage rates and benefits."

"I commend the TCU leadership for its willingness to reach an equitable settlement," said MTA Interim CEO Linda Bohlinger. "Both sides were sincere in their desire to avoid any work stoppage and that commitment paid off."

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The MTA Board approved a new contract with the United Transportation Union (UTU), the union that represents 4,000 MTA bus and train operators, on July 14, 1997. Negotiations with representatives of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), which represents 1,700 MTA mechanics and maintenance staff, are continuing.

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