



MTA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE ★

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TO: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ELECTED OFFICIALS
FROM: *Cow for* GISSELLE ACEVEDO-FRANCO
SUBJECT: LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

The attached statement was released today regarding labor negotiations. MTA's Metro Bus/Rail schedule information is accessible by calling 1/800-COMMUTE or visiting the MTA web site at www.mta.net.

If you have any questions or are in need of further information, please contact Claudette Moody at 213/922-2232 or Audrey Noda at 213/922-2238.

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**MTA BUS OPERATORS EXTEND CONTRACT ONE WEEK;
REGULAR METRO TRANSIT SERVICE CONTINUES**

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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the United Transportation Union (UTU), which represents MTA bus and train operators, have agreed to a one-week extension of the UTU contract through Monday, July 7. The UTU contract would have expired at midnight tonight, June 30. During the next week, negotiations will continue in order to reach agreement on a new contract. Regular Metro Bus and Metro Rail service on all MTA lines will continue during this period.

Contracts with MTA's two other major labor unions, the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), representing mechanics and maintenance employees, and the Transportation Communications Union (TCU), which represents MTA's clerks, expire at midnight tonight, however, neither the ATU or TCU can strike without first giving the MTA legal notice. ATU must provide 90 days notice and TCU must give 60 days notice. Neither union has yet given notice.

The MTA is hopeful new labor pacts soon will be reached with all three unions and that a work stoppage can be averted. If there is a strike after July 7, the MTA has developed a contingency plan that will deploy limited service on key Metro Bus lines as well as service on the Metro Red, Blue and Green lines. Service will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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**MTA BUS OPERATORS EXTEND CONTRACT ONE WEEK;
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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the United Transportation Union (UTU), which represents MTA bus and train operators, have jointly announced that they have agreed to a one week extension of the UTU contract through Monday, July 7. The UTU contract would have expired at midnight tonight, June 30. During the next week, negotiations will continue to reach agreement on a new contract. Regular Metro Bus and Metro Rail service on all MTA lines will continue during this period.

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MTA Media Brief

From: MTA Communications

June 30, 1997

TO: MTA Board of Directors

FROM: 
Marc Littman

- All major media outlets today asked about the status of labor negotiations. During the morning and mid-day, Rae James said that the MTA hoped that a walkout could be avoided, but that in case there was a strike that the MTA had prepared a contingency plan which called for service to be provided on 41 bus lines and the MTA's rail system. The Authority is prepared to field up to 350 buses and reduced train service. Subsequent to the Board meeting today, Media Relations issued a statement notifying the public of a seven-day extension of negotiations with the UTU, and that, therefore, MTA bus and rail service would continue until further notice.

For further information, contact Jim Smart 213-972-2713.