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Dear Members,

The Union met with the TriMet negotiation team this morning to exchange contract proposals. This begins the 150 day timeline in the negotiations process.

TriMet did not wish to propose or entertain any ground rules, but specified that the press and/or general public would not be allowed to observe the negotiations process. It has always been, and remains to be, the position of the Union that the press and general public have a right to observe the contract negotiations in accordance with ORS 192.660(3). The parties are currently awaiting a decision from the Oregon Supreme Court that could dictate that the press and general public are allowed in "open meetings," therefore opening the negotiations to the public.

TriMet did not make any economic proposals. Instead they made eight substantive proposals which can be found below. These proposals largely focus on TriMet's desire to expand its ability to hire from outside of the District, including maintenance apprentices and full time operators, and TriMet's desire to contract out maintenance work.

The Union proposal is also available below. It contains 148 individual proposals in the order in which they can be found in the current WWA. These proposals were compiled from member suggestions collected over the last year. The Wage Committee has spent many hours working on these proposals in an effort to get back all that was lost in the last round of contract negotiations.

If you have any questions about the Union's proposals or the negotiations process, please speak to your Executive Board Officer.

In Solidarity,

ATU 757 Wage Committee