



# AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION

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September 29, 2016

Randy Stedman, Executive Director,  
Labor Relations and Human Resources  
TriMet  
1800 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Re: Contract Opener Letter of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Randy,

I am in receipt of your September 27<sup>th</sup> letter. Here are my thoughts on scheduling times, dates, and place for the first negotiation session. I know you're looking forward to a productive negotiating session resulting in competitive wages, benefits, and working conditions. The dates I have available are either November 9<sup>th</sup> or November 10<sup>th</sup> at Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757 located at 1801 NE Couch Street in Portland.

Please let me know which one of these dates work for you as my calendar is filling up quickly.

Sincerely,

Shirley Block

President – Business Representative

cc: Neil McFarlane  
Jonathan Hunt  
Mary Longoria  
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November 7, 2016

Randy Stedman  
Executive Director, Labor Relations and Human Resources  
TriMet  
1800 SW 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 300  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Re: November 10, 2016 Meeting

Dear Randy:

I write to clarify the purpose of our November 10, 2016 meeting. ATU 757 understands that the purpose of the meeting is to set ground rules for bargaining and agree on a date at which we will commence good faith negotiations and exchange initial proposals. Neither ATU 757 nor TriMet will exchange proposals or commence bargaining at the November 10 meeting.

Therefore, the 150 calendar day period will not begin on November 10. See ORS §243.712(1). Please confirm by tomorrow, November 8, 2016, that you agree with ATU's position regarding this meeting as stated in this letter.

Sincerely,

Shirley Block  
President – Business Representative

Cc: Jonathan Hunt, ATU Vice President – Assistant Business Representative  
Mary Longoria, ATU 757 Financial Secretary Treasurer

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Ms. Shirley Block  
President-Business Representative  
Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757  
1801 NE Couch Street  
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**RE: Bargaining Session**

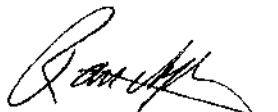
Dear Shirley:

Thank you for your letter dated September 29, 2016, regarding scheduling the first bargaining session. I will poll our bargaining team to see if November 10, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. is available. I will be out of town next week, so you can expect to hear from me on October 10 to firm up the date. November 9 is a TriMet Board meeting, so that date is unavailable.

We would suggest that the AFL/CIO facility is a better location for a negotiation session because it has more adequate space. We would be happy to contact AFL/CIO to schedule their downstairs space, but please let me know if you prefer to do that.

If the ATU can have its proposals available to exchange on November 10, TriMet can be ready, too. Let me know if you would like to do that.

Sincerely,



Randy M. Stedman  
Executive Director, Labor Relations & Human Resources

Copy: TriMet Contract Bargaining Team



November 8, 2016

Ms. Shirley Block  
President-Business Representative  
Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757  
1801 NE Couch Street  
Portland OR 97232

**RE: November 10, 2016 Bargaining Session**

Dear Shirley:

We were disappointed to receive your letter dated November 7, 2016, stating the ATU will not be prepared to exchange proposals at the initial bargaining session scheduled for November 10. This is somewhat concerning because we raised the issue of exchanging proposals at this session in correspondence dated September 30 and got no response, until yesterday. When we scheduled the initial bargaining session, you made no mention of limiting the initial bargaining session to ground rules.

TriMet will be present on November 10, and we will be prepared to exchange proposals. TriMet has no ground rules to propose, but regarding the permissive subjects of bargaining at issue during the last negotiations, the status quo will prevail: negotiations will be closed to the public, and there will be no audio or visual recordings allowed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy M. Stedman".

Randy M. Stedman  
Executive Director, Labor Relations & Human Resources

Copy: TriMet Bargaining Team