

September 27, 2016

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

**RE: Notice of Contract Opening**

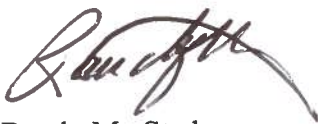
Dear Shirley:

As you know, the current collective bargaining agreement between TriMet and the ATU expires on November 30, 2016. Please accept this letter as TriMet's notice that it desires to open negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement. We look forward to commencing negotiations with the ATU at a mutually convenient time and place.

In accordance with ORS 243.712 and .756, the District also provides notice that during the hiatus period between contracts, TriMet will maintain the status quo regarding those items required by statute. However, TriMet declines to increase wages under Article 9, Section 1, Par. 1 during the hiatus period. TriMet also declines to pay any increase in health insurance premiums under Article 1, Section 9 during the hiatus period.

Please let me know your thoughts about scheduling the time, date, and place of the first negotiation session. In advance, I look forward to productive negotiations, resulting in competitive wages, benefits and working conditions that continue to attract and retain a quality workforce at a sustainable cost.

Sincerely,



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

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