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DAILY UPDATE:

Thank you all for your ongoing support and patience through this trying time. We are working hard to keep you informed and answer your questions as they come in, but things really are changing hour to hour. Here is what we have for you today:

- TRIMET SIGN UP: We know that a lot of people have been hearing rumors about a special sign-up. First, we want to say that we have not yet agreed to anything. Please do not take what you hear through the grapevine as fact. However, what is true is that there probably will have to be a special sign up to cover the remainder of Spring (through May 30). This is necessary to 1. Account for people calling out sick or exercising their right to COVID leave, and 2. To allow for strategic service based on ridership numbers/distancing needs. What we can tell you is that we have successfully avoided layoffs. This has been and will continue to be our priority, along with your health and safety. Thank you for your patience as we attempt to figure this out.
- COVID LEAVE: We are also sure that you have a lot of questions about the Emergency Paid Sick Leave and special FMLA benefits coming available April 1.
  - o We are currently working with TriMet on the guidance and form for this. We hope that it will be available to fill out on Monday.
  - o Unfortunately, the law is not retroactive and the leave cannot be used before April 1st.
  - o If you have specific questions about whether you are eligible for the leave, please email [KristaC@atu757.org](mailto:KristaC@atu757.org) or call your employer's Human Resources Department.

Please continue to monitor our Facebook and website for information during this time for information about sign-ups, leave, and ongoing safety issues.

Again, we appreciate all the hard work you are doing and are incredibly proud to represent you as you keep our communities' essential workers and essential trips going through this extraordinary situation.

In Solidarity,

Union Leadership