

# ATU Wins Arbitration!

ATU Locals 1056, 1179 & 726's Interest Arbitration Award;  
Granted by Impartial Arbitrator selected by MTA & Locals

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Locals 1056, 1179 and 726 prevailed in Interest Arbitration with the MTA in a decision released today (Monday, December 20, 2021). Local 1056 President/ Business Agent, Mark Henry, Local 1179 President/ Business Agent Jose Dejesus, and Local 726 President/ Business Agent Daniel Cassella applauded their members who strongly supported their union leaderships efforts to achieve a just and fair contract during a process that extended more than three years. Impartial Arbitrator Howard Edelman – selected jointly by the MTA and both locals – awarded the members raises effective May 16, 2019 (2%), May 16, 2020 (2.25%), May 16, 2021 (2.5%) and May 16, 2022 (2.75%); the contract runs through May 15, 2023.

“Throughout this process and especially in Interest Arbitration, we emphasized how our members, on the front lines keeping our city functioning during Covid, perform the same duties as the other MTA bargaining unit involved in NYC Transit's bus operations and should be compensated accordingly,” stated President Henry. “Moreover, we demonstrated the MTA's ability to pay existed.

ATU Local 1056 represents bus operators and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division with routes extending into the Bronx and Manhattan. Local 1179 members operate and maintain MTA Bus routes serving Queens with some routes extending into Brooklyn and Manhattan. ATU Local 726 represents bus operators and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Staten Island bus division.

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