

Transit Unions To MTA: Negotiate! ATU 1179 & 1181 Rally outside Two Broadway

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Queens, NY – Members of Amalgamated Transit Union Locals No. 1179 and 1181 called on the MTA to negotiate fairly and equitably as they rallied outside the transit agency's Two Broadway HQs in lower Manhattan, Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

ATU Local Presidents/ Business Agents Bennie Caughman (1179) and Michael Cordiello (1181) said the agency refused to offer fair contract terms on a par with those received by Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 100's bus operators and

maintenance workers in the MTA Bus Company. While most think in terms of subway workers and MTA NYC Transit bus operators and maintainers, the Local 100 contract settlement included its members in the MTA Bus Company which include the former private lines that operated under a franchise agreement with New York City before the MTA takeover of the private bus companies.

View the YouTube [playlist](#) of the rally (four video clips in all), including interviews with Presidents [Caughman](#) and [Cordiello](#) and City Council Civil Service and Labor Committee Chairman I. Danek [Miller](#). As the rally concluded, ATU members [chanted](#) "equal pensions, equal pay."

Council Member Miller, a former bus operator and ATU 1056 past-president, joined the ATU locals at the rally.

Since MTA settled with Local 100's former private line workers, there is no reason it cannot settle with ATU 1179 and 1181 who also represent workers from former private lines.

ATU 1179 represents bus operators, mechanics and supervisors who work from the Far Rockaway and JFK Depots (former Green Bus line). ATU 1181 represents bus operators and mechanics who work from the Spring Creek Depot (former Command Bus line).

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