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ATU Local 1056 Declares Impasse Petitions PERB

Statement

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After months of collective bargaining MTA decides to abandon its pursuit of a collective bargaining proposal with Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Locals 1056 and 726 which the MTA itself introduced. As a result of this backtracking by the MTA no voluntary resolution could be reached and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Locals 1056 and 726 regretfully must declare an *impasse*.

What becomes clear as the day is the MTA is at it again! After more then two years of relentless but futile bargaining we find it necessary to declare an impasse. It appears that the only pattern that the MTA is willing to accept is the one that denies fair contract to more than of 70,000 union employees. Other than the TWU Local 100 arbitration decision, none of some 25 unions that collectively bargain with the MTA have contracts. The MTA seeks to force agreements not patterned after the reasonable arbitration decision. It remains unreasonable for the MTA to seek to impose demands inconsistent with the TWU Local 100 contract that covers the same workers doing the same work but under a different bargaining agent.

The Unions filed a petition with the Public Employees Relations Board to appoint a mediator to try to bring this matter to an appropriate resolution.

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Locals 726 and 1056 represents drivers and mechanics who work respectively for MTA New York City Transit's Staten Island and Queens bus divisions.

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