



Transit Union Members vote to Authorize Strike

Phoenix, AZ [June 13, 2017] – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1433 announced today that members employed by First Transit West Division voted to authorize a strike. The Collective Bargaining Agreement expires officially at midnight June 30, 2017.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1433 will be meeting with First Transit Wednesday and Thursday this week to attempt to settle the Collective Bargaining Agreement covering hundreds of valley bus Operators. First Transit is a British Multi-National that contracts with the City of Phoenix to manage bus Operations for millions of dollars in taxpayer-funded profit. The parties have been in negotiations since early 2017.

From Bob Bean, President of Local 1433;

"First Transit is playing games. We know it, our members know it and the community knows it. We need to get this deal done to ensure that our riders can continue to count on us. We will not allow our members to be victimized as a result of First Transit's conduct. A strike may happen"

The result of the strike vote was:

98% - Yes
2% - No

A strike has been authorized by the membership.

The Amalgamated Transit Union is the largest labor organization representing transit workers in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1892, the ATU today is comprised of over 190,000 members in 264 local unions spread across 44 states and nine provinces. Composed of bus drivers, light rail operators, maintenance and clerical personnel and other transit and municipal employees, the ATU works to promote transit issues and fights for the interests of its hard-working members. For more information, please visit: <http://www.atu.org/>

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