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Your Right To Know:

NYC Homebuyer Programs

By: Michael Enriquez



One of these programs can give you as much as \$100,000! Scan the QR code to learn more!

Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Draft Plan Released.

By: Michael Enriquez

The long awaited Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign draft plan was released on December 1st, 2022. Beginning in January 2023, the MTA will host public events and workshops to gather additional input before releasing the Proposed Final Plan.

It's important for Bus Operators' to realize that Bus Network Redesigns are nothing more than a nicely wrapped productivity giveback disguised as an "improvement". A productivity giveback is an initiative that increases worker productivity with little to no extra pay. We saw this happen with the Bronx Bus Network Redesign where a particular depot saw; vehicle time increase by 17.5%, trip counts increase by 132 and total run pay only increase by 4%. The MTA achieves this by making bus routes as straight as possible and removing bus stops which results in reduced runs and schedules that squeeze an extra trip or two into your spread for little or no extra pay.

Our Contract Demands Must Be Clear!

By: Frank DeJesus & Daniel "Danny" Cruz

With contract negotiations getting underway soon we must have an idea as to what our demands will be. The last 3 years have been unlike any other that we have seen. Therefore, our contract should be unlike any other.

NYCTA workers' were hit extremely hard by COVID-19. We lost 170+ brothers and sisters during the pandemic (sadly, higher than any other agency in the city). Respectfully, we were hailed as "heroes" yet, reaped no reward for our valiant efforts. Fast forward to today in a post pandemic world coupled with anti-police sentiments from our politicians, our city has spiraled into utter chaos.

Daily, our brothers' and sisters' are subject to physical and verbal abuse from people who are being protected by the city more than we as workers' are. The large exodus of homeless and emotionally disturbed individuals who were displaced by the overwhelmed shelters during COVID invaded our transportation system and have not left. These people assault us and without bail are let out within a few hours to continue with their day as if they didn't ruin ours.

It is obvious from what is transpiring around us that our safety must be of paramount concern this contract. We deserve just compensation that outpaces the drastic increases in inflation we've experienced paired with retroactive hazard pay for all we went through during the pandemic. All free of any concessions! We literally gave our blood these last three years!

Now, more than ever, should our Union place emphasis on organizing our membership and stop allowing the MTA to set the stage in this contract fight. We must recognize our worth!!

Is Kingsbridge Depot a Seniority Violation Haven?

By: Michael Enriquez

If you work out of Kingsbridge depot, it's no secret that SLD Marc Soto tampers with the work. An investigation that included privately interviewing affected Bus Operators' and reviewing work assignments revealed that their seniority has been negatively affected in various ways including; being taken of their run, being assigned work that does not coincide with the extra list slot they picked and even being taken off of a hold down they rightfully picked! All to appease to the beneficiaries of SLD Soto's nepotistic practices.

With the 2023 General Pick coming to an end, nearly 10% of the Bus Operators' at Kingsbridge Depot picked out. Several complaints to the location union have fallen on deaf ears. Will mum continue to be the word?

There is currently a petition circulating urging the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to conduct an investigation with regards to SLD Soto's nepotistic practices.

If your seniority was negatively affected, we strongly encourage you to sign the petition.

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