



# Amalgamated Transit Union

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Office of the International President

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Dear Presidents and Business Agents:

We are emailing to share information about an important transit worker assault study that will be taking place at your agency: the FTA Transit Worker and Rider Safety Research Project, which FTA awarded to the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), the International Transportation Learning Center (ITLC) and the Mineta Transportation Institute after ATU offered our support in the application process.

CUTR and their research team will be visiting properties where your members work in the coming months and will need your support to access members to obtain feedback regarding safety in transit. Additionally, we are asking you to distribute the survey linked below to your membership – and encourage members to complete it – in order to ensure that members’ voices are heard in this vital study.

Survey link to distribute: [https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0DLqeT2MRZPIMea](https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0DLqeT2MRZPIMea)

The overall project goal is for CUTR and its research partners to provide (1) tools and guidance to transit systems regarding strategies for reducing the likelihood of assaults and resultant injuries and fatalities, and (2) recommendations to FTA for how to conduct a “bold and innovative pilot demonstration project” concerning transit worker assault reduction. We know how committed and passionate you are on these issues and, again, we want to ensure significant input from Local ATU members.

CUTR would like to coordinate with you and other local union leaders before CUTR arrives on site to conduct interviews and distribute surveys on your properties. The tentative schedule for CUTR’s visits is below. We will be sharing your contact information with the researchers to allow them to reach out and plan with you directly.

Agency	Targeted Case Study Visit Date (or confirmed date)
BART	Week of May 20, 2024
CTA	Week of May 27, 2024
LA Metro	August 20, 2024 (confirmed)
MBTA	April 3, 2024 (confirmed)
Metro MN	Week of July 8, 2024
NJ Transit	Week of May 6, 2024
Pittsburgh Regional Transit	Week of June 24, 2024
WMATA	Week of April 15, 2024

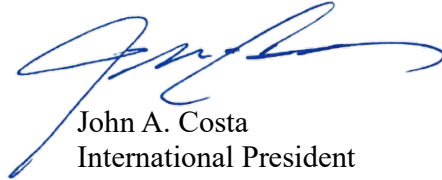
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Please send any questions about this research study to [officeofthepresident@atu.org](mailto:officeofthepresident@atu.org). Thank you for supporting our allies in the research community as they seek innovative solutions to the transit worker assault crisis.

In solidarity,

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John A. Costa  
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