



# NEGOTIATIONS NEWSFLASH

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## Bosses' Stalling Tactics Lead to Nowhere

The District continues to bring nothing of substance to the negotiation table. We have not seen **ONE** written proposal from the District in the six weeks since we sat down together, and we are supposed to have this wrapped up in a mere 7 weeks!

In addition to not exchanging proposals with us, the District continues to offer up only one to two days a week to negotiate. Last week we spent a day and a half together, and that is what is scheduled for this week as well. SEIU has offered to negotiate any and every day to bring you a fair and reasonable contract before June 30. The livelihoods of our members, as well as the peace of mind of the riding public are at stake and we take that seriously, even if the District doesn't.

We are also meeting one and a half days a week with the District, the negotiations team meets together daily to strategize, do research and work on a better means of communication with the membership. Our latest means of communication is our new webpage developed by team members Cass McCoy, Shannon Duke and Joe Bomberger, and under the most helpful guidance of our media mentor, Carlos Rivera from SEIU 1021. Check it out at: [www.SEIUBART.org](http://www.SEIUBART.org). This page just came on line and is still a work in progress. If you have any suggestions of things you would like to see on the site, please let us know.

The **C**ontract **A**ction **T**eam is still seeking recruits, building their strategy and planning events. If you are curious about the different areas where they need help, and think you can contribute in any way or amount of time, please contact [Naima.Bullock@SEIU1021.org](mailto:Naima.Bullock@SEIU1021.org). If you see articles about BART in the press that you don't agree with – respond on the blog or a Letter to the Editor.

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Hopefully the next time the Newsflash is published, the District will have stopped negotiating through press releases and gossip columns and have actually put something across the table. We can always hope!

**LAST MINUTE UPDATE – NOON, MAY 12:** The District handed over proposals this morning:

16.4 Holiday Overtime  
16.5 Holiday Scheduling  
MOU 045 – 8/Addendum  
MOU 046 – 8 Settlement of Holiday Staffing in RS&S  
MOU 063-5 Holiday Staffing in Oakland Non-Revenue Vehicle Shop

The District is proposing that management be allowed to dictate holiday scheduling and staffing.