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To: Local 17 Transit Supervisors

From: Your Local 17 Negotiations Committee

Subject: Contract Negotiations Status

King County and Local 17 recently reached a Tentative Agreement on your next labor agreement. There are minimal changes that are outlined below. While Local 17 would have preferred a three-year agreement, the county was only interested in negotiating a 12-month agreement given the uncertain budgetary and leadership climate.

We settled on an 18-month contract. Because of the changing Executive leadership and the tenuous budgetary status, despite our efforts, we were unable to secure a COLA past 2010, as they declined any alternative on the COLA except a re-opener. There is a reopener in this contract to specifically negotiate COLA for 2011. There is no furlough language in this contract.

The County has at this point, withdrawn its proposal for a 2011 furlough. Local 17 has taken the position that no furloughs would be considered until there is full disclosure of the budget and the number of positions that would be saved from a furlough is made apparent.

Unfortunately, for the 2010 budget year, we have lost two bargaining unit positions in this contract, one of which was filled by a long-term and valued County employee. The County has stated that furloughs would not have saved these positions. The contract changes are listed below. Please refer to the Local 17 website, at http://www.ifpte17.org/units/county/king/transit_sups/ for the complete red-lined version of the new contract.