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MTA Paratransit Workers Reach Agreement with MV Transportation, ending strikes in Brooklyn and Staten Island ATU Local 1181 secures strong contract after two days of federal mediation with private contractor

New York, NY – After almost two weeks on strike and two days of federal mediation, ATU Local 1181-New York, NY has reached a tentative agreement with private contractor MV Transportation that covers the MTA paratransit workers in Brooklyn and Staten Island, NY.

Their deal includes substantial wage increases, strong health benefits and other critical improvements for the more than 570 MTA paratransit workers and their families. The Union is expected to hold a ratification vote on the agreement soon.

“We are happy to report that we have reached a tentative agreement with MV that recognizes the commitment and dedication of these paratransit workers to safely transport the elderly and people with disabilities who depend on this service – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Local 1181 President Michael Cordiello. “These workers showed what you can achieve when you stand together in solidarity for what you deserve.”

Contract negotiations between MV and the Union had been ongoing since August 2019 with the major sticking points including wages, poor healthcare and other issues. On May 14, the Union membership followed the negotiating committee’s recommendation by overwhelmingly rejecting the company’s “Best and Final Offer” and authorizing the strike. Left with no other option, the workers walked off the job on May 28.

“I am proud of these workers and the solidarity, resolve and unity that they have shown during their strike, which was critical to securing the fair and just contract that they got,” said ATU International President John Costa, who last week visited with the striking workers on their picket lines in Brooklyn and Staten Island. “This is a victory for living wages for transit workers, a victory for fair treatment on the job, and a victory for riders and their community. This shows that Together We Fight, Together We Win!”

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