



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (November 17, 2022) - Pittsburgh Regional Transit's Board today approved a four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85 that includes wage increases, pandemic bonuses, and changes to work and discipline rules.

The union, which represents 2,200 drivers, mechanics, and other laborers, ratified the agreement on Sunday.

"Our employees are the backbone of this agency, and we could not fulfill our mission of serving the people of Allegheny County without them," said PRT CEO Katharine Kelleman. "I believe this is a fair agreement that shows deference to our employees' hard work, allows us to attract and retain employees, provide better service to our riders, and ensure long-term stability in our system."

Negotiations for the new CBA began in fall 2021. The previous two-year agreement expired on June 30, 2022.

The new contract includes wage increases totaling 12.75% over four years, increasing the starting wage for a new operator to nearly \$25 an hour and the top rate to more than \$38 an hour, keeping PRT employees among the highest paid transit workers in the nation.

The CBA includes bonuses of \$1 per hour, up to \$4,000, based on hours union employees worked between March 2020 and June 2021, the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The agreement also reduces the number of schedule adjustments each year, providing transit planners more time to analyze ridership trends so they can make more informed scheduling decisions.

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