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TEAMSTERS VOTE MOVED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 11

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Board of Directors has authorized a new, amended contract offer to its union bus drivers, mechanics, utility workers and service workers consistent with recommendations from a State Mediator. Upon request from union representatives, the vote on this new contract offer has been moved to Friday, March 11th. These District employees, who are members of Teamsters Local 186, will review and vote on whether to accept this new contract offer, or to reject it and initiate a strike. All MTD buses will run as normal on Friday, March 11th.

Passengers seeking up-to-the-minute information regarding the availability of bus service can access the MTD website at www.sbmtd.gov or tune in to their local media. After the vote on Friday, MTD will have and will report updates to the media in time for the evening news programs, as well as to print and online media.

For more information or to check routes or times, check the MTD website (www.sbmtd.gov), utilize the new Google Transit trip planning tool, check MTD's Facebook and Twitter pages, or call 805-963-3366.

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