

Make your voice heard at the CapMetro Board meeting in support of your ATU 1091 transit workers!

When: Monday, July 27th at 12:00 PM

Where: Rosa Parks Boardroom, CapMetro HQ, 2910 E. 5th St., Austin, TX 78702

What: Sign up to make a public comment at least 2 hours before the meeting begins. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes for one topic or 5 minutes for multiple. Ask to address two topics if you think you can speak for the full five minutes: the contract negotiations with Keolis AND the proposed increase to bus fares.

How: Call 512-369-6040 or email boardofdirectors@capmetro.org to register. Comments may be delivered in person (preferred!), by phone, or by video call with Microsoft Teams.

Please try to share your feelings to the Board in your own words, but the below script might help you form your thoughts:

“Good afternoon, my name is [name] and I ride route(s) ____.

I’m [calling/speaking/writing today] in support of ATU 1091 and my local drivers, mechanics and operations staff whom they represent. Union workers reached out to warn you Keolis was an anti-union company and you voted to accept their contract anyway, so now our bus service is at risk. A strike would disrupt my daily life, but I know where to lay the blame. Keolis has failed to negotiate in good faith, and this Board has enabled them.

At the very same time our transit workers are fighting for fair wages and working conditions, this Board is considering raising fares for bus service. The people of Austin are already struggling to make ends meet in one of the most unaffordable cities in the country, and this Board feels it’s appropriate to scrape our wallets for more while their contractor short-changes their workers. Austinites should not have to spend a single cent more to ride the bus, especially when they know their transit workers are overworked and underpaid.

I will not accept this Board washing their hands of the bargaining agreement negotiations. Keolis has a contractual obligation to the Board to bargain in good faith and a timely manner. I am calling on this Board to apply pressure and urge Keolis to meet their obligations to the Board, the city of Austin, and the transit workers who serve it every day.

Thank you and I yield any remaining time,
[Name]”

We Ride or Die for our Transit Workers! Solidarity with ATU 1091!