

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, METRO TRANSIT DIVISION
AND
AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, LOCAL 1005**

2026 BLUE LINE SHUT DOWN - BLUE LINE BUS BRIDGE

Whereas, Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit Division (“Metro Transit” or “Employer”) and Amalgamated Transit Union (“ATU” or “Union”) are parties to a collective bargaining agreement effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026.

Whereas, as part of the “Renew the Blue” project, the Metro Transit Blue Light Rail Line (“Blue Line”) is scheduled to be shut down for maintenance work from June 16, 2026 to approximately August 20, 2026;

Whereas, a Bus Bridge of replacement buses will provide service to Blue Line rail passengers along Hiawatha Avenue;

Whereas, the Employer and the Union desire to modify the labor agreement to provide for train operators impacted by the Blue Line shutdown to pick bus operator Bus Bridge work;

Now therefore, Metro Transit and ATU agree to the following:

1. For the pick occurring on June 13, 2026, train operators will pick in seniority order for both Blue and Green Lines.
2. It will posted in pick area that anyone picking Blue Line is picking to drive Bus Bridge.
3. In order to avoid train operators only working early or late shifts, Bus Bridge work will be picked by Blue Line operators with a similar profile (similar hours) as regular Blue Line work prior to the start of the bus pick.
4. Blue line operators will be able to choose other bus work as overtime during the shutdown.
5. Blue line operators will retain miscellaneous status after the shutdown as long as they meet the six duty annual requirement.
6. Any current train operator hired from the street will be provided dual bus seniority based on their current train operator seniority, with an effective date of the signed agreement.
7. All train operators will be evaluated on their ability to operate a bus at the Instruction Center and then trained based on their ability. Train operators hired off the street will receive full training.

