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## Support your transit workers!



About 100 members and supporters of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757 rallied at rush hour March 9 at Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square to protest TriMet positions in collective bargaining. Among other things, the tax-supported public transit agency is proposing to eliminate its long-standing apprenticeship programs for light rail and bus mechanics.

Local 757 is also challenging what union officers say is a scheme to privatize bus service for the benefit of big companies like Amazon and FedEx. TriMet received state funds to expand transit service, and passed those funds to Multnomah County, which subcontracted with a private company called ecoShuttle to provide free weekend bus

service from Gresham Transit Center to the Amazon and FedEx facilities in Troutdale. The shuttle follows the route of TriMet Bus #81, driven by nonunion drivers who are paid as little as \$15 an hour.

The rally date marked 150 days since TriMet and Local 757 began bargaining a new contract, and it's the point at which either side could declare impasse and set a clock ticking toward mediation and binding arbitration. So far, neither side has pulled that trigger, and further negotiations took place March 12 and were scheduled for March 19. TriMet is saying it doesn't have to negotiate over the apprenticeship program, but Local 757 is disputing that before the Oregon Employment Relations Board. A decision may come by mid-April.

## Vancouver Columbian newspaper gets rid of union supporters

Times must be tough at *The Columbian*. Vancouver's daily paper — where workers voted 19 to 8 to unionize last October — announced three layoffs on March 16. Two of them were members of the union bargaining team and leaders of the union campaign, including photographer Nathan Howard, the union's spokesperson. What are the odds? Surely owner Scott Campbell wouldn't use layoffs to get rid of union supporters, would he? Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild is filing unfair labor practice charges.

### CORRECTION

In our March 6 edition we reported that there are fewer than 40 daily newspaper editorial cartoonists today, down from 2,000 in 2000. That was in error. The 2,000 figure was for 1900.

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