

Speak Out Now! at AC Transit 5/20/19

Management Shows Us Just How They Feel

If you've been around Hayward BART recently, you've seen that there's a new porta-potty for drivers. For some of us, it's more convenient than walking into the BART station or over to Lucky's. Others think this is just another gimmick from AC, with many wondering if it will stay clean or how long it will take before the public figures out how to get in there.

This is yet another example of how management views our needs, as an afterthought. Why has it taken so long for any action? Is this the best they think we deserve? They say they have plans to develop a real break room with facilities for us by October. We have to make them follow through on their promise, otherwise we will continue to get treated as an afterthought.

Sure, It's All Our Fault?!

Some of us saw management had this message displayed on the sign outside the yards earlier in the month, saying: *"Ensure Adequate Rest to Prevent Driver Fatigue."*

Really? Does this mean they don't want us answering their calls to cover runs?

Install to Remove

Have you noticed any of the old buses in the yards that looked stripped out? It's funny the way things work at AC, you take parts from older buses to fix other old buses. They do it from the engine, to the radio, to the windows and the doors. Basically with any part you can think of. The bosses even go so far as having us rebuild an engine in a coach and then strip it out, hoping we can use it for later. Anything to give a little more life to the busses that have been run down by the road.

Now if they do this with the most important tool we all use (a bus), it's not so hard to understand the way they treat us.

Our Contract Needs Our Input

Our contract expires at the end of June. You would think negotiations have already started but who actually knows? What was discussed in the last union meeting? What has been posted on Facebook? Did anyone get an email?

Negotiating our contract is not like haggling a price at a garage sale. This is our lives and our future. Union reps are not miracle workers. Our active involvement is necessary if we want to see a change.

Bargaining Update...



Speak Out Now Summer BBQ

Join Us For:

Great food and children's area.
Discussions on science, politics, and
how we can fight for a better future!

Tickets are \$5. Talk to your distributor
to get one!

Sunday June 30th, 12-4pm