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ATU International PRIDE Caucus Established

The ATU is excited to announce the formation of ATU's International PRIDE Caucus! The PRIDE Caucus will serve as a gathering place for our ATU members who identify as LGBTQIA+ and allies, providing networking and teambuilding across different properties, roles, levels, races, abilities, and ethnic backgrounds. The mission of the ATU International PRIDE Caucus is to build more equitable Locals for all ATU members that go beyond living up to the ideas of our oath not to discriminate. The Caucus will also strive to empower and strengthen our LGBTQIA+ members and allies with pride and dignity to help lead and transform our working conditions by collaborating with other caucuses and ATU's COPE Committees. The Caucus also plans to provide training, education, and networking opportunities and will serve as a sounding board to inform ATU leadership across our Union of policies, procedures, training, and other actions needed to advance a strong, supportive, and equitable environment for all ATU members.

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New Winnipeg, MB, Local 1505 President to Push for Improved Safety, Better Working Conditions and Wages



The new President of Local **1505**-Winnipeg, MB, is starting off his new term with a commitment to fight for our members on the job to keep them safe, paid, and treated fairly. Local President Chris Scott, who was hired to drive for Winnipeg Transit in 1999, said, "Safety has really become the biggest issue. I never thought when I started that there would be a requirement for shields or the discussion of a security force or police (patrolling buses), but... these are now serious discussions that have to be had." Late schedules and fare dodging are

the biggest contributors. To try and save costs over the years, Winnipeg Transit has cut the time drivers have to get to and from locations. High-profile incidents of violence have raised the issue of driver and commuter safety. Our Local 1505 brother Irvine Jubal Fraser was killed six years ago after a passenger stabbed him multiple times in response to him announcing his route was over. Safety shields were then installed. More needs to be done, said Scott, and he intends to be the squeaky wheel that gets the grease.

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Our Local 382-Salt Lake City, UT, Kicks Off Joint Rail Apprenticeship Program



Our Union is continuing to set the standard for apprenticeship programs in the transit industry. The latest is in Salt Lake City, UT, where our Local **382** kicked off the first class for its Rail Apprenticeship programs this week. The class included members from their Bus Apprenticeship, Light Rail Apprenticeship, Heavy Rail Apprenticeship, and Body Shop Apprenticeship Programs. More than 3,800 of our members have graduated from ATU Apprenticeship and Workforce Development programs. As a U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Ambassador, our Union has joined a national movement to expand, diversify, modernize, and strengthen Registered Apprenticeships across America.

Celebrate Rosa Parks' Birthday with Transit Equity Day, Feb. 4, 2023



To mark Rosa Parks' birthday on February 4, 2023, the ATU is once again joining with transit, environmental groups, and allies to highlight the rights of all people to high-quality public transit run on clean energy for the annual Transit Equity Day. Actions in cities across North America will be taking place to raise awareness of the rights of all people to high-quality public transit that runs on clean, renewable energy. Every citizen should have access to affordable, reliable, and safe public transportation regardless of age, race, or class.

This day of action will also help support the rights of workers to organize in the sectors that build, operate, and maintain public transportation. Please join us in honoring Rosa Parks' historic act of resistance to not give up her seat on the bus, which was the critical spark that ignited the civil rights movement. Learn more about getting involved in Transit Equity Day by clicking below.

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Our Local 1578-Lowell, MA, Teams with Police Union and Community Groups to Collect 1,000 Gifts for Holiday Toy Drive



Every holiday season, our Locals and members give back to their communities by helping make the holidays special for children and families in need. These past holidays were no exception. Among our Locals in the holiday spirit was our Local **1578**-Lowell, MA, who teamed up with the Lowell Regional Transit Authority, the Lowell High School Hockey Team, the Lowell Police Superior Officer's Union, and others to collect more than 1,000 toys and gifts for the Lowell Police Department's eighth annual Holiday Toy Drive. The new, unused, and unwrapped toys and gifts

donated were distributed by Lowell Public School social workers, Brigid's Crossing, a shelter for teenage mothers, and the Lowell Department of Children and Families. Let us know if your Local did a holiday drive or other charitable activities around the holidays by emailing officeofthepresident@atu.org.

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Check Out Our New ATU International Website



If you still have not had a chance to check out the new ATU website, please visit <https://www.atu.org> to see the updated and sleek look. It features a new design, easier navigation, more videos, and other upgrades. You can see the latest news, campaigns, and other important information impacting you, your Local, our Union, and our industry. There will be more exciting features soon, so please visit our new website to take a look around and also tell your fellow members to check it out by clicking below.

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