

CARHAUL CONTRACT UPDATE:

Members Vote Overwhelmingly to Authorize Strike; Negotiations Resume in Michigan

Over the weekend, Carhaul Teamsters covered under the National Master Automobile Transporters Agreement (NMATA) voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike in the event no agreement is reached before June 1.

"This overwhelming vote sends a clear message to the employers. They know we are serious. We won't back down until we have secured the strongest national contract possible," said Avral Thompson, Director of the Teamsters Carhaul Division and Co-Chair of the Teamsters National Automobile Transporters Industry Negotiating Committee (TNATINC).

The in-person strike authorization vote was conducted by local unions and ballots were tabulated yesterday. All members are instructed to continue working and report to work as normal until such time as officially instructed otherwise by the negotiating committee.

Yesterday, the TNATINC resumed negotiations in Romulus, Mich. They are prepared to stay at the table until a tentative agreement is reached, or the contract expires. "The committee now has the ability to call a strike if we don't reach a deal with the employers before next Tuesday's deadline. As we have said from the beginning of negotiations, we will not extend the contract," Thompson said.

The NMATA and its supplements cover thousands of Teamsters across the country and expires Tues., May 31 at midnight.

The Teamsters Carhaul Division will continue to keep members informed in the days and weeks ahead. Stay tuned for more updates and visit our division page at www.teamster.org to learn more.