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## ***Veolia Transportation and Teamsters Local 848 Reach Agreement*** *Six Year Deal Will Extend through July 2017*

**Los Angeles, CA, December 7, 2012** - Veolia Transportation and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 848 have reached an agreement on their contract for service for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Agency (LACMTA). The Teamsters represent the 87 operators who drive fixed route buses for the LACMTA.

Under the new contract the operators will reach top wage in a five year progression. The previous contract called for a fifteen year progression.

"It was important for us to ensure our operators' wages are sustainable," said Veolia's Regional Vice President Duane Eskierka. "We achieved that by changing the wage progression."

Each operator receives a wage increase twice each year; on the anniversary of their hire date and on the anniversary of the contract start. Under this new agreement all of the 87 operators will reach the top wage progression by August 2017.

"Teamsters Local 848 would like to commend Veolia Transportation for putting together a respectable economic offer for of all their drivers," said Eric Tate, Teamsters President 848. "For more than ten years Veolia and local 848 have successfully negotiated over 20 union contracts without a work stoppage and for that this local union applauds their professionalism and their ethics to negotiate in good faith."

In addition to wages, full time operators will be eligible for five sick days after one year of service. The previous contract allowed for three sick days. Vacation days will remain the same however employees will be eligible for two weeks' vacation after two years.

### **About Veolia Transportation**

Based in Lombard, IL, Veolia Transportation is the largest private-sector operator of multiple modes of transit in North America, including bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle, and sedan and taxi services, via its Transit, Rail and On-Demand Divisions. Veolia Transportation is committed to setting the standard in safe and sustainable mobility solutions through partnerships with cities and transit authorities.

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