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Local 689 Getting Ready to Fight for Workers and Riders

(Forestville, MD) June 10th, 2019 – Executive Board members, Shop Stewards, Presidential Cabinet, and Rank and File members of Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 689 spent the entire weekend in training and strategy sessions planning for our 2020 contract negotiations with WMATA. We believe that this upcoming contract will determine the fate of public transportation and economic justice for our entire region.

Members received instructional lessons from Roger Toussaint, the former President of Transport Workers Union Local 100, who led the famous 2005 NYC Transit Strike. The training ran from Friday through Sunday and focused on making a detailed analysis of WMATA's all out assault on our pensions, our jobs, titles, our livelihood and dignity. Training sessions also focused on our responsibility to fight with transit riders to lower fares and expand service. The two and a half day long training was held at the Tommy Douglas Center in Silver Spring, MD.

ATU Local 689's contract with WMATA expires one year from now and our officers all gave commitment to fight like we never have before, to secure our livelihood and better the system for the riding public. #CONTRACT2020

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Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689 is comprised of more than 13,000 members performing occupations within the many skilled transportation crafts for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), MetroAccess, DASH, and the DC Streetcar. A member of the Amalgamated Transit Union (AFL-CIO/CLC), the largest labor organization representing transit workers in the United States and Canada, Local 689 was established on January 19, 1916. For more information please visit our website at atulocal689.org.