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## COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) For A.T.U. Local 587 Members Working at King County Metro Transit

In the contract between King County Metro Transit & A.T.U. 587 (Article 14, Section 2, pages 66 & 67) it states that our cost-of-living adjustment is based on the **U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers and subsequent revisions (all cities figure; 1992-1984 = 100)** for the one year period reported in October 2008 with a guarantee of a wage increase of 90% of inflation that is no less than 3% but no more than 6%.

The calculation of the amount of inflation and what the wage adjustment will be goes as follows:

Step 1: Take the index for the last month of the one year period and subtract the index for the first month of the one year period. The period goes from September to September.

The index for Sept. 2007 is 203.889; the index for Sept. 2008 was 214.935:

$$214.935 - 203.889 = 11.046 \text{ difference}$$

Step 2: Divide the difference (11.046) into the starting index (203.889).

$$11.046 / 203.889 = 5.42\% \text{ inflation}$$

Step 3: Multiply the inflation rate (5.42) times 90%.

$$5.42 \times 0.9 = 4.88\%$$

For more information on the C.P.I. you can go to:  
<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>

The paycheck you receive from Metro on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, will be the first that reflects your new hourly wage, and will include hours you worked from Saturday, November 1st on, at the new rate.

In solidarity,

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