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Transit Workers and Riders Call on CTA to Hire More Workers, and Improve Reliability During City Council Hearing on Transit

WHAT: Press conference

WHEN: Wednesday September 14, 2022 12:00 pm

WHERE: On Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4350514206>

WHO: Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa (35th Ward), ATU Local 241 President Keith Hill; ATU Local 308 President Eric Dixon; W.

Robert Schultz, III, Active Transportation Alliance; Fabio Gottlicher, Transit for All Campaign and Commuters Take Action;

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Background: On Wednesday September 14th, [During the hearing of the Chicago City Council Transportation Committee](#) called for by 35th Ward Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, and during the press conference prior to the hearing, the Presidents of the unions representing the transit workforce will speak out about the need to hire more workers to improve service, safety and reliability on the CTA. Transit advocates and riders organizing with Chicago Jobs with Justice's Transit for All campaign will call on [CTA President Dorval Carter's to do more to staff up the CTA in order to improve on-time service](#). Organizers have an active petition and encourage all riders to sign up: https://www.transit4all.org/petition_en. Workers, riders and transit advocates will cite the recently released [Meeting the Moment Action Plan](#) put forward by CTA President Carter and point out remaining gaps that will leave positions unfilled. They will identify changes CTA can make to improve working conditions for transit operators. The Transit for All campaign is working in partnership with the Transit Center which released the following report in July: <https://transitcenter.org/publication/bus-operators-in-crisis/> The Transit Center report contains recommendations to address short-staffing in Chicago and other major cities in the U.S. The Metropolitan Planning Council, the Active Transportation Alliance and Chicago Jobs with Justice recently published this letter in the Tribune on improving staffing and service on the CTA: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/letters/ct-letters-vp-080622-20220805-r7cypcl6rrdyjnld2vsz3l7ute-story.html>

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