

# COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

By and Between



**Port of Seattle**

And

**Teamsters Local Union No. 117**

Affiliated with the  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

**REPRESENTING BUS DRIVERS**



**Term of Agreement**

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## **AGREEMENT**

### **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

This Mutual Agreement has been entered into by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union No. 117 (hereinafter referred to as the Union), and the Port of Seattle (hereinafter referred to as the Port), collectively herein referred to as the Parties. The purpose of this Agreement is the promotion of harmonious relations between the Port and the Union: the establishment through collective bargaining of the equitable and peaceful procedures for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, benefits, and other terms and working conditions of employment.

### **ARTICLE 2 - UNION RECOGNITION**

2.01 The Port recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for the classification positions covered by this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

2.02 In accordance with RCW 41.56.037, the Union will be given thirty (30) minutes to meet with new employees of the bargaining unit within ninety (90) days of employment at a mutually agreeable time to discuss matters concerning the rights of employees, responsibilities of the Union, and services available to the membership. A Union Representative, Shop Steward, and/or Local Union member will be responsible for the presentation. Only the new employee will be released from duty with pay.

### **ARTICLE 3 – PAYROLL DEDUCTION**

3.01 The Port shall notify the Union as soon as possible of any deduction authorization received by the Port. Upon receiving notice from the Union, the Port agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each Union member or each non-member voluntary financial supporter covered by this Agreement who has voluntarily so authorized it, the initiation fee, and regular monthly dues, assessments or voluntary non-member financial supporter fee. Such authorization for deductions may be made in writing, electronically or through recorded voice. The Port shall transmit fees and dues to the Union once each month on behalf of the employees involved. If a deduction error is identified, the error will be addressed as soon as practicable.

3.02 The Port agrees to notify the Union of any new employees employed in classifications covered by this Agreement within five (5) business days from date of hire.

3.03 A Union member or voluntary financial supporter of the Union may cancel their payroll deduction authorization in accordance with the terms of the Union's payroll deduction authorization form by giving written notification to the Union. If the Union receives such written notification, confirmation will promptly be sent to the Port by the Union when the terms of the employee's signed payroll deduction authorization form regarding cancellation have been met.

The Port will make an effort to end the automatic dues deduction effective the first pay period but no later than the second pay period after receipt of the written cancellation notice.

3.04 The Union agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Port for any actions taken pursuant to this Article. The Union agrees to refund to the Port any amounts paid to it in error upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - BULLETIN BOARDS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Two (2) bulletin boards found to be mutually acceptable and in compliance with the needs of limited use by the Union shall be provided by the Port. Each of these bulletin boards shall be located near or in bargaining unit employee break areas. It is understood and agreed that the Union shall maintain the bulletin boards and that no material shall be posted which is obscene, defamatory, endorses or opposes candidates for public office or which would impair Port operations.

Union Stewards may make limited use of the Port's telephones, FAX machines, copiers, and similar equipment for purposes of contract administration in compliance with the Port's policies governing use of public resources. In addition, Stewards and Union staff may use the Port's electronic mail system for communications related to contract administration and sending notices, provided they comply with the Port's policies governing electronic mail and internet use. In no circumstances shall use of the Port's equipment interfere with operations and/or service to the public.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - UNION REPRESENTATIVE ACCESS**

The Port agrees to allow reasonable access to Port facilities for Union Representatives who have been properly authorized by the Union for contract administration purposes. Such access shall be permitted in a manner as not to interfere with the functions of the Department or the Port. This Article shall apply within the constraints of federal or state regulations and statutes.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - PAY PERIODS**

All employees shall be paid biweekly, and in no case shall the Port hold back more than fourteen (14) days' pay. No deductions shall be made from paychecks without the written consent of the employee, except as provided by federal, state, or municipal law. If the Port makes a payroll error resulting in an employee being owed five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more in gross straight-time pay, the Port shall make payment to the employee in the form of a separate check given to the employee within three (3) business days (for the purposes of this Article, business days shall be defined as Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). If the Port makes a payroll error resulting in an employee being owed between one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in gross straight-time pay, the Port shall make payment to the employee in the form of a separate check given to the

employee within five (5) business days. If there is a payroll error resulting in an employee being owed less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in gross pay, the Port will include the pay correction on the employee's next regular pay check.

If an employee is overpaid in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, the employee will pay back the Port in four (4) payments, taken out of the next four (4) paychecks. If the amount of overpayment is less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), it will be taken in two (2) equal amounts out of the next two (2) paychecks.

No claim by an employee of any discrepancy in pay shall be considered by the Union or the Port unless filed within thirty (30) days after receipt of the paycheck containing such discrepancy. The thirty (30) day limitation shall not apply, however, where the discrepancy arises from failure by the Port to authorize payment of a general automatic wage increase called for by this Agreement.

As a condition of continued employment, all employees are required to participate in the Port's direct deposit program for payroll purposes.

## **ARTICLE 7 - UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

All uniforms or specified wearing apparel necessary in the performance of their work shall be furnished, laundered, or cleaned by the Port at no cost to the employee. All wage personnel will be required to wear Port authorized uniforms.

Upon ratification, all bus drivers shall be issued one (1) additional jacket in the same style as the jacket previously issued to the PSSR members.

## **ARTICLE 8 – HOLIDAYS**

8.01 Employees shall receive thirteen (13) paid holidays and designated days of normal observance as indicated below: (Except as otherwise provided in Sections 8.02 and 8.03 below). Employees shall be eligible for personal holidays after completing the probationary period.

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>Normal Day of Observance</u>
New Year's Day	January 1
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	Day to be designated by Port each year
Fourth of July	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25
Four (4) Personal Holidays	Dates Selected by Employee

Employees shall individually select personal holidays of their choice to be used each calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Such personal holiday usage shall be subject to Port management's approval in each case. Personal holidays must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year or will be lost. Requests for cancellation of approved personal holidays can be made; however, to insure approval, personal holiday cancellation requests must be submitted prior to the biweekly bid process that includes the requested cancelled days. Employees do not have a right to displace another employee from scheduled work due to personal holiday cancellation unless cancellation is the result of an unforeseen personal hardship. Unforeseen Holiday shifts will be offered in seniority order.

Holiday pay for regular part time and unscheduled part time employees shall be prorated on an average daily work schedule per week, calculated over a five (5)-week period.

8.02 Holiday pay for full-time regular employees shall be eight (8) hours at the employee's regular rate of pay. All full-time regular employees shall be paid for all holidays indicated in Section 8.01 above regardless upon which day of the week the holiday shall fall, except as provided in Section 8.03 below. Employees working on holidays shall receive one and one-half (1½) extra days pay which shall be added to their regular biweekly pay. Except for personal holidays, holidays listed under Section 8.01 above shall be observed to coincide with dates commonly observed by State authority in lieu of the above. Any such readjusted schedule shall be established in December of each year for implementation in the following year. To be eligible for holiday pay, a full-time employee must have been on Port compensated time during the thirty (30) calendar days preceding the holiday. Such qualifying compensated time shall be limited to time worked, paid vacation, paid sick leave, bereavement leave, or jury duty.

8.03 If a holiday falls on an employee's normal day off, the employee may exercise the option of taking another day off within thirty (30) days; otherwise, holiday pay will be paid.

## **ARTICLE 9 - HEALTH AND WELFARE**

9.01 Effective June 1, 2023 (based on May hours), and each month thereafter during the period this Collective Bargaining Agreement is in effect, the Port agrees to pay to the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust c/o NORTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS, INC. for every employee covered by this Agreement who was compensated for eighty (80) hours or more in the preceding month as follows. The preceding month shall be defined by an eligibility date range that has been established as administratively appropriate by the Port and the Trust.

a. Health & Welfare - Contribute the total sum of \$1,585.60 per month for continued benefits under "PLAN A" (price includes an additional \$18.00 for domestic partner coverage) with Time Loss "Plan A" (\$18.00), and Life Insurance "Plan A" (\$8.60).

b. Dental - Contribute the sum of \$122.70 per month for continued benefits under the "PLAN A" (price includes an additional \$2.20 for domestic partner coverage).

c. Vision - Contribute the sum of \$17.30 per month for continued benefits under the "EXTENDED BENEFITS" (price includes an additional \$0.20 for domestic partner coverage).

Effective June 1, 2023, each employee eligible for benefits in any month shall contribute one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) toward the cost of the Health & Welfare monthly premium. Effective December 31, 2024, each employee eligible for benefits in any month shall contribute one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) toward the cost of the Health & Welfare monthly premium.

Effective December 31, 2025, each employee eligible for benefits in any month shall contribute one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) toward the cost of the Health & Welfare monthly premium.

The Union will assist the Port in acquiring information from the medical benefits trust to insure that the Port is in compliance with the ACA. At any time during the term of this agreement, if the benefits provided by Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust become subject to an excise penalty, the parties agree to meet and discuss the impact. In the event the Affordable Care Act's Multiemployer Safe Harbor rule sunsets, the parties agree to open this section with respect to reporting and eligibility.

9.02 Maintenance of Plans. The Trustees may modify benefits or eligibility of any plan for the purposes of cost containment, cost management, or changes in medical technology and treatment. If increases are necessary to maintain the current benefits or eligibility, or benefits or eligibility as may be modified by the Trustees during the life of the Agreement, the Port shall pay such premium increases as determined by the Trustees.

9.03 The Port agrees to provide to each unscheduled part time employee a yearly calendar that shows the health and welfare eligibility date range for each month of the year in January that includes January of the following year.

9.04 Retirees' Welfare Trust. Effective June 1, 2023, based on May hours, contribute the sum of \$94.85 per employee per month for continued benefits under the "RWT PLUS PLAN." Monthly premiums required by the welfare trust, to maintain retiree coverage, greater than \$94.85 per month shall be paid by the employee through wage diversion.

Effective June 1, 2023, based on May hours, the Port shall contribute the following for continued benefits under the Retirees Welfare Trust "RWT-PLUS PLAN", and the Port shall reduce each member of the Bargaining Unit's wages by an amount equal to one half (1/2) of the monthly premium per member.

Effective June 1, 2023	\$94.85
Effective January 1, 2024	TBD
Effective January 1, 2025	TBD
Effective January 1, 2026	TBD



**ARTICLE 10 – PENSION**

10.01 Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund. Effective as designated below, the Employer shall pay the amounts stated below to the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund on account of each of its employees who perform the work listed under the classifications and wage section of this Agreement for every hour for which compensation is paid, said amounts to be computed monthly, provided that the maximum annual contribution shall be limited to 2,080 hours:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Basic Contribution Rate</u>	<u>(*Program for Enhanced Early Retirement) *PEER/84 Contribution Rate</u>	<u>Total Contribution Rate</u>
6/1/23	\$2.78	\$0.18	\$2.96
1/1/2024	\$2.83		\$3.01

The contributions required to provide the Program For Enhanced Early Retirement (PEER) will not be taken into consideration for benefit accrual purposes under the Plan. The additional contribution for the PEER/84 must at all times be 6.5% of the basic contribution and cannot be decreased or discontinued at any time.

The contributions shall be due and payable to the area administrative office no later than twenty (20) days after the end of each month. In the event the Employer fails to make the monetary contribution in conformity with this Article of the Agreement, the Trustees shall be free to take any action which is necessary to effect collections, and the Employer shall pay all costs of collections, including reasonable attorney fees.

Vacation time will be considered as time worked for the purpose of the Employer contribution referred to above.

10.02 Pacific Coast Benefits Trust. Effective June 1, 2023, the Port shall pay into the Pacific Coast Benefits Trust, on account of each member of the bargaining unit with at least two (2) years of continuous service, an amount equal to one dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35) for each hour for which compensation is paid to such employee. The total amount to be computed monthly.

**ARTICLE 11 - VACATIONS**

11.01 At any time after the successful completion of the probationary period, employees may request and use vacation leave of up to the number of hours accrued at the time of the

desired vacation date. Vacation hours shall be accrued hourly based on straight time hours paid based on the following accrual rates:

Ten (10) days' vacation during the first(1<sup>st</sup>) through the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) years of service  
(0.038461 x 2080 annual hours = 10 days per year)

Fifteen (15) days' vacation during the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) through the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) years of service  
(0.05769231 x 2080 annual hours = 15 days per year)

Twenty (20) days' vacation during the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) year of service through the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) years of service (0.0769231 x 2080 annual hours = 20 days per year)

Twenty-one (21) days' vacation during the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) year of service and beyond.  
(0.080693 x 2080 annual hours = 21 days per year).

Vacation pay shall be calculated on the basis of an employee's straight-time hourly wage.

11.02 When paid holidays, as outlined in Article 8 of this Agreement, fall within an employee's vacation period, employees shall receive holiday pay and will not have vacation deducted that day.

11.03 Whereas the Port and the Union recognize the importance of employees utilizing accrued vacation leave to promote and enhance their mental and physical well-being, employees shall attempt to use vacation leave during the year in which it is earned. To that end, an annual vacation bid process shall be conducted and additional vacation request procedures are established as outlined in Article 19.

11.04 Employees are strongly urged to take vacation in the year following the eligibility date when it was earned. No more than two hundred forty (240) hours of vacation may be carried over at any time.

11.05 Employees must use all accrued vacation and sick leave prior to using leave without pay. Leave without pay must be approved by management in advance.

11.06 The Port shall pay employees who terminate following the six (6) month probationary period, 100% of any accrued vacation, at the employee's hourly rate at termination, as a lump sum. The lump sum payment shall not be subject to pension and benefit contributions .

11.07 Requests for cancellation of approved vacation can be made; however, to insure approval, vacation cancellation requests must be submitted prior to the biweekly bid process that includes the requested cancelled days. Unscheduled part time employees shall not be involuntarily displaced from scheduled work due to vacation cancellation of regular employees, except in cases of emergency. Emergencies may include an employee's or family member's illness, injury, or death.

## **ARTICLE 12 - SICK LEAVE**

12.01 Employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of .025 per hour compensated.

Sick Leave will accrue in two banks.

Bank 1) Protected Sick Leave. .025 per hour worked will accrue as Washington Protected Sick Leave. Employees may utilize this leave in accordance with the minimum requirements of the Washington State Sick Leave Law, RCW 49.46.210. Employees shall be notified on each paystub of the amount of Protected Sick Leave they are entitled to use for authorized purposes as defined by the law. Employees shall be entitled to carry over up to a maximum of forty (40) hours of accumulated Protected Sick Leave into the following calendar year.

Bank 2) Paid Sick Leave. .025 will accrue as Paid Sick Leave per hour compensated, but not worked.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> of every calendar year Protected Sick Leave in excess of forty (40) hours will be transferred to bank 2.

Probationary employees shall accrue Paid Sick Leave but may not use sick leave from bank 2 until they have successfully completed probation.

Accruals in bank 2 will be computed, up to a maximum accumulation of sixty (60) days of unused Paid Sick Leave, subject to the limitations listed below. There is no limit on the amount of Protected Sick Leave that may be accrued in a calendar year.

12.02 Paid Sick Leave shall be used only in instances of bona fide employee illness or injury (or others as required by law) resulting in absence from work as normally scheduled and shall not be converted to any other benefit or lump sum payment upon termination except as provided in 12.05 below.

12.03 Paid Sick Leave and Protected Sick Leave shall be at the employee's regular rate. Foreseen Paid Sick Leave of one (1) week or more for unscheduled part time employees shall be charged based on their hours compensated during the preceding five (5) week period.

12.04 A physician's statement may be required after the employee is off work for more than three (3) consecutive working days, was previously denied vacation leave for the same period of time, or an established pattern of absences exists (in this instance the Employer must have previously had a counseling session with the employee and given the employee an opportunity to explain the alleged pattern, and inform the employee of the need for a physician statement at the time of the sick call).

12.05 After completion of five (5) years continuous service, an employee who terminates shall receive payment for fifty percent (50%) of their accumulated Paid Sick Leave, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of sixty (60) days, which shall not be subject to pension and benefit contributions.

12.06 Paid Sick Leave is not available for medical or dental appointments; however, Protected Sick Leave may be utilized pursuant to RCW 49.46.210.

12.07 Shared Leave. Employees may participate in the Port of Seattle's Shared Leave Program outlined in HR-5. The Port of Seattle's Shared Leave Program shall not be a bargainable issue. However, the Port agrees to provide advance notice of any changes to Shared Leave to the Union.

### **ARTICLE 13 – OTHER LEAVE**

13.01 Paid Parental Leave. The Port shall continue to provide Paid Parental Leave to members of this bargaining unit. Eligibility, participation, and terms of the Paid Parental Leave shall be provided to the bargaining unit members as outlined in Port policy HR-5. The Port may change or modify its Paid Parental Leave policy and/or procedures. If the Port desires a change/modification the Port agrees to provide the Union with advanced written notice.

13.02 Paid Family Leave. The Port shall comply with the requirements of the Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave Act and shall have full discretion on meeting those requirements (e.g. Voluntary Plan), which shall not be subject to the grievance procedure or to any other provision of this Agreement or to negotiation by the Union. However, the Port agrees, that for the term of this agreement, the Port shall make contributions to the chosen plan (i.e. State, Approved Voluntary) on the employee's behalf.

### **ARTICLE 14 – WORKERS COMPENSATION AND WORKPLACE ACCOMMODATION**

14.01 Supplemental Pay. At the employee's discretion, an employee may use sick leave during approved workers compensation time-loss periods. Sick leave supplements will be paid in amounts sufficient to bring the total pay up to the normal bi-weekly rate. When sick leave is exhausted, vacation leave may be paid in the same proportion as described for sick leave to bring total pay up to the normal bi-weekly rate.

14.02 Disability Case Management. The Port of Seattle will provide all employees with reasonable accommodation and return-to-work assistance as determined on a case-by-case basis. Appropriate Port of Seattle personnel will work with the employee to comply with any and all legal requirements and insurance policies. Such legal requirements and insurance policies may include the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Family Care Act (FCA), workers compensation and long-term disability insurance.

14.03 Declining Light Duty. In the event a light duty assignment is offered by the Port and the employee chooses not to accept such assignment, as provided by law, the employee will not be eligible to receive time-loss compensation. Employees are not required to accept any assignment that would exceed the restrictions set by their attending physician(s) of record.

## **ARTICLE 15 – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

15.01 An employee who suffers a death in their immediate family shall be eligible for five (5) days bereavement leave, which shall be granted by the Port subject to the following conditions:

- a. The Port shall pay compensation at the employee's regular rate of pay for three (3) of the five (5) days. The two (2) days for which the Port is not compensating can, with the employee's permission, be paid through use of vacation or personal holidays, except when those days fall on the employee's normal days off. When the two (2) uncompensated days fall on the employee's normal days off, that employee shall not be paid for those two (2) days.
- b. The employee attends the funeral, wake, memorial service, or provides official documentation.
- c. Immediate family shall be defined as wife, husband, daughter, son, mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, step-parents, step-siblings, step-children, and spouse's grandparents, aunt, uncle. Immediate family shall also include domestic partners and their respective relatives listed above.
- d. Compensation for bereavement leave shall cover only time lost during the employee's scheduled workweek.

The employee may be allowed up to an additional two (2) days of paid leave in consideration of the distance to the funeral or to the extent of the employee's involvement with arrangements for the deceased.

Paid bereavement leave for regular part time and unscheduled part time shall be pro-rated based on the average daily work schedule per week calculated over a five (5)-week period.

## **ARTICLE 16 – JURY DUTY AND COURT TIME**

16.01 After thirty (30) days of continuous employment, an employee covered by this Agreement who shall be summoned for jury duty shall, upon submission of proper evidence of their attendance in court, be paid their regular rate of pay for the actual hours lost (but not to exceed eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week), less any compensation they received as a juror. If an employee is released from jury duty and has at least four (4) hours of their shift remaining, they shall immediately report back to work for the remainder of the shift.

16.02 An employee who is called upon by the Port to serve as a witness in a court case or arbitration involving the Port of Seattle shall be paid their regular rate of pay while performing such witness service during their normal shift schedule. An employee performing such witness service outside of their normal work schedule shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours at the overtime rate for each court appearance required. Time required in court for such witness service in excess of three (3) hours shall also be compensated for at the overtime rate. To verify time in excess of three (3) hours spent in court, an employee shall submit to the Port a time slip signed by an official of the court.

16.03 Any fees received from the court by an employee who is a required witness in a Port-related court appearance shall be turned over to the Port. The Port shall reimburse an employee for mileage paid by the court when such employee is a required witness in a Port-related court case.

## **ARTICLE 17 – HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME**

17.01 Regular Full Time. Eight (8) hours shall constitute a workday and five (5) full eight (8) hour days shall constitute a workweek. For payroll purposes the workweek is defined as Sunday through Saturday. The eight (8) hour day shall be worked within an (8) hour period in each of the five (5) days. Regular full time work schedule will include two (2) consecutive days off.

17.02 Regular Part Time. A work day shall consist of one or more work shifts totaling no more than eight (8) hours. Regular part time work schedules shall be twenty (20) to thirty-six (36) hours per week and will include two (2) consecutive days off. Part time schedules of less than five (5) days may not have all work days scheduled consecutively. Example: Work shifts on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday; Days off Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday.

17.03 Unscheduled Part Time Employees. Unscheduled part time employees are employees who do not have a regular full time or regular part time schedule and have no guarantee of hours. Unscheduled part time employees are employees who bid on variable work week schedules during the biweekly bid process and are offered additional hours of work by seniority according to the procedures set forth in Article 19, below.

17.04 Variable Weekly Work Schedule Definition. Variable weekly work schedules are work schedules comprised of hours of coverage needed in excess of those covered by regular full time and regular part time schedules and include coverage, as needed, in the absence of employees with regular full and regular part time schedules. Variable weekly work schedules may consist of one or more daily work shifts totaling no more than eight (8) hours and must include one day off in each work week. Variable weekly work schedules are assigned using the processes outlined in Section 19.03, below.

17.05 Relief Periods

Meal and rest periods may be combined to provide a forty-five (45) minute or a one (1) hour PAID meal period for each five (5) to eight (8) hour shift. No other scheduled or relieved breaks are provided.

Drivers working less than eight (8) hours shall be eligible for the thirty (30) minute meal period and one 15 rest period for shifts between five (5) and seven (7) hours. Drivers working a shift in excess of seven (7) hours shall be entitled to the thirty (30) minute meal period and two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods. Drivers working less than five (5) hours shall receive one fifteen (15) minute rest period.

The scheduling of such meal period for individual bus drivers shall be at the discretion of the Port based on appropriate manpower utilization and accommodating to the flow of traffic during each shift. However, the meal period shall start no earlier than three (3) hours or later than the beginning of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) hour from the start of the shift.

A bus driver who works through the lunch break shall be paid one-half (1/2) hour of overtime.

A bus driver who is anticipated to or works more than three (3) hours beyond their normally scheduled quitting time shall have a one-half (1/2) hour meal period either between shifts or during their shift extension, or one-half (1/2) hour of additional pay at the overtime rate if not afforded the meal period.

During overtime hours, employees shall be entitled to the same meal periods and/or rest periods that the employee they are covering would have had.

During overtime hours when an employee is working a special assignment, breaks and meal periods will be provided as practicable.

Employees may be required to report to work or work extended hours in emergency conditions. Employees required to stay overnight or between shifts will be provided reasonable accommodations and subsistence.

17.06 Overtime. Time worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period shall be considered overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the employee's regular rate of pay; unless such period of work is as a result of the employee's following shift beginning within the twenty-four (24) hour period; and the employee has had ten (10) hours off before returning to work, in which case the time will be considered straight-time. Employees may voluntarily work a shift with at least eight (8) but less than ten (10) hours off on the first day of the bi-weekly bid without triggering overtime under this provision.

Time compensated in excess of forty (40) straight-time hours in any one (1) employee's workweek shall be considered overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the employee's regular rate of pay.

Overtime shall be paid on one basis only, and there shall be no compounding or pyramiding of overtime. The overtime rate shall be calculated based upon an employee's shift differential, if applicable, as provided in Article 20 (b). On no occasion shall the Port offer time off in lieu of overtime.

## **ARTICLE 18 – CALL BACK**

When an employee is called back the same day, after the completion of a day's work, and after leaving the Employer's premises, a minimum of four (4) hours shall be paid at the applicable rate of pay. Employees who are called back for failure to complete in a satisfactory manner work which has been assigned shall not be eligible for the four (4) hours' minimum pay provided by this Article.

## **ARTICLE 19 – SCHEDULE AND VACATION BIDDING**

19.01 Annual Work Schedule and Vacation Bid for Regular Full Time, Regular Part Time, and Unscheduled Part Time employees. Regular full time and regular part time work schedules shall be bid once per calendar year in order of seniority by the following procedure. Regular part time bid lines shall only be created by mutual agreement of the parties.

1. Available work schedules shall be posted and distributed to employees at least one week prior to the start of the bid process. The bid process shall begin by October 5 of each year with a bid preference sheet and seniority list.
2. Each employee will bid their preferred schedule by seniority. Each employee shall bid their shift and vacation at the same time.
3. The bid work schedules will be posted and distributed to staff no later than 48 hours after the bid is completed. A copy of the schedule will also be sent to the Union. The vacation calendar will be posted in the Toll Plaza and the initial vacation bid will be also posted at Shelter 1.
4. New schedules will start the first day of the first bi-weekly bid of the New Year.

More frequent schedule revisions may be necessary due to operational changes. If schedules require revisions of greater than fifteen (15) minutes to the start and or quit time, the Port and the Union will meet in good faith to arrive at an alternative schedule. Such changes will require the Union's agreement, to the extent required by law.

19.02 Vacation Bidding.

1. Employees will have from 0000 to 2400 on their assigned bid day to select their shift and vacation time.



2. If an employee is unavailable during the bid process, they will leave a list of preferred shifts and days' vacation dates in a locked proxy box prior to their assigned bid day. Note: The number of preferences must equal the seniority of the employee.

Three (3) vacation slots per day will be made available per classification during the annual vacation bid process, limited to a maximum two (2) off on any shift. Additional requests for vacation leave from all bargaining unit members will be first come/first serve and approved consistent with operational staffing needs. In general, requests for use of vacation leave shall be granted, when the request is made prior to the initial posting of the biweekly bid process for the dates requested, provided there is adequate coverage available.

Requests to cancel approved vacation shall be considered based on operational impact. To insure approval, vacation cancellation requests must be submitted prior to the biweekly bid process that includes the requested cancelled days. Employees do not have a right to displace another employee from scheduled work due to vacation cancellation unless cancellation is the result of an unforeseen personal hardship. Employees released to return to work from medical leave may displace employees from scheduled work.

#### 19.03 Biweekly Foreseen Schedule Bid

A. Two Week Biweekly Bid Schedules. Two (2) week schedules will be configured by management as follows:

1. When back fill is needed for a forty (40) hour weekly work schedule of an employee on leave, such schedule shall be an available schedule for bid and shall not be broken up. Weekly 40-hour bid vacation assignments shall be offered to unscheduled part time employees in order of seniority, in lieu of rotation. It is agreed that when 40-hour bid vacation assignments offered under this Section are back-to-back, requiring two (2) periods of work without a day off, the first day of the second 40-hour period will be assigned to another employee.

2. Individual work shifts, to be filled, will be configured into two (2) week schedules; first, with weekly schedules of thirty-two (32) – forty (40) hours that include at least one day off; then by combining the remaining shifts while maintaining the “ten-hour rule”.

3. Where possible shift rotation will be minimized.

B. The Bid Process (Foreseen). To fill foreseen staffing needs a biweekly schedule bid will be conducted for variable weekly work schedules as follows:

1. Regular part time employees will be offered additional hours, up to forty (40) hours per week, prior to those hours being made available to unscheduled part time employees

through the biweekly bid process. The additional hours offered will not include forty (40) hour blocks described in Article 19.03 A (1) above.

2. On a biweekly basis, two (2) week schedules, configured according to Article 19.03 (A) above, with a preference bid sheet will be posted and distributed to employees.

3. The two (2) week bid schedules and bid sheets shall be posted and distributed every two (2) weeks on a Saturday no later than 5:00 pm. The day and time will be set annually by the Employer and communicated to employees. A change to the set day and time must be communicated to the Union thirty (30) days in advance unless an emergency situation occurs such as the responsible supervisor is on unscheduled leave.

4. The available two (2) week bid schedules will be posted and distributed for bid via email, employee bulletin boards in the Toll Plaza command center and the Shelter 1 driver area, and electronic media as available (e.g., SharePoint).

5. The designated day for posting shall be three (3) days prior to the bid day.

6. Bidding shall be by seniority and each employee shall have a designated bid appointment time of fifteen (15) minutes with the scheduler/supervisor on every other Wednesday following the Saturday posting.

7. Employees may submit a bid preference sheet prior to bid day in lieu of bidding in person or by phone on bid day.

8. It is the employee's responsibility to contact the scheduler/supervisor during the designated fifteen (15) minute time slot to bid on a preferred two (2) week work schedule.

9. If an employee fails to submit their bid preference sheet prior to bid day or fails to make contact during the designated time they may lose their seniority preference for that biweekly schedule bid process. A late caller can choose among schedules available at the time of the late call.

10. Employees can choose to "drop to the bottom" by stating so at their bid time, declining to submit a bid or choosing not to call in on the bid day. Unfilled schedules will be assigned in reverse seniority order including those employees who have "dropped to the bottom".

11. The final schedules will be posted no later than 4:00 pm Thursdays for two (2) week schedule starting the following Sunday.

19.04        Scheduling Unforeseen Hours. When additional hours not included in the biweekly bid process become available, those additional hours will be offered on a seniority basis to regular part time and unscheduled part time employees who do not have forty (40)

hours per week scheduled. Those employees will have the option to bypass available hours when offered if there is a lower seniority employee available to take the offered hours and that employee will not go into overtime or violate the ten (10) hour rule. As a last resort, management reserves the right to assign hours in reverse seniority order on a mandatory basis to unscheduled part time employees. When none are available overtime will be offered to regular full time employees in seniority order.

In addition to the option of bypassing work to less senior, unscheduled part time employees may decline work offered three (3) times per quarter. When an employee declines work that employee shall not be required to accept a new shift of work for twenty-four (24) hours from the start of the offered shift.

Declining work a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) time in a quarter will result in a written warning and further incidents of declining work shall be subjected to further progressive discipline consistent with Article 23.

19.05 Scheduling Overtime. Management shall offer overtime to the most senior employee consistent with the overtime provisions in 17.06.

19.06 Trading Days Off. When an employee wishes to trade work shifts and/or days off with another employee, such trading of work shifts and/or days off shall be subject to management approval and to the following controls and conditions:

- a. A trade must involve an exchange of work shift and/or days off between two (2) employees that does not result in overtime or a violation of the ten (10) hour rule.
- b. When a “trade” involving days off occurs, paychecks may fluctuate to reflect actual hours worked. Management may deny any trade that results in payment of any applicable overtime rate-of-pay for any party involved in the trade. In each case, days off must be taken within two (2) weeks of when a “trade” occurs.
- c. Employees must give management notice in writing of a requested trade at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the proposed trade dates.

19.07 Labor/Management Review. The Parties may agree to meet from time-to-time to discuss issues that may arise concerning the scheduling procedures.

## **ARTICLE 20 – CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES OF PAY**

Effective June 1, 2023, base wage rates for employees still employed in this bargaining unit on the date of the Union’s ratification of this agreement shall be increased by one hundred percent (100%) of the October through October Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue CPI-U, zero to six percent (0-6%) plus four percent (4%).

Effective June 1, 2024, base wage rates shall be increased by one hundred percent (100%) of the October through October Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue CPI-U, with a zero percent (0%) minimum and a six percent (6%) maximum plus one and one half percent (1.5%)

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(a) <u>BUS DRIVER</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective 6/1/23</u>
	Entry	\$25.42	\$27.96
	After 1 years	\$26.39	\$29.03
	After 2 years	\$27.36	\$30.10
	After 3 years	\$28.35	\$31.19
	After 4 years	\$29.33	\$32.26
	After 5 years	\$30.31	\$33.34
	After 6 years	\$31.30	\$34.43

Effective June 1, 2023, Bus Drivers with at least twelve (12) months of service, who meet the eligibility requirement of no driver caused accidents and no seatbelt violations in the twelve (12) months prior to June 1, 2023 shall receive a one percent (1%) wage premium for the following twelve (12) months.

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(b) **SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS:**

1. Shifts shall be identified by starting times, as follows:

Day Shift:	From: 4:00 a.m.	To: 11:59 a.m.
Swing Shift:	From: 12:00 noon	To: 7:59 p.m.
Graveyard Shift:	From: 8:00 p.m.	To: 3:59 a.m.

2. Employees assigned to a swing shift shall receive seven and one-half percent (7.5%) per hour above their regular classification rate [as listed in items (a) or (b) above]. Employees assigned to graveyard or relief shifts shall receive ten percent (10%) per hour above their regular classification rate [as listed in items (a) or (b) above].

(c) **Training Pay:** Employees assigned to training duties shall be compensated at one dollar (\$1.00) per hour premium for time spent performing those duties.

**ARTICLE 21 – PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES**

After employment, bus drivers shall be on probationary status for a working equivalent of six (6) months. The probationary period may be extended an additional three (3) months by mutual agreement between the employee, the Port and the Union.

**ARTICLE 22 – NON-DISCRIMINATION**

It is mutually agreed between the Port and the Union that there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment or against any Union member or applicant for membership because of race, ethnicity, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, age (over 40), sexual orientation, religion, military status, disability, marital status, citizenship status, political ideology, veteran status, the presence of any physical or mental disability, whistleblower status, use of workers' compensation, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) use, or any other category protected by applicable federal, state, or local law, regulations and ordinances.

The Port and the Union are committed to promoting equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace. The Port refers to equity as the fair treatment, access, opportunities, and advancement for all people while striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of historically oppressed communities.

**ARTICLE 23 - HANDLING OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

23.01 **Just Cause.** The Port shall not discipline or discharge any employee without just cause.

23.02 Investigation Meetings. The Employer shall recognize the right of an employee to union representation in an investigation/fact-finding meeting that could lead to the discipline of the employee. An employee who waives this right shall acknowledge such in writing.

23.03 Written Warning Notices. If a written warning notice involves a specific incident or violation, such notice, to be considered valid, must be issued within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Port became aware of the occurrence of such incident or violation claimed by the Port. The timeline to issue written warning notices may be occasionally extended in order for the Employer to perform a fair and complete investigation with mutual agreement between the Port and Union. Written warnings shall be considered inactive and can no longer be used to justify further disciplinary action after eighteen (18) months following the issuance of the written warning as long as no further incident or violations of the same nature have occurred. At least one written warning notice identifying a complaint against the employee must have previously been given to the employee with a copy to the Union prior to discharge of the employee with the following exceptions:

- a. Probationary employees may be discharged for just cause without prior written warning notice. Such discharged employees will not have access to the grievance procedure.
- b. Discharge resulting from any of the infractions identified in 23.04 below require no prior written notice.

23.04 Infractions requiring no written warning notice prior to discharge.

- a. Gross misconduct such as but not limited to the following:
  - Theft in connection with Port employment - including stealing time, materials, money, belongings, or equipment,
  - Gross Insubordination,
  - Fighting on Port premises,
  - Possession, sale, use of, or under the influence of - unprescribed narcotics or controlled substances or alcohol while on Port premises,
  - Deliberate falsification of official Port documents or records,
  - Willful destruction or damage to Port property,
  - Willful or gross disrespect for customers; or
  - Committing a felony while on duty.
- b. Serious vehicle violations including but not limited to the following:
  - A serious accident wherein the employee is proven to be grossly negligent by a preponderance of the evidence,
  - Willful failure to provide a timely report of an accident involving Port equipment,
  - Willful vehicle abuse of a serious nature including reckless driving, or
  - Unauthorized use of a company vehicle or the carrying of unauthorized passengers on the Port's equipment.

23.05 Discharge and Suspension Notices. The Employer shall recognize the right of an employee to due process prior to disciplinary suspension or discharge from employment. Notice of recommended disciplinary suspension or discharge shall be timely made following the investigation of the circumstances resulting in the recommendation, normally within thirty (30) calendar days after the Port became aware of the incident. The notice of proposed discipline shall include the facts upon which the charges are made and a scheduled opportunity to respond to the charges. Notification of a final decision following the response opportunity shall normally be within seven (7) days.

23.06 Right of Rebuttal. Employees shall have the right to provide a written rebuttal statement as an attachment to any/all corrective action.

23.07 Notice to the Union. The Port agrees to provide courtesy copies (cc) to the Union of written warnings; and, notices of recommendations for discipline and final disciplinary letters in cases involving suspension and discharge.

## **ARTICLE 24 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

24.01 A grievance shall be defined as an issue raised relating to an alleged violation of any terms or provisions of this Agreement.

24.02 Step 1. The employee or the employee and the shop steward shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days from the occurrence or knowledge of the occurrence of an alleged grievance, bring said grievance to the attention of the Supervisor, using the grievance form attached to this agreement as Appendix A. The Supervisor shall make every effort to resolve the alleged grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days after its initial submission.

Step 2. In the event no settlement is reached within the fourteen (14) calendar day period, the employee or the employee and the shop steward shall, then within fourteen (14) calendar days, bring said grievance to the attention of the Manager or designee. The Manager or designee shall make every effort to resolve the alleged grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days after submission.

Step 3. In the event no settlement is reached within this fourteen (14) calendar day period, the Union shall provide a copy of the written grievance to the Port's Director of Labor Relations or the Director's designee. Representatives of the Union and the Port shall then meet to attempt settlement of the grievance.

(Time limitations identified in Steps 2 and 3 may be waived by mutual agreement between the Port and the Union.)

Mediation. In the event no settlement is reached by the Union and the Port within thirty (30) days of the Step 3 meeting, upon mutual agreement, the Port and the Union may agree to submit the grievance to a mediator appointed by the Public Employment Relations Commission or another mutually agreed upon mediator for mediation. If mediation fails to resolve the

issue(s), or if both parties do not agree to submit the grievance to mediation, then the matter may be referred to arbitration by the grieving party. Nothing said or done by the parties or the mediator during the grievance mediation can be used in the arbitration proceeding.

Step 4. In the event no settlement is reached by the Union and the Port, within thirty (30) calendar days of the Step 3 meeting or the mediation session, the parties shall have the right to submit a demand for arbitration to the Port. Within seven (7) calendar days after the demand for arbitration, the Union and the Port shall mutually agree upon an arbitrator. If the parties fail to agree, the grieving party shall, within seven (7) calendar days request a list of seven (7) qualified neutrals from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). Within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the list, the Union and the Port shall alternately strike the names on the list, and the remaining name shall be arbitrator. The hearing on the grievance shall be informal and the rules of evidence shall not apply. The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, or modify the provisions of this Agreement in arriving at a decision of the issue or issues presented; and shall confine their decision solely to the interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall confine themselves to the precise issue submitted for arbitration, and shall have no authority to determine any other issues not so submitted to them. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the aggrieved employee, Union, and the Port.

The Port and the Union shall share equally the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.

24.03 Nothing herein shall prevent an employee from seeking assistance from the Union or the Union from furnishing such assistance at any stage of the grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE 25 - STRIKES**

In recognition of the Port's status as a municipal corporation, there shall be no strikes, lockouts, picketing, work stoppages, or similar activities to impede Port operations.

## **ARTICLE 26 - RESPONSIBILITY**

Employees shall not be responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen property except in the case of proven negligence. Upon request of the Union a full report will be furnished to the Union by the Port.

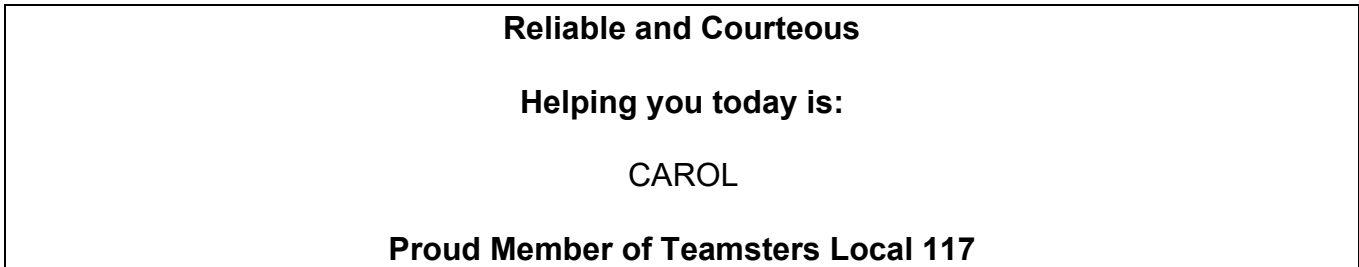
## **ARTICLE 27 - SUB-RENTALS**

It is understood and agreed that where sub-rentals or leases are entered into covering any of the operations set forth in Article 20 of this Agreement, the conduct of such operations shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.



**ARTICLE 28 - MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**

Both the Port and the Union agree that the Union members covered by this Contract take pride in their membership in the Teamsters Local 117. It is mutually agreed that in order to recognize their membership and display that pride, the Port will provide nameplates, upon request for each employee to use while at work. These nameplates will be mounted in the buses for the Drivers during each individual member’s shift. Each nameplate will contain the first name of the employee and state their membership in Teamsters Local 117. In addition, the nameplate may contain customer service oriented wording such as “reliable” and “courteous.” A sample depiction is below:



**ARTICLE 29 - MEETINGS**

29.01 Employees who are requested to attend optional instructional meetings on their own time (not those held on Company time) shall be paid for actual time spent at the meetings only. Overtime rate-of-pay shall be paid under the provisions of Article 17 – Scheduling, Hours of Work and Overtime. The four (4) hour minimum required under Article 18 - Call Back shall not apply.

29.02 Up to one employee per classification selected by the Union to attend negotiating sessions shall be paid for time lost from their regularly scheduled shifts. They will not be paid overtime on hours outside of their regularly scheduled shifts.

29.03 When employees are required to attend a mandatory meeting(s) and they meet the requirements of Article 18, they shall be paid in accordance with Article 18 (Call Back). This shall not be construed as to apply to training.

**ARTICLE 30 - SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any article in this Agreement or any appendix hereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article or appendix should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and its appendix shall not be affected, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement of such article.

## **ARTICLE 31 - SENIORITY AND REDUCTION IN FORCE**

31.01 Seniority shall commence when assigned as an employee in the bargaining unit and shall remain in force while assigned as an employee. Seniority shall be broken by termination, after one (1) year on layoff, after (1) one year leave without pay, or by leaving the bargaining unit. Seniority shall have no required applications except as specifically provided for in this Labor Agreement.

31.02 For purposes of shift and vacation bidding, and in the event of a reduction in force, there shall be one (1) seniority list. The least senior employee shall be the first laid off and the last employee laid off shall be the first recalled.

Appropriate utilization of affected classes may modify the preceding paragraph. If this becomes necessary, the Union will be notified prior to the layoff. If the Union requests a meeting for the purpose of discussion, such a meeting will be scheduled.

31.03 All time worked as an employee in the bargaining unit shall count towards seniority. Employees shall have seniority from their date of hire. Employees shall be promoted to full-time based on seniority. After one probationary period, employees shall not be probationary again, except in the event an employee changes job classifications within the bargaining unit. If an employee, under the aforementioned situation does not successfully complete probation in the new classification he or she shall be allowed to return to his/her prior classification without loss of seniority.

31.04 In the event of a reduction in force due to automation, the following provisions shall apply:

- a. The Port of Seattle shall provide written notice to the affected employee at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the effective date.
- b. Employees receiving written notices shall have outplacement service made available to them. These services shall be arranged and paid for by the Port of Seattle.
- c. An employee who has been subject to a reduction in force due to automation shall not suffer a break in seniority and may be eligible for recall for up to two (2) years from the date of the layoff. All employees in this category shall keep a current address and phone number on file with the Port of Seattle. The employee shall notify the Port of Seattle of any change of address or phone number, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the change.

31.05 Severance. Should the need arise for a permanent reduction in a classification covered within this Agreement, the Port agrees to meet with the Union to bargain the effects of such decision. The topics to be included in such impact negotiations will include severance payments, if any, and the timing and notice period for such reduction.

## **ARTICLE 32 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

As provided below in this Article, bargaining unit employees shall be eligible for participation in the Port of Seattle's Deferred Compensation Plan. Eligibility and participation of said employees shall be subject to the terms and conditions of such plan including any plan amendments, revisions, or possible cancellation. It is further agreed that content of the plan itself, plan administration, and any determinations made under the plan shall not be subject to any other provisions of this Labor Agreement or to negotiation by the Union.

## **ARTICLE 33 - EXAMINATIONS**

33.01 CDL Medical Card Exam. The Employer shall cover the cost of the medical exam required to maintain the CDL related medical card for bus drivers. The cost of exam shall be covered in one of two ways. First the employee may schedule the exam with a Port provided physician at no cost to the employee; second, the employee may schedule the exam with their own physician and the Port will pay the equivalent fee as the Port pays its own provider to the employee's selected provider or to the employee on a reimbursement basis.

33.02 CDL Medical Card Exam Stipend. Each bus driver shall be provided a stipend equivalent to two (2) hours straight time pay for obtaining their CDL required medical card. It is understood that the medical exam will be conducted on the employee's own time.

## **ARTICLE 34 - DRUG TESTING - SUBSTANCE TESTS**

34.01 The Parties agree that for the purposes of Drug and Alcohol testing as it relates to CDL positions, the Port shall be in conformance with all Federal Department of Transportation regulations.

34.02 The Parties agree that for the purposes of Drug and Alcohol testing as it relates to CDL positions, the Port shall comply with the Port of Seattle Commercial Driver Drug and Alcohol Policy. In the event the Port decides the Policy needs to be changed, the Port agrees to discuss these changes with the Union prior to permanent changes being made.

## **ARTICLE 35 - EMPLOYEE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

To provide career development opportunities to bargaining unit employees, the Union and management will support employee participation in the Port's employee development and internship programs. Successful applicants to internship programs shall remain members of the bargaining unit and retain all rights and benefits under the Collective Bargaining Agreement, except that temporary schedule adjustments and/or alternate work schedules to accommodate internship activities shall be allowed as agreed between the participating departments and the intern.

Educational assistance for employees shall be subject to the approval of the Manager. Employees are eligible to apply for College Degree Tuition reimbursement support under the terms of HR-12.

The Parties understand that the Employment Development and Education opportunities identified in Article 35 shall not be subject to bargain and are subject to revision by the Port. However, the Port agrees to provide advance notice of any changes to this program.

### **ARTICLE 36 - MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS**

Working conditions, such as wages, hours of work or conditions of employment currently in effect, more favorable to employees than those set forth herein, shall remain in effect during the life of this Agreement to the extent required by law.

### **ARTICLE 37 – MISCELLANEOUS**

37.01 Accidents. Employees shall not be required to stand the cost arising out of any accident in which they may be involved during the normal course of their job duties, nor shall they be discharged for being involved in an accident unless the employee in question has been proven to be negligent by a preponderance of the evidence.

37.02 Illegal Equipment. Employees shall not be required to drive equipment that does not conform to applicable City, State, and Federal vehicle codes. The Port shall reimburse employees for all fines and make whole any loss in pay resulting from arrests and/or citations for driving illegal Port equipment. Drivers shall not suffer a loss of working hours or pay for refusal to operate an illegal company vehicle which is a bona fide safety hazard.

37.03 Time Clocks. All employees will be required to report their time on designated time clocks and/or other medium (e.g. computer, laptop, etc.) as directed by the Port. Employees will be paid for all time worked.

37.04 Commuter Benefits. The Port agrees to extend to members of the bargaining unit a discount priced ORCA card on the same basis as such benefit is provided to non-represented employees. The Port reserves the right to modify or discontinue the benefit without a duty to bargain if the benefit is modified or discontinued for non-represented employees.

37.05 Employee Parking. For the life of this Contract employee parking shall be provided at no cost to the employee at places designated by the Port. Additionally, vacation parking shall be provided at no cost to employees on the same basis as provided to non-represented employees as long as such benefit is provided.

## **ARTICLE 38 - TRANSFER OF WORK/CONTRACTING**

The Port of Seattle will not contract out any of the work presently being done by bus drivers during the term of this Agreement. It is understood that no Port client or customer is forced to utilize Port services. The Port will not suggest to the customer or client that it would be more economically feasible for the customer to use services other than those provided by the Port. It is also understood the Port may not have any control over the decision of the customer or client in selecting certain services or service providers.

## **ARTICLE 39 - BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

39.01 The Port and the Union agree to establish a joint labor-management Business Partnership Committee to deal with issues relevant to the Port's Employee Parking Operation.

39.02 The BPC's mission or purpose is to use the collaborative problem-solving process to make recommendations in areas critical to the Port's Employee Parking Operations by expanding the involvement of employees in the management decision-making process.

39.03. The BPC may, for example, look at job enhancements, service levels, work practices, health and safety concerns, increased productivity, training opportunities, and the best practices of other organizations' Employee Parking Operation.

39.04. The BPC will develop recommendation(s) for action by Port Aviation Operations management on issues related to the mission of the BPC.

39.05. If Port Aviation Operations management cannot support a BPC recommendation, pertinent issues and information will be shared with the BPC.

39.06. To insure that the Business Partnership Committee can effectively carry out its mission, it will enforce the following standards for its members and Port and Union representatives with whom it works:

- There will be open, immediate and candid sharing of all information that affects the Port's Employee Parking Operations; and
- The BPC will be a partnership in both substantive and procedural decisions involving the Port's Employee Parking Operations;

39.07. The BPC will be made up of one (1) Port manager representing Employee Parking Operation and the Port's assigned Labor Relations Manager and up to one (1) Union employee representative per classification and the Union's assigned Union Representative. Other representatives may be added as needed and agreed upon by the BPC.

39.08. The BPC will not discuss pending grievances or interpret the Agreement. Budget matters and fundamental business decisions may not be appropriate for thorough review by the BPC.

39.09. Unless the Parties mutually agree otherwise, the BPC will meet within thirty (30) days after the execution of this agreement and on a regular basis thereafter to:

- Determine BPC roles and responsibilities;
- Develop ground rules (which may include ground rules from bargaining); and
- Develop and implement a work plan.

39.10. Approved minutes of BPC meetings will be distributed to all employees, management representatives and other Port personnel associated with the Port's Employee Parking Operation.

39.11. The Port and the Union will commit sufficient resources to the BPC so that it can effectively carry out its mission. Port and Local 117 staff will be available to assist the BPC.

39.12. In consideration of the 24 hour nature of the business, BPC meetings will be held during regular business hours and will generally be scheduled within the hours of member participants. Up to one employee from each classification may be released with pay to attend.

39.13. In line with the BPC's mission, the BPC may change its focus during the term of the Agreement due to changes in the Port's Employee Parking Operations.

#### **ARTICLE 40 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

40.01. The Union recognizes the prerogatives of the Port to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities and powers of authority.

40.02. The Port reserves any and all exclusive rights concerning the management and operation of the Department, except as specifically limited in this Agreement. In exercise of such exclusive management rights, it is not intended that any other provision of this Agreement providing a specific benefit or perquisite to employees shall be changed, modified, or otherwise affected, without concurrence of the Union.

40.03. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Port reserves the following specific and exclusive management rights:

- a. To recruit, assign, transfer, or promote members to positions within the Department, including the assignment of employees to specific jobs;
- b. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against members for just cause;
- c. To determine the keeping of records;

- d. To establish employment qualifications for new employee applicants, to determine the job content and/or job duties of employees, and to execute the combination or consolidation of jobs;
- e. To determine the mission, methods, processes, means, policies, and personnel necessary for providing service and Department operations, including, but not limited to: determining the increase, diminution, or change of operations, in whole or in part, including the introduction of any and all new, improved, automated methods of equipment; and making facility changes;
- f. To control the Departmental budget, and if deemed appropriate by the Port, to implement a reduction in force;
- g. To schedule training, work, and overtime as required in a manner most advantageous to the Department and consistent with requirements of municipal employment and public safety, subject to the provisions of this Agreement;
- h. To establish reasonable work rules, and to modify training;
- i. To approve all employees' vacation and other leaves;
- j. To take whatever actions are necessary in emergencies (including runway incidents, extreme weather, automated system failure, and public safety threats) in order to assure the proper functioning of the Department; and
- k. To manage and operate its Departments, except as may be limited by provisions of this Agreement.

40.04 It is understood by the Parties that every incidental duty connected with operations enumerated in job descriptions is not always specifically described.

#### **ARTICLE 41 - LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING**

By reference herein, the Letters of Understanding/Memorandums of Agreements/Appendices listed below are hereby made part of this Agreement and do not require individual Employer-Union signatures:

- Appendix A – Grievance Form
- Appendix B - Landside Fleet Tracking Project
- Appendix C – Aviation Maintenance Vehicle Fleet—“Telematics”
- Appendix D – Commuter Trip Reduction Benefits

#### **ARTICLE 42 - DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, INDEPENDENT VOTER EDUCATION (DRIVE)**

Effective upon ratification and execution of the agreement between the parties, in the event a minimum of fifty (50) current Port of Seattle employees elect to contribute to the Democrat, Republican, Independent Voter Education (DRIVE), the Port agrees to deduct from the paycheck of employees covered by this Agreement voluntary contributions to DRIVE. Deductions must be a minimum of \$5.00 per month per contributing employee. Both DRIVE and the employee shall notify the Port of the amount to be deducted on a monthly basis from the employee's paycheck. The Port shall transmit (electronically via ACH) to DRIVE National Headquarters on a monthly basis, in one (1) check the total amount deducted along with the name of each employee on whose behalf a deduction is made, the last four numbers of the employee's social security number and the amount deducted from the employee's paycheck. The Port shall be obligated to honor only an authorization to deduct the amount specified, in writing by the employee. The Port shall have no obligation or responsibility for calculating, computing, or verifying the amount to be deducted.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Local 117 shall reimburse the Employer annually for the Employer's actual cost for the expenses incurred in administering the bi-weekly payroll deduction plan. The IBT Local 117 further agrees to facilitate timely recoupment or to reimburse the Port for any contributions made to DRIVE in error.

Upon issuance and transmission of a check to DRIVE, the Port's responsibility shall cease with respect to such deductions. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117 agrees to indemnify and hold the Port harmless from all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that may arise against the Port for or on account of any deduction made from the wages of such employees.

The Port reserves the right to discontinue DRIVE deductions in the event participation drops below the minimum of fifty (50) Port employees.

Both the Port and Local 117 agree to reopen the contract on DRIVE if any other Local 117 bargaining group with the Port of Seattle negotiate contract language with lower minimums on the number of employees required to contribute or the total monthly contribution amount in their respective contract at any time during the term of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 43 - TERM OF AGREEMENT**

The term of this Agreement shall be June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2026. Effective dates for individual provisions will be as negotiated, herein.

PORT OF SEATTLE

TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION  
NO. 117/IBT

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STEPHEN P. METRUCK  
Executive Director

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JOHN SCEARCY  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Appendix A

**GRIEVANCE FORM  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 117**

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Shift \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF GRIEVANCE:  Discharge  Suspension  Seniority  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date and time of violation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Section(s) of contract violated: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Exact location violation occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name(s) of witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name(s) of supervisor(s) involved: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What should be done to correct the grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe what happened: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Steward's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Response: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Appendix B**

Memorandum of Understanding  
By and Between the

PORT OF SEATTLE  
and  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 117  
AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS  
Representing Bus Drivers

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### **Re: Landside Fleet Tracking Project**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), made effective as of the date of execution, is entered into by and between Teamsters Local Union No. 117 (Union) and the Port of Seattle, referred to herein collectively as the Parties.

The parties have met and discussed the installation and intended use of a real-time GPS-based Landside Fleet Tracking system for the Employee Parking buses and have agreed as follows:

1. The Landside Fleet Tracking Project is primarily intended to provide Landside Operations with additional tools to manage the many bus trips needed to shuttle participating airport employees to/from the Port designated airport employee parking lot(s), to expand functionality in the future, and provide airport stakeholders with timely route information.
2. The Parties agree that the Port will not randomly or routinely review the Landside Fleet Tracking Data solely for disciplinary purposes, or as part of targeted surveillance for "fishing."
3. Landside Fleet Tracking System data relative to an investigation/complaint involving an Employee Parking driver shall be made available to the Union upon request in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and/or all relevant laws and/or statutes.
4. Any information gleaned from the Landside Fleet Tracking System used to support the Port's position relative to a disciplinary action and/or actions shall only be used in accordance with Article 23.01 of the CBA, Just Cause.
5. The Parties agree to include the Landside Fleet Tracking System as a discussion point to the future agendas for the Business Partnership Committee meeting unless and until such time that both parties mutually agree to remove it from the agenda.

## **Appendix C**

Memorandum of Understanding  
“Telematics”  
By and Between the

PORT OF SEATTLE  
and  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 117  
AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS  
Representing Bus Drivers

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### **Re: Aviation Maintenance Vehicle Fleet--“Telematics”**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), made effective as of the date of execution, is entered into by and between Teamsters Local Union No. 117 (Union) and the Port of Seattle, referred to herein collectively as the Parties.

The parties have met and discussed the installation and intended use of telematics<sup>1</sup> across most, if not all, of the fleet that is maintained by the Aviation Maintenance Department including, but not limited to, Port owned vehicles operated by employees in this bargaining unit.

The parties have agreed as follows:

1. Telematics is primarily intended to provide the Port of Seattle with the tools necessary to achieve the following objectives:
  - Reductions in carbon emissions
  - Reductions in fuel costs
  - Reductions in maintenance events
  - Streamlining maintenance
  - Strategic vehicle/asset dispatching
  - Improved customer service
  - Improvements in both compliance and safety
2. The Parties agree that the Port will not randomly or routinely review the telematics data solely for disciplinary purposes, or as part of targeted surveillance for “fishing.”
3. Telematics data relative to an investigation/complaint involving an employee shall be made available to the Union upon request in accordance with the terms and

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<sup>1</sup> Telematics is a fleet management technology system that provides the Port’s fleet management teams with information and data in real time relative to the status, condition, use, and location of the vehicles to which it is installed.

conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and/or all relevant laws and/or statutes.

4. Any information gleaned from telematics used to support the Port's position relative to a disciplinary action and/or actions shall only be used in accordance with Article 23.01 of the CBA, Just Cause.

Appendix D

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
By and Between  
PORT OF SEATTLE  
And  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 117  
Affiliated with the  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
Representing Bus Drivers**

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**Re: Commuter Benefits**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), made effective as of the date of signing, is entered into by and between Teamsters Local Union No. 117 (Union) and the Port of Seattle (Employer), referred to herein collectively as the Parties.

Whereas, the Port establishes and maintains a Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program that aligns with the requirements of the State of Washington Commute Trip Reduction Law, and is consistent with the Port Statement of Values to be responsible stewards of community resources and the environment;

Whereas, the Port would like to provide additional benefits aligned with its CTR Program to represented employees;

And whereas, the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the parties does not include CTR program benefits;

The Parties, agree as follows:

1. All Full time, part-time, on-call, and temporary employees, shall be eligible for the following benefits:

- a. The One Regional Card for All ("ORCA Card") Program

The Port offers ORCA cards to eligible employees at a substantially reduced cost for transportation on multiple regional transit systems. Employees who participate in the ORCA card program may also be eligible for additional subsidized transportation services. The availability of the ORCA program, annual cost, potential tax consequences for employees, and other provisions are subject to change based on guidelines provided by agencies with whom the Port contracts for the ORCA program benefits, IRS requirements, as well as the Port's discretion.

b. Ferry Reimbursement

Employees who use the Washington State Ferry System for all or part of their work commute are eligible for reimbursement of ferry commuting costs up to a monthly maximum. This monthly maximum reimbursement amount is determined by the Port. Amounts and procedures can be found on the Total Rewards Compass Page and may be subject to tax;

2. The Port shall maintain full discretion to modify, change, amend, and/or discontinue either and/or both the ORCA program and the Ferry Reimbursement benefit;
3. Prior to modifying, changing, amending, and/or discontinuing either and/or both the ORCA program and the Ferry Reimbursement benefit, the Port agrees to provide advance notice to the Union;
4. All other terms and conditions of the CBA shall remain in full force and effect. Should any terms and conditions in this MOU conflict with the CBA, this MOU shall control.