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RTD and Labor Union Settles Contract for the First Time Since 2003

Stockton, CA—For the first time since 2003, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 256 concluded labor negotiations with no need for arbitration. The board unanimously finalized this agreement on March 16, 2021.

“I would like to thank Gloria Salazar for her dedication and commitment in negotiating a Collective Bargaining Agreement with ATU Local 256,” said ATU 256 President Ralph Niz. “Since 2003, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between ATU and RTD was never reached without going to arbitration. Management and Labor negotiating teams worked tirelessly to achieve this historic accomplishment. ATU 256 will continue to work in unison with Gloria Salazar to improve the transit service in RTD, as well as wages and benefits for all ATU 256 Union members at RTD.”

“We’re so grateful to be working with ATU President Ralph Niz and his team,” said RTD Board Chair Michael Restuccia. “The collaboration and communication with Ralph and his team has been phenomenal and all of us recognized the value of a workable agreement. All parties were reasonable and understanding of each of the needs and negotiated in good faith. We are truly pleased with the results of our efforts and believe all of our employees will benefit. I also want to recognize the good work of the RTD team led by CEO Gloria Salazar.”

The achievement of coming to a fair and reasonable agreement is significant in its contribution toward the livelihood of RTD’s represented employees.

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