



# COMBINED UNIONS BULLETIN

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Dear Member,

Yesterday both Unions met with management representatives from TSA and had general discussion about the way forward. It was a positive meeting with the company committing to not just say 'no', but back up a position with facts and figures. This is a return to what we expect as normal bargaining and a fortnightly schedule was agreed to, beginning next Thursday. Both Unions have agreed to hold off on further industrial action AFTER the fare free Fridays are completed this month.

While we understand that some people don't think any action except a stoppage is effective, actions like this are important for several reasons.

## **Building solidarity**

By taking action together we build unity between members and show we're willing to fight together. You can't expect others to carry you any more!

## **Showing the company we are united**

No matter how big or small an action is, if we take it together the company knows they have no weakness to exploit. Standing united the company will respect our power.

## **TSA gets 5% of fares collected on the Opal system**

They may take 1.5% but you can take more from them!

## **Public Support**

They work for us when they understand our fight. If we don't consistently take an action, instead of talking about our fight because they hear about it in the media, they talk about how they had to pay on one bus and not another.

## **A History of Struggle**

Both unions have a long and proud history of leading workers who are fighting for their rights. We are throwing 90 years of hard won government conditions out the window if we don't stand up to include them for everyone in Region 6.

Union members suffered in the past to get us what we have, union members have to fight now to preserve them.



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**IF WE DON'T STAND TOGETHER WE'RE GOING TO LOSE.**

It doesn't matter if it's a stoppage or a single action, if you don't participate then you're failing yourself and your workmates. Now that we're looking at negotiating directly with the company, it's more important than ever that we stand up for ourselves and each other.

**UNITY IS STRENGTH**