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**Press Release** 

For Immediate Release Date: March 17, 2017

Statement by the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Re: Operator Strike

Lancaster –

While AVTA is not a party to the strike initiated by the Teamsters Local 848, we encourage both parties to utilize federal mediation to resolve this dispute.

We are doing everything in our capacity to limit impacts to riders. We encourage them to sign up for "Rider Alerts" or utilize our Rider Hotline to access current information about service disruptions. Metrolink will honor TAP cards for our commuter bus riders Monday through Friday.

We value both our riders and operators. We are committed to delivering the highest level of public transportation services during this unfortunate situation.

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Lancaster – Based on information received today from Teamsters Local 848, full service on all of our regular routes and schedules will resume tomorrow, March 19. In the event this information changes, AVTA will post updates as soon as become available. Passengers are advised to check www.avta.com daily and sign up to receive Rider Alerts via text or email. AVTA thanks its customers for their patience and understanding during this challenging time.

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