

Speak Out Now at BART (October 27, 2025)

It's About Time!

BART Management finally got the news and has finally hired some new System Service Workers. Is BART Management finally realizing that System Service Workers are human beings?

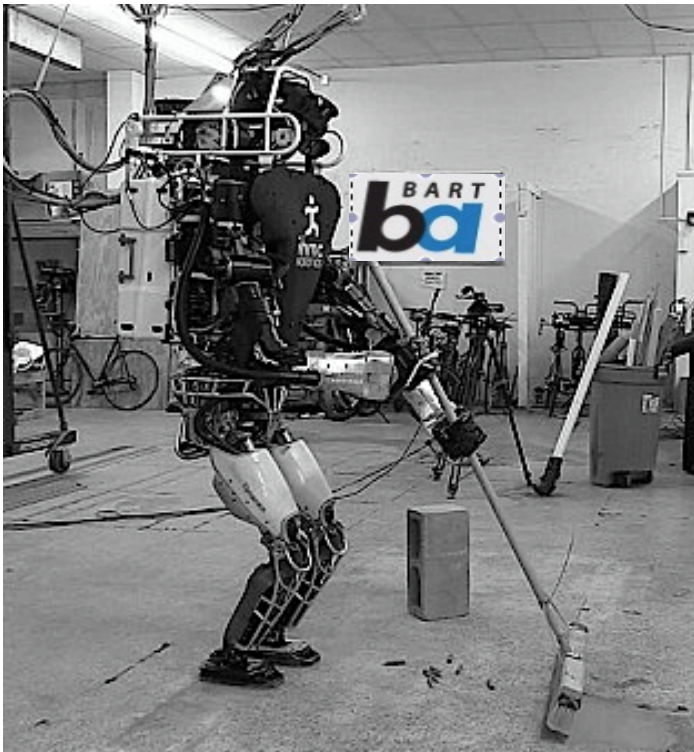
As awesome as they may seem, they can only be in one place at a time. Some large stations are too much for one person to maintain. Some have three levels. And some smaller stations can be incredibly busy. S

Expecting one worker to cover more than one station doesn't get the job done. Passengers throw all sorts of stuff on the platforms and in the stations and track mud and dirt in from the outside. And that's the nicer side of what gets left. There are some stations without restrooms. But that doesn't stop some people when nature calls.

With the new hires, will stations be fully staffed and cover staffing when people leave for another job, are on vacation, or are out on disability?

All stations are not the same and have areas that require special attention. When a worker or a team has one station they are responsible for, they can organize the work. Getting sent from station to station means it's a quick clean and on to the next. Which means that a new mess can sit for hours.

Not a good look and it seems that's all Management cares about.



Is this BART Management's dream for a System Service Worker of the future?

Got Rain?

How are the trains running now that the warm, dry days are gone? With every software upgrade, the "Fleet of the Future" is running a little better – fewer flats and a smoother ride.

There is still a problem. For some reason those who sit in offices think that TO's are an unnecessary decoration in the cab. They think that everything can be pre-programmed. But no software can anticipate everything that happens in this world, especially in the areas BART runs through.

For instance, there are times when an Operator needs to have control over the speed of the train, like just slowing down when coming into a station and not coming to a stop and having to reposition the train.

Do those who make these decisions ever ask TO's what "upgrades" are needed?

How About ICE?

This isn't about ice on the rails. It's about the possibility of ICE – those unidentifiable, heavily armed, masked men, invading BART stations. ICE has been snatching people from their cars, off the streets, at their children's schools and other public places.

ICE agents and other armed forces have been sent to cities that the Trump regime seems to think have the wrong mayors and the wrong people living there. People in cities that have been invaded have mobilized to oppose ICE. And some politicians have opposed troops and ICE in their cities. Most of the Bay Area is made up of sanctuary cities and towns and many workplaces have protocols if ICE shows up.

What about BART? If ICE forces invade a station, what protection do passengers have? What are workers supposed to do? This should not be left up to each worker to decide what to do in the moment. Many public workplaces have procedures and safe places. What about BART?

November Speak Out Public Meeting

We Will Not Pay For Their Crisis!

Sunday, November 16, 4pm (Doors open at 3:45)

A Zoom presentation and discussion with Clara Mattei, an economist and activist.

Henry Ramsey Jr Ctr., 2939 Ellis St., Berkeley

A few blocks from Ashby BART \$5 donation requested

Clara Mattei will talk about how this system distributes the wealth workers produce and why we end up with less while those in power get more. To change our situation we need to understand it.



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We Have to Oppose Trump's ICE Terror!

The Trump administration continues to unleash federal agents on the population, terrorizing immigrant communities across the country. ICE has arrested over 200,000 people since January, and despite the administration's claims, these raids are not aimed at criminals. The vast majority of people detained by ICE are low-income workers with no criminal records whatsoever. These raids serve one purpose: to terrorize immigrant workers and intimidate those who resist.

We have seen horrific videos of masked ICE agents invading apartment buildings in the middle of the night, violently arresting people in their driveways, and ripping them from their cars. They are snatching people at hospitals, courthouses, schools, and grocery stores. And in some cases, agents have rammed into immigrants' cars or fired their weapons at people in vehicles. Many families have no idea where their loved ones are after being taken by ICE. Over 20 people have died in ICE custody so far this year, as people are held in cages with little access to food, water, and medicine.

Recently, Trump threatened to send ICE and other federal agents to the San Francisco Bay Area to terrorize immigrants, and target anyone who stands in their way. At the last minute, Trump called off this deployment, as thousands of people across the Bay Area were getting ready to resist this blatant use of state violence. Trump claimed some of his billionaire friends told him his operation would cause too much disruption to their businesses. So for now, he's decided to wait.

And as the U.S. government shutdown enters its fourth week, and tens of thousands of federal workers have lost their jobs and their income, funding for Trump's agencies of terror — including ICE and Customs and Border Protection — continue at record levels. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as food stamps, is expected to run out of funding as soon as next week for about 42 million people across the country. FEMA has also cut over \$11 billion in funding for disaster relief to states. But meanwhile, these agencies of terror and intimidation are able to operate without restrictions across the country, with practically unlimited budgets.

The ICE budget alone has been increased to \$150 billion between now and 2029 — which is \$37.5 billion per year. This is bigger than the military budgets of all but 15 countries in the whole world. About \$45 billion has been allocated just to build more detention centers. They are trying to double the number of detention centers to be able to detain over 100,000 people nationwide.

The priorities of this government couldn't be any clearer. When it comes to the needs of ordinary working people, they have nothing to offer. They are cutting funding for everything we rely on, making all of our lives worse. And at the same time, they are cutting taxes for billionaires by trillions of dollars, while they amass a militarized police force to brutalize and terrorize the population.

Their detention centers are not only aimed at immigrant workers, but anyone who opposes their agenda. The Trump administration anticipates opposition from the population to their horrific policies. This is why they are working tirelessly to expand ICE and its role around the country, targeting immigrants and anyone who opposes the administration. They use immigrants as a scapegoat to blame for the problems of this system of exploitation. They unleash terror on the population, and criminalize all forms of resistance to their attacks. They are trying to construct a brutal, federal police force that can operate everywhere without any legal restrictions. Already, the vast majority of ICE arrests and kidnappings have happened without any warrants, and without any opportunity for legal challenges. There have already been over 170 instances of ICE detaining U.S. citizens. These are violent tactics clearly aimed at intimidation.

The U.S. government is trying to build up a paramilitary force to be used against the population. For now, it is primarily targeting low-income, immigrant workers. But as resistance to their policies grow, they are increasingly unleashing these shock troops on the whole population, regardless of immigration status. We can't allow their tactics to intimidate us into silence as they make our lives worse. An attack on immigrant workers is an attack on all workers. And we must continue to build up our forces to resist these attacks.