Speak Out Now! at AC Transit 4/13/2020
Special Issue #3: The Coronavirus and Transit Workers

We Need To Be At Work LESS!
If we have a virus all around us, we all need to minimize our contact to reduce the risk of infection. Imagine if it was like the rain, would we be standing out in the rain 5 days a week (even if we had raincoats) and expect not to get wet? Why not rearrange work so that we only have to be at work when necessary, without any loss of pay?
The less time we spend in the rain, the less chance to get wet. If we do get wet, we won't get soaked to the bone and get everything around us wet. We deserve to be dry like the people that are allowed to work from home now!

Where Is Management? Who Is Actually Essential?
Since “shelter-in-place” has gone into effect, we have a lot less of upper management at the divisions. If they are not really needed at this time, how necessary were they in normal times?
All of this raises the question, who’s actually essential at AC? Who’s actually essential in this entire society?

Where’s Waldo?
We have our own game at AC...
Where’s Waldo?
Where’s my mask?
Where’s my hand sanitizer?
Where’s my $1,200 check?

Budget Cuts Ahead?
As the coronavirus has swept across our country, business doors have shuttered, and people have hunkered down at home. This has essentially shut our economy down overnight. When can life resume to “normal”? That will require widespread testing. And if restrictions are eased, whether it’s safe to or not, will people feel safe enough to ride mass transit?
The vast majority of the funding for transit doesn’t come from fares, but from local and state taxes. And the coronavirus is drying up tax revenue. Will budgets be slashed and workers’ jobs and benefits be attacked in the coming period?
It is clear that we, workers in general, are going to be the ones who will be expected to suffer the most losses. But why should we let them take what we have worked so hard for all of this time?

Essential Workers Deserve Essential Protections!
As of Friday, April 10th, there have been at least 50 deaths and 1,900 infections of COVID-19 among the transit workers in New York City. We know that there are many more across the country. This is outrageous! Essential workers deserve essential protections!

Speak Out Online Townhall:
COVID-19: Voices from Europe
Saturday, April 18th, 10:30AM
https://tinyurl.com/vvb6zja