

NTEU Monday Minute for the Week of August 1, 2016: News You Can Use

- Metro Repairs are coming to the White Flint North station. From August 1 – 7, there will be a continuous single track from Takoma Park to Silver Spring. From August 9-18, there will be a continuous single track from Shady Grove to Twinbrook. Please see the Agency General Announcement published on May 27, 2016, [Impact of the Metro SafeTrack Project on Washington, DC, Area Employees](#) which provides employees with information about how they may mitigate the impact of these repairs on their commute. This announcement makes clear:
 - Supervisors are encouraged to approve an employee's request to use the tools delineated (below) when such use would improve the employee's commuting problems, as long as the employee can effectively accomplish his or her work using such tools. These tools include:
 - Changing their commuting route;
 - Requesting to take advantage of NEWFlex scheduling flexibilities including gliding;
 - Requesting use of appropriate leave, leave without pay, credit hours, earned compensatory time off;
 - Requesting to reschedule their CWS, NEWFlex day off; or
 - Requesting telework.

Communication between you and your supervisor is important. However, if you have problems discussing this with your supervisor, or your supervisor seems unsure about what guidance they should be using, please contact us at NTEU@nrc.gov. We will be happy to assist you. You can also contact your servicing Human Resources representative for questions regarding telework or work schedules.

- It has come to Chapter 208's attention that we have no information or incorrect information for some of our Chapter members. Chapter 208 requests that all NTEU members provide up to date contact information to NTEU National at their website (www.NTEU.org). A lack of information will impact our ability to contact you with certain information that must be sent via personal email, home voicemail, or home mailing address. At NTEU National's new website, you can sign up for the Members Only features of their newly designed web page which has so much useful information. If you have difficulty finding or updating your personal contact information, call (301-415-3600 or (301) 415-3604) or visit (O 1G 22) or email (NTEU@nrc.gov) us and we will be happy to assist you. In these dynamic times, it is more important than ever that we know how to contact our members.
- Chapter 208 also requests that you look in your closets, vehicles, and offices to see if you have an NTEU umbrella that should be returned to the umbrella holders at the doors of OWFN, TWFN, and 3WFN. NTEU wants to ensure we are *Keeping You Covered* but

before we buy 200 more umbrellas, we hope you will make this program work a little better by returning umbrellas to the holders when you have finished using them. This allows your colleagues to also take advantage of this program. Thanks.

- Finally, all staff are invited to provide their thoughts at a NRC Strategic Plan Town on August 3, 2016, from 1-3 p.m. in T-2 B3, or join the Strategic Plan Working Group via GoToWebinar. In addition, input can be submitted (anonymously) through a comment site by August 5. The next Strategic Plan will cover fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

Before providing your thoughts, you may want to review the “Strategic Plan At-A-Glance” brochure to become familiar with the overall structure and content of the current plan. If you plan to join the Town Hall on the Webinar, please see registration link (and other useful links) in the Agency General Information Announcement published on July 28, 2016. Please, contact Trish Gallalee at (301) 415-3060 or Trish.Gallalee@nrc.gov if you need more information.

NTEU is partnering this effort with the working group and would be happy to discuss this effort with you. Please feel free to stop by the union office at O 1 G22, or send us an email at NTEU@nrc.gov. Thank you. We are open for business!

Someone Said: “Try to become not a man of success, but try rather to become a man of value.” -- Albert Einstein, theoretical physicist