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## Transit agency seeks Gov.'s help to avoid strike

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Transportation officials have asked the governor's office to intervene in a labor dispute with bus drivers whose contract expires at the end of the month.

The Orange County Transportation Authority wants the governor to call a cooling-off period and appoint a board to look into the dispute.

Teamsters Local 952, representing 1,100 drivers and more than 250 other workers, recently authorized its members to strike May 1 if OCTA fails to improve the current three-year contract.

OCTA has offered a 13% increase in wages and benefits over three years; union leaders say wages would increase by only 8%.

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