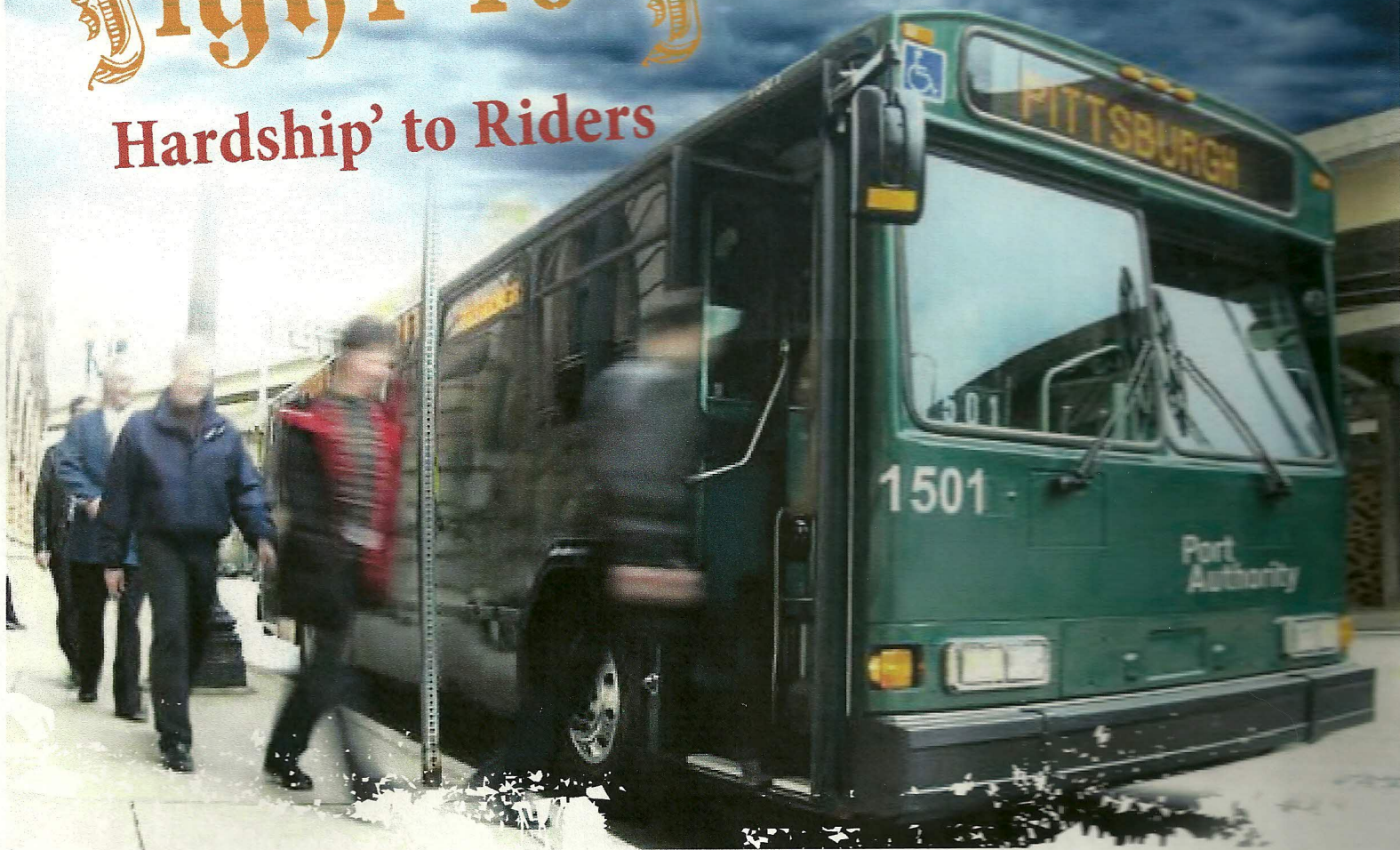


TRANSIT WORKERS Fight To PREVENT Hardship' to Riders



Local 85-Pittsburgh, PA, is fighting to prevent an unnecessary reduction in transit service. On January 12, the Port Authority of Allegheny County gave final approval to a “temporary” 15% cut in transit service even though the governor has given the agency enough money in emergency funds to maintain full service until the end of the year.

On January 28, Local President Patrick McMahon appeared before the Port Authority board, asking it to delay the cuts until hearings could be held in the affected communities.

“This process has moved too quickly and the voice of the public has not been heard,” McMahon testified. “The

action taken by the board is not necessary and places too great a hardship on riders who depend on transit to get to work and go about their daily business,” McMahon said.

‘Our Fight is Now!’

In a letter to Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, D, McMahon was even more direct: “The governor’s intention was to prevent cuts in transit services in 2011, giving the new governor and legislature six months to act on a transit funding formula that fairly and adequately provides for public transit at current levels.”