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### **A United Auto Workers Strike Could Manifest**

Contract negotiations between the United Auto Workers union and U.S. automakers General Motors, Ford and Chrysler (known as the “Big Three”) have been ongoing for months. The current contract expires just before midnight on Thursday, September 14. With the union voting to authorize a strike last month, there is a growing possibility of a strike.

The United Auto Workers union represents approximately 146,000 employees. Should a strike begin, [production](#) would halt immediately. Current estimates are that a ten-day strike could cost the Big Three automakers at least \$5 billion. The already tight auto materials and parts supply chain would further constrict and the overall auto supply would likely be unable to reach demand.

The union’s [demands](#) include a 46 percent wage increase, 32-hour work weeks, defined benefit pensions for all workers and other cost of living increases. The automakers have rejected the demands. As of this writing, Ford has presented a counter-proposal with a nine percent wage increase over the contract term. Negotiations are expected to continue.

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### **Bids and RFPs**

Macon County: None at this time.

City of Decatur: [Pavement Breaker](#)

Village of Mt. Zion: None at this time.

Decatur Park District: None at this time.

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