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San Diego – In an effort to help address ongoing bus operator shortages and maintain reliable travel times, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) will adjust service on select bus routes starting on Sunday, September 4. The majority of route changes will adjust service frequency from every 15 minutes to every 20 minutes. There are no planned service changes for MTS Trolley lines. In addition, MTS will run a holiday service schedule on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

The most significant service changes will include:

- Added service on select routes serving schools including Routes 7, 44, 985
- Seventeen bus routes will have periods of reduced service from every 15 minutes to every 20 minutes
- Suspension of Saturday service on Route 944 (serving Poway); alternative service remains available on Route 945

These changes are being implemented to accommodate schools going back into session, and help maintain reliable travel times. MTS makes schedule adjustments three times each year and some service may be restored on these routes in the coming months as workforce resources become available.

Riders should refer to the Alerts & Detours page, and schedule page for the latest information.

Hiring Bus Operators:

For a limited time, MTS is offering a \$5,000 sign-on bonus for newly hired bus operators. For more information visit MTS career page.

Labor Day Service:

In addition, MTS will run a <u>modified service</u> schedule on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, MTS bus and Trolley services will run a Sunday schedule. Labor Day is an MTS 'Friends Ride Free' holiday, meaning every fare paying passenger can bring one guest on board with them at no additional cost.

For additional schedule and service information, visit www.sdmts.com.

About MTS

The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) operates more than 100 bus routes and three Trolley

lines in 10 cities and unincorporated areas of San Diego. MTS is a leader in advancing initiatives to create a greener, cleaner and better-connected transit system in San Diego. Each weekday nearly 200,000 passenger trips are taken throughout the MTS system taking people to work, school, health appointments and other essential trips. In FY 2022, MTS served more than 57 million riders. For service schedule updates, news, alerts and more information on how you can use public transportation, go to www.sdmts.com.

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