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Thursday, July 2, 2020

Modified service planned for Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

San Diego – On Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th, the Metropolitan Transit System will primarily run on a Saturday service schedule all day both days due to the holiday weekend.

Due to the Big Bay Boom cancellation, MTS will not increase Trolley service during the Fourth of July celebrations as it has done in previous years. Riders are encouraged to follow safety protocols and keep social distancing to keep fellow passengers and bus operators safe. Service changes for Friday, July 3rd (observed Independence Day holiday) and Saturday, July 4th will be as follows:

Most MTS buses and all Trolleys will operate on a Saturday schedule

Sorrento Valley COASTER Connection (Routes 972, 973, 974, 978, 979) – No service

Rural Route 888 – No Service on Friday and Saturday, but will instead operate on Thursday, July 2

Rural Routes 891- No Service on Friday and Saturday, but will instead operate on Monday, July 6

Rural Routes 892 and 894 – No service

MTS Access – Subscription passengers who want service on this day must call to arrange transportation.

Vintage Trolley No service on Friday. Will operate on Saturday, July 4 from 9:07 a.m. - 6:32 p.m.

For a website listing of all the changes for the Fourth of July holiday weekend visit the MTS webpage.

Support Services: The MTS Information and Trip Planning call center will be open modified hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both the Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4. The Compass Service Center will be open modified hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, July 3, and closed on Saturday, July 4. The MTS Transit Store and Customer Service will be closed Friday, July 3.

No contact bus and trolley fares: To avoid Trolley ticket lines and speed up the boarding process, attendees can purchase and store transit passes through the Compass Cloud app on their smartphones at any time prior to arriving at station. Multiple passes can be purchased and stored on one phone, making it easy for families traveling together.

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines Onboard:

MTS has implemented safety and sanitizing protocols, and encourages riders to please adhere to the following requirements:

Face coverings:

All passengers are required to wear a face-covering while using the transit system.

Rear-door boarding:

Passengers must board from the rear door on buses to increase distance between passengers and the bus operator. The exception is for persons with disabilities requiring the ramp. Germ barriers around the bus driver seat are being installed to better protect bus operators. These barriers will allow the agency to return to front-door boarding which will give passengers more room to space out on board.

Social distancing:

While sitting, passengers should keep a 6-foot distance between each other and the bus operator when possible.

New studies show that limiting conversations when traveling on transit also helps limit the transmission of viruses.

No-Contact Fare Purchase:

Riders are encouraged to get bus or Trolley fares through the Compass Cloud app to minimize contact with machines, or other people. Cash is not accepted on bus, but fares are required to ride.

Visit the MTS Holiday Services webpage for more information about the modified schedule.

MTS continues to operate about 95 bus routes and three Trolley lines. Frequencies and spans have been restored to near-pre-COVID-19 levels. Updated schedules can be accessed on the MTS website. MTS asks that people wear face coverings at all times and practice physical distancing when possible.

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