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Transit agency implementing additional cleaning measures to help keep public safe

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and County of San Diego have partnered to place handwashing stations at all 53 Trolley stations, plus the UTC Transit Center amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. MTS will also staff additional cleaning crews at their busiest transit centers throughout the day.

“We’re thankful to our Board Chair and County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher for his leadership, collaboration and the quick response to get these handwashing stations out onto our system,” said MTS CEO Paul Jablonski. “We’re looking at solutions to help keep riders and our system safe, and will continue to do so.”

The 54 handwashing stations will be in addition to the rigorous cleaning standards that MTS has had in practice for more than two years. All bus and Trolley vehicles are disinfected daily, with solution recommended by the CDC. Trolley stations are also wiped down daily, with deep cleanings once or twice a week.

The handwashing stations will begin being delivered the morning of Friday, March 13 between 7:30 and 8 a.m. at the El Cajon Transit Center. They will be placed at all stations throughout the day.

Also starting Friday, March 13, MTS will begin staffing four of the busiest transit centers with cleaning crews each weekday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to further disinfect station surfaces, as well as Trolley doors and door buttons when they stop at the station. Those teams will be located at the San Ysidro, 12th & Imperial, Old Town and El Cajon stations.

For additional information, people can visit <https://www.sdmts.com/rider-info/public-health>.

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MTS operates 95 bus routes and three Trolley lines on 53 miles of double-tracked railway. Every weekday 300,000 passenger trips are taken on MTS bus and Trolley services in 10 cities and unincorporated areas of the county. In FY 2019, MTS served more than 85.3 million riders. For more information on how you can use public transportation and save money, go to www.sdmts.com.

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