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### **Media Event B-Roll and Photos on Dropbox**

**San Diego** - San Diego's transit agencies are offering free rides on New Year's Eve, giving the public a safe, convenient, and affordable way to travel as they ring in the new year.

The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the North County Transit District (NCTD) will provide complimentary rides after 6 p.m., as well as extended late-night service from Downtown on the MTS Trolley and NCTD COASTER. Free rides will include all bus, Trolley, SPRINTER and COASTER service.

"There are so many great things to celebrate from 2023 and looking ahead to 2024, and we want people to do that safely," said Stephen Whitburn, MTS Boardmember and San Diego City Councilmember, District 3. "We hope offering free public transit encourages folks to leave the car at home, hop on the Trolley or a bus at no cost, and enjoy the celebrations safely and hassle free."

"We want to provide a safe transportation choice during the New Year's Eve holiday," said Jewel Edson, NCTD Board Chair and Solana Beach City Councilmember. "Celebrate the New Year with a free ride on the COASTER, SPRINTER or BREEZE bus to and from your Years' Eve destination. Let us be your designated driver."

### **Extra NYE Trolley Service from 12th and Imperial:**

#### **Green Line:**

- Service will run every 30 minutes
- Last train to Santee departs at 2:06 a.m.

#### **UC San Diego Blue Line**

- Service will run south to San Ysidro every 15 minutes (until 12:37 a.m.), and then every 30 minutes. Service will run north to UTC every 30 minutes.
- Last train southbound to San Ysidro departs at 2:37 a.m.
- Last train northbound to UTC departs at 2:08 a.m.

#### **Orange Line**

- Service will run every 30 minutes.
- Last train eastbound to Arnele Ave. Station departs at 2:26 a.m.

**Extra NCTD COASTER Service to and from Downtown San Diego:**

- Extra southbound train to depart Oceanside Transit Center at 10:36 p.m.
- Last northbound train to depart Santa Fe Depot at 1:20 a.m.

**Extra NCTD SPRINTER Service between Oceanside and Escondido:**

- Extra trips departing Oceanside Transit Center at 12:33 a.m., 1:33 a.m., and 2:33 a.m.
- Extra trips departing Escondido Transit Center at 11:33 p.m., 12:33 a.m., and 1:33 a.m.

**Monday, January 1, New Year's Day Service:**

Normal MTS bus and Trolley service will operate throughout the day for New Year's Eve on Sunday, December 31, with the exception of extra late-night Trolley service. On New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, MTS bus and Trolley routes will operate a Sunday schedule.

**NCTD Holiday Weekend Service Information:**

NCTD will operate a routine Sunday service schedule on Sunday, December 31 with additional late-night COASTER and SPRINTER trips. NCTD will operate a Sunday service schedule on Monday, January 1.

**MTS Holiday Promotion:**

Friends ride free! Every fare paying adult can bring one guest on board with them at no cost on New Year's Day (Monday, January 1). For more details about MTS holiday service visit the MTS Holiday Service [webpage](#).

**About MTS**

The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) operates 97 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 more than 250,000 passenger trips are taken throughout the MTS system taking people to work, school, health appointments and other essential trips. In FY 2023, MTS served more than 68 million riders. For service schedule updates, news, alerts and more information on how you can use public transportation, go to [sdmts.com](http://sdmts.com).

**About NCTD**

The North County Transit District is a public transportation agency providing trips throughout North San Diego County and into downtown San Diego. NCTD is designated as a rail common carrier by the Surface Transportation Board based on the movement of interstate commerce on the tracks and the Railroad of Record by the Federal Railroad Administration responsible for

safety over the entire San Diego portion of the LOSSAN corridor. NCTD's system includes BREEZE buses (with FLEX service), COASTER commuter trains, SPRINTER hybrid rail trains, and LIFT paratransit service. NCTD's mission is to deliver safe, convenient, reliable, and user-friendly public transportation services. For more information visit: [GoNCTD.com](http://GoNCTD.com).

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