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San Diego – Today, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) announced it will be operating on a Sunday service schedule on Christmas and will ramp up post-game Trolley service to support large crowds expected for the Holiday Bowl on Friday, Dec. 27.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25:

- All Trolley lines will operate every 30 minutes and most bus routes will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- No service will be provided on *Rapid* Express Routes 280 or 290 and Rural Routes 888, 891, 892 and 894.
- MTS Access subscription passengers who still want service must call ahead of time to arrange their transportation.
- Holiday travelers can benefit from direct connections to the airport through Route 992 adjacent to Santa Fe Depot or the San Diego Airport Flyer from the Old Town Transit Center.
- **MTS Information and Trip Planning** – Closed on Christmas Day. On Tuesday, Dec. 24, this office has modified hours of 5:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **PRONTO Support Center** – Closed on Christmas Day. On Tuesday, Dec. 24, this office is open with modified hours of 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **The Transit Store and Customer Service offices** – Closed on Christmas Day.
- All Support Services offices will re-open for normal hours on Thursday, Dec. 26.

MTS will also have its Friends Ride Free holiday promotion in effect on Christmas Day. Every fare-paying adult passenger can bring one guest on board for free. Passengers can find detailed holiday service information by visiting sdmts.com/getting-around/service-changes.

Holiday Bowl, Dec. 27:

Thousands of football fans will descend on Snapdragon Stadium on Friday, Dec. 27, for the DirectTV Holiday Bowl as the Washington State Cougars face the Syracuse Orange. After the game, the KGB Sky Show will light up the San Diego sky over Snapdragon Stadium with its spectacular fireworks display.

To accommodate the large crowds, MTS will increase Green Line and Copper Line Trolley service after the game.

Pre-Game Service

- **Copper Line:** Regular Trolley service arriving at El Cajon Transit Center every 15 minutes or better.
- **Green Line:** Regular Trolley service arriving at Stadium Station every 15 minutes or better.

Post-Game Service

- **Copper Line:** Extended 15-minute Trolley service in both directions until 10:40 p.m.
- **Green Line:** Extended 15-minute Trolley service in both directions until approximately 9:30 p.m., with additional trips in both directions as needed until crowds diminish.

Sports fans can find gameday service details on the MTS Holiday Bowl Game webpage.

Parking Alternatives

Fans can avoid high parking costs by using MTS' free park & ride lots throughout the Trolley system. View the full list of Park & Ride lots on the MTS website. The most convenient locations are:

- Old Town Transit Center (Blue and Green Line, 400+ free parking spots)
- Grossmont Transit Center (Green and Orange Line, 220 free parking spots)
- El Cajon Transit Center (Green and Orange Line, 400+ free parking spots)
- Amaya Drive (Green and Orange Line, 236 free parking spots)

About MTS

The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) operates 92 bus routes and four 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 238,000 passenger trips are taken throughout the MTS system taking people to work, school, health appointments and other essential trips. In FY 2024, MTS served more than 75 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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