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San Diego - There has been no agreement reached between First Transit and the Teamsters Local 542 to operate MTS Access and minibus services. As a result, the Teamsters remain on strike affecting riders who most depend on public transit. First Transit, which operates MTS Access for people who cannot access regular public transportation, will continue to fill as many trips as possible with other providers and management drivers. Last week, First Transit was able to provide 90-95 percent of the MTS Access reservations.

The following bus routes will not be in service due to the strike: 14, 18, 83, 84, 870, 944, 945A, and Sorrento Valley COASTER Connection (Routes 972, 973, 978, 979). Service will be running on Routes 25, 88, 833, 851 (limited), 945, 964, and 965. All major bus routes and the Trolley will operate on a normal schedule.

First Transit is asking impacted passengers to continue to make alternative arrangements. For appointment information, passengers should call 888-517-9627 or 800-921-9664, Monday thru Friday 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on most major holidays. Alternative transportation options are also available at www.sdmts.com.

MTS operates 95 bus routes and three Trolley lines on 53 miles of double-tracked railway. Every weekday more than 300,000 passenger trips are taken on MTS Bus and Trolley services. For more information on how you can use public transportation and save money, go to www.sdmts.com.

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