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Game coincides with Monday's peak afternoon commute; mTicket available for fans

San Diego – The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is advising fans taking the Trolley to the San Diego Chargers Monday Night Football game at Qualcomm Stadium on Nov. 9 to travel early and purchase tickets using MTS' mobile ticketing app to bypass boarding lines after the game.

Kickoff is at 5:30 p.m., which coincides with Monday's peak afternoon commute, so trains will be filled with both commuters and fans. MTS will increase the number of Green Line trains that provide direct service to Qualcomm Stadium beginning at 1:30 p.m., running trains every 7 ½ minutes. After the game, extra Green Line service will be operating in both directions as needed.

Fans are strongly encouraged to travel early as transit center parking lots will fill up fast and trains will be crowded or at capacity by 3:30 p.m. Passengers attempting to board trains after 3:30 p.m. should expect delays as trains reach capacity at stations closest to the stadium. Trolley stops with most free parking available along the Green Line are as follows:

- Hazard Center Station: 1,500 free parking spots (lower level only, after 4 p.m.)
- El Cajon Transit Center: 469 free parking spots
- Old Town Transit Center: 412 free parking spots (overflow parking available across the street at the Caltrans building)
- Grantville Trolley Station: 404 free parking spots

To avoid Trolley lines after the game ends, passengers who have downloaded and purchased their Trolley tickets on mTicket, MTS's free mobile ticket app, will have access to an exclusive express line on the west side of the ramp that bypasses the general line. Fans can purchase and store mTickets on their smart phones at any time prior to arriving at transit stations. Multiple mTickets can be purchased on one smart phone too, making it easy for families and friends traveling together. To download the app, visit www.sdmts.com/mTicket.asp. Fans can also find the app by searching for "mTicket" in the App Store or on Google Play.

In addition to one-way and day passes on Compass Cards, MTS has printed a limited quantity of commemorative San Diego Chargers game day Trolley passes. The \$6 commemorative day passes are sold at select ticket booths along the Green Line. Commemorative day passes provide unlimited rides on all Trolley lines and most MTS bus routes.

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. MTS

set a new record in FY 2015 with more than 96.7 million passenger trips. For more information on how you can use public transportation and save money, go to www.sdmts.com.

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