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Trolley service will be increased to 7-minute frequencies

to handle crowds for nationally televised game

San Diego, Calif. – To accommodate large crowds expected for the Poinsettia Bowl on Tuesday, Dec. 23, will Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is advising fans taking the Trolley to travel early and purchase tickets using the MTS mobile ticketing app to bypass boarding lines after the game.

The 10th annual San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl kicks off at 6:30 p.m., which coincides with Tuesday's peak afternoon commute. MTS will increase the number of Green Line trains that provide direct service to Qualcomm Stadium beginning at 3:51 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 5 p.m. Passengers attempting to board trains after 5 p.m. should expect delays as trains reach capacity at stations closest to the stadium. Trolley stops with the highest capacity for free parking available along the Green Line are as follows:

- Hazard Center Station: 1,500 free parking spots
(lower level only and after 5 p.m. only)
- El Cajon Transit Center: 469 free parking spots
- Old Town Transit Center: 412 free parking spots
- 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.sdmmts.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 Poinsettia Bowl 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 more than 93 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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