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Football Fans Can Speed Up Travel by Buying Trolley Day Passes on Their Smartphones

San Diego, CA – The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) advises fans taking the Trolley to Qualcomm Stadium for the Chargers versus Oakland Raiders game Sunday, Dec. 22, at 1:25 p.m. to allow ample time for travel and avoid crowded lines by purchasing trolley tickets in advance on their smartphones.

Before and after the game, MTS will increase the number Green Line trains that provide direct service to Qualcomm Stadium from downtown and Santee. More frequent service begins at 8:45 a.m. between Old Town and the stadium and at 9:20 a.m. between Santee and the stadium. MTS will operate extra Green Line service in both directions as needed after the game.

Chargers fans are strongly encouraged to travel early as trains will be crowded or at capacity. Passengers attempting to board trains after 11:30 a.m. should expect delays as trains reach capacity at stations closest to the stadium and shopping centers in Mission Valley.

Trolley day passes can be purchased on smartphones several days before the game using the MTS mTicket app, eliminating the need to stand in ticket lines. Passengers can also purchase multiple tickets on one phone, making it easy to travel in groups. Riders with mTickets can bypass crowds after the game using the mTicket Express Lane to board departing trains. Download the app by searching "MTS mTicket" at the App Store or Google Play, or visit www.sdmts.com/mTicket.asp.

Fans can also buy their Day Pass on their Compass Card at any ticket vending machines before boarding. The Day Pass is \$5 for current card holders. If you need a Compass Card, there is an additional initial cost of \$2. Keep your Compass Card for the next time you ride MTS services. A commemorative \$6 Day Pass and \$3 roundtrip ticket for senior/disabled are sold at staffed ticket booths at high-volume stations. The \$6 commemorative Day Passes are also sold in advance at the Transit Store at First and Broadway, and at the Chargers Team Store at Qualcomm Stadium, Gate G.

Fans heading to Qualcomm via the Trolley can use free park & ride lots at Old Town, Morena, Hazard Center (lower level only), Grantville, Grossmont Center, Amaya Dr. (La Mesa), El Cajon Transit Center, Gillespie Field and Santee Town Center. Orange Line fans should transfer to the Green Line at either Grossmont Center or Santa Fe Depot. Blue Line fans should transfer to the Green Line at the 12th & Imperial Transit Center.

MTS also advises fans to be aware of the NFL's new bag policy limiting the size and type of bag that will be allowed into the Stadium. To read more travel tips for the game, visit the MTS website

at <http://www.sdmts.com/Trolley/Chargers.asp>. For further information on special event services, visit www.sdmts.com or contact 511.

MTS operates more than 90 bus routes and three Trolley lines on 53 miles of double-tracked railway. Every day more than 275,000 passenger trips are taken on MTS services. For more information on how you can use public transportation and save money, go to www.sdmts.com.

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