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Crowded trains expected—fans advised to travel early

San Diego, CA – The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is advising all Chargers fans taking the Trolley to Qualcomm Stadium to travel early for the game against the Houston Texans that begins at 7:20 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2013.

MTS will boost the number of pre- and post-game Green Line trains, which now provide direct service to Qualcomm Stadium from downtown and Santee. Increased service begins at 3:10 p.m. between Old Town and the stadium. After the game, MTS will operate extra Green Line service in both directions as needed.

Chargers fans are strongly encouraged to travel early. Trains will be crowded or at capacity after 5:00 p.m. Passengers attempting to board trains after 5:00 p.m. should expect delays as trains reach capacity at stations closest to the stadium. Regular Green Line riders are urged to travel two hours before kickoff or wait until after the start of the game to avoid congestion.

Passengers should also buy Day Passes before boarding the Trolley on their way to the stadium in order to save time and avoid ticket lines after the game.

Now Charger fans can use their smartphones to get their Day Pass to take the Trolley to the game. Fans that get their Day Pass using the new MTS mobile app go directly on board by eliminating the need to stand in line at the sales kiosk or ticket machine.

The cost for each MTS mTicket Trolley Day Pass is \$5.50 and is good for unlimited rides on game day on all MTS Trolley Lines. After the game, MTS mTicket Trolley Day Pass holders can bypass the main line and use the mTicket Express Lane to express up to the boarding platform. To download the app, search 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.

One-way tickets can also be purchased at ticket vending machines; \$2.50 for adult one-way or

\$1.25 for senior/disabled one-way.

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 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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