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Green Line provides enhanced service to Comic-Con from Mission Valley

San Diego, CA –The Metropolitan Transit System is set to carry the thousands of Comic-Con fans from July 17 to July 21. To make travel to downtown affordable and hassle-free, MTS will increase service on the Green Line, which provides direct service to the Trolley Stations in front of the Convention Center.

MTS has also printed a limited quantity of commemorative Comic-Con 2-day, 3-day, 4-day and 5-day passes, which cost \$10, \$13, \$16 and \$20, respectively. The commemorative passes are sold at ticket booths at select Trolley Stations or The Transit Store at 102 Broadway in downtown. To order in advance, using a debit or credit card, call The Transit Store at (619) 234-1060. Day Passes provide unlimited rides on all Trolley lines and most MTS Bus Routes for the day(s) valid.

The kiosks accept cash only. Day passes on Compass Cards for 1, 2, 3, and 4-days are available at ticket machines located at all Trolley Stations. Ticket machines accept cash, credit and debit cards. For those without a Compass Card, a \$2 fee for a new Compass Card will be added to the cost of the Day Pass.

Expanded Comic-con service will vary by day as follows:

Wednesday, July 17:

Green Line: Trips to and from the Convention Center will operate every 15 minutes until at 10:38 p.m., then every 30 minutes until 11:38pm.

Blue Line: Service to downtown will operate on a normal schedule. Southbound service from 12th & Imperial Transit Center will operate every 15 minutes until 8:30 p.m. and then every 30 minutes until the last trip departs Imperial Station at 12 midnight.

Orange Line: Service to downtown will operate on a normal schedule.

• Thursday, July 18 and Friday, July 19:

Green Line: Service to the Convention Center will operate every 15 minutes beginning at 5:04 a.m. from Santee. More frequent service between Qualcomm Stadium and the Convention Center will operate between 6:38 a.m. through 9:53 a.m. and again between 6:23 p.m. and 8:08

p.m. with train departing every 7.5 minutes. Green Line trains will continue to operate every 15 minutes throughout the day until 11:06 p.m., then every 30 minutes until the last train at 12:08am (12:38am on Friday).

Blue Line: Service to downtown will operate on a normal schedule. Southbound service from 12th & Imperial Transit Center will operate every 15 minutes until 8:30 p.m. and then every 30 minutes until the last trip departs Imperial Station at 12 midnight.

Orange Line: Service to downtown will operate on a normal schedule.

Saturday, July 20:

Green Line: Trains to the Convention Center will operate every 15 minutes beginning at 6:23 a.m. from Qualcomm Stadium (earlier trains will operate every 30 minutes from Santee). 15-minute service from Santee begins at 6:49 a.m. The first departure from Qualcomm Stadium will be at 4:53 a.m. and from Santee at 5:19 a.m. The last train to Santee will depart from the Convention Center at 1:38 a.m. (Sunday morning).

Blue Line: Service to downtown will operate on a normal schedule. Southbound service from 12th & Imperial Station will operate every 15 minutes until 8:30 p.m. and then every 30 minutes until the last trip from the Imperial Station at 12:30 a.m.

Orange Line: Service to downtown from El Cajon will operate every 30 minutes beginning at 5:18 am; 15-minute service will begin at 6:48 am from El Cajon Transit Center.

• Sunday, July 21:

Green Line: Service to the convention center will operate every 15 minutes beginning at 6:53 a.m. from Qualcomm Stadium, and at 6:49 a.m. from Santee (earlier trains will operate according to timetable). The first trip from Qualcomm Stadium is at 4:53 a.m. and the first trip from Santee is at 5:19 a.m. Trips from the Convention Center will be every 15 minutes until 6:38 p.m., then every 30 minutes until the last train at 11:36 p.m. (After 10:08 p.m., Green Line trains terminate at the SDSU Transit Center.)

Blue & Orange Lines: Blue & Orange Lines will operate 15 minute service throughout the event.

MTS Bus: All routes will operate according to their regular weekday or weekend schedule.

Parking: Qualcomm Stadium (served by the Green Line) offers thousands of free parking spaces adjacent to the Trolley Station. There are other free park and ride lots throughout Trolley system.

Amtrak and COASTER: Fans who have a Trolley fare included as part of their train fare are able to transfer to the Trolley's Green Line at the Santa Fe Depot Station in downtown San Diego without buying an additional ticket. COASTER riders must have either a Monthly Pass or a \$12 RegionPlus Day Pass to transfer to the Trolley. Fans with a COASTER one-way or round-trip or

those with an Amtrak one-way ticket must purchase a Trolley one-way ticket or Day Pass from the ticket machine on the Trolley platform before boarding a Green Line train to the Convention Center station..

For more information and to get locations of convenient park-and-ride Trolley Stations visit www.sdmts.com/TrolleyComicCon.asp. MTS operates more than 90 fixed route Bus services and more than 53 miles of Trolley services. MTS expects that more than 90 million earthlings will travel on the Trolley in fiscal year 2013.

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