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North County Transit District also Begins New Fares

San Diego, CA – On January 1, 2009, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) will implement the second phase of fare increases that was approved in 2007 by the San Diego Association of Governments. Fares on MTS Bus and Trolley services will be as follows:

Adult monthly passes increase to \$68 from \$64.

Youth monthly passes increase to \$34 from \$32.

Senior/Disabled/Medicare monthly passes increase to \$17 from \$16.

One-way cash fares on many MTS Bus routes will increase to \$2.25 from \$2.00; one-way cash fares for Senior/Disabled/Medicare on these routes will increase to \$1.10 from \$1.00. One-way cash fares do not include a transfer between Bus routes or from Buses to Trolleys.

Adult monthly passes for Premium Express Bus services remain at \$90. New for this service will be Senior/Disabled/Medicare monthly passes at \$22.50 and Youth monthly passes at \$45.

Regional Day Passes remain at \$5 for most MTS buses and all MTS Trolleys, and \$11 for Premium Express Buses. The \$5 Regional Day Pass also replaces the Adult Day Pass for SPRINTER and BREEZE services operated by North County Transit District (previously priced at \$4.50).

A one-way cash fare for the Trolley remains at \$2.50 and includes transfers between Trolley lines, but not from Trolleys to Buses.

Fares for COASTER service, which is operated by North County Transit District, will also increase on January 1, 2009:

Distance	One-Way Cash		Monthly Pass		
	ADULT	SENIOR/DISABLED/MEDICARE	ADULT	SENIOR/DISABLED/MEDICARE	YOUTH
1 Zone	\$5.00	\$2.50	\$144	\$45.50	\$91.00
2 Zone	\$5.50	\$2.75	\$154	\$45.50	\$91.00
3 Zones	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$170	\$45.50	\$91.00

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4 Zones	\$6.50	3.25	\$182	\$45.50	\$91.00

The first phase of the fare changes was implemented in January 2008. The increases are made necessary by reduced sales tax revenue and the State of California's reduced allocation of money to public transportation services.

The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, which operates more than 90 Bus routes and three Trolley lines on 53 miles of rail, carried more than 92 million people last year. For further information on fares, routes, and schedules, or to plan a trip, visit www.sdmts.com or contact 511.

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