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Green Line service will increase to 7-minute frequencies to handle crowds for nationally televised game

San Diego – To accommodate large crowds expected for the Poinsettia Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 21, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is increasing service and advising passengers to purchase tickets on the MTS mobile ticketing app to bypass boarding lines after the game.

The San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl kicks off at 6 p.m. and features the Wyoming Cowboys and the BYU Cougars. The game coincides with Wednesday's peak afternoon commute so passengers should schedule extra time to get to the game prior to kick off. Transit center parking lots will be busy 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.

MTS will increase the number of Green Line trains that provide direct service to Qualcomm Stadium beginning at 3 p.m., running trains every 7 minutes. After the game, extra Green Line service will be operating in both directions as needed.

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)
- 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.sdmts.com/fares-passes/mobile-ticketing.

MTS operates 95 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 in 10 cities and the county. In FY 2016, MTS served 92.6 million riders. For more information on how you can use public transportation and save money, go to www.sdmts.com.

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