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What: Trolley Open House Media Availability

Why: **San Diegans will soon get a chance to ride brand new Trolley cars, as the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) will unveil the next generation of vehicles.**

The public will have an opportunity to board the new model at an “open house” on Wednesday, April 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The new vehicles will be in service beginning Saturday, April 20.

Manufactured in California by Siemens, the Trolley cars have several new features intended to improve the passenger experience, including a redesigned middle section to improve passenger flow and provide greater wheelchair accessibility, vinyl-covered seating rather than the cloth used in previous models, improved sightlines for security and relocated equipment to facilitate access by technicians.

MTS has been steadily receiving new Siemens S700 light rail vehicles (LRVs) as part of an order of 45 new Trolley cars placed in 2016.

When:

Tomorrow, Wednesday, April 17

11:30 a.m.

Where: 12th & Imperial Transit Center

Clock Tower Plaza

1255 Imperial Ave.

San Diego, CA 92101

Interviews:

Georgette Gómez, MTS Board Chair and Council President, City of San Diego

Mona Rios, MTS Vice Chair and National City Councilmember

Paul Jablonski, MTS Chief Executive Officer

Robin Stimson, Vice President of Business Development, Siemens

Visuals:

Exterior and interior of new 5001 series Trolley car

Ceremonial ribbon cutting outside of Trolley doors

Trolley and buses arriving and departing

Passengers boarding and deboarding

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