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The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) has proposed a brand new bus line through La Jolla. The 34 would be a local route — running every 15 minutes peak, 30 minutes mid-day — that links up with the Mid-Coast Trolley extension at Balboa Station in Pacific Beach and runs northward to Westfield UTC Mall.

The 30 bus would continue to operate, but only as an express bus from Old Town to UC San Diego.

“This looks like it’s very much what we’ve asked for,” said Dan Allen, chair of the trolley bus subcommittee at the La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Board. “It’s not the schedule we were hoping for, but nothing’s perfect.”

The proposal is still subject to public hearing, Title VI analysis and board approval. However, if all proceeds smoothly, the bus is expected to launch in Spring 2021, a few months before the trolley.

MTS operates 95 bus routes and three Trolley lines on 53 miles of double-tracked railway. Every weekday 300,000 passenger trips are taken on MTS bus and Trolley services in 10 cities and unincorporated areas of the county. In FY 2019, MTS served more than 85.3 million riders. For more information on how you can use public transportation and save money, go to www.sdmts.com.

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