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Vintage Trolley Service Begins in San Diego; More Streetcars are Next

SAN DIEGO, CA (August 18, 2011) – Councilmember Todd Gloria today took the inaugural ride on San Diego’s Silver Line vintage trolley in downtown San Diego and pledged extended streetcar service in coming years.

“Looking to the past has given us great ideas for improving public transportation for San Diego,” said Councilmember Todd Gloria. “The Silver Line will add a fun and useful element to our current trolley service, and more streetcars will improve mobility through our urban neighborhoods.”

The Silver Line uses a restored trolley car built in 1949 and will operate in a loop around downtown beginning on Saturday, August 27.

Efforts are underway to extend a similar vintage service from downtown up Park Boulevard to Balboa Park in time for the 2015 Centennial Celebration of the Panama-California Exposition, which is being recognized as the 100th birthday of the Park. For more information, visit <http://www.sdmts.com/streetcarstudy.asp>.

Councilmember Gloria, who also serves on the Metropolitan Transit System’s (MTS) Board of Directors, is a tireless advocate of strengthening public transportation systems for economic, environmental and planning purposes. He successfully fought for the inclusion of streetcar service in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Thanks to his leadership, additional funds were allocated to the light rail projects for San Diego’s mid-city neighborhoods, moving up the timeline for completion to 2035. This will include the conversion of the approved Mid-City Bus Rapid project connecting downtown to San Diego State University from a bus line to a light rail line.

Please visit www.sdmts.com for more information about Silver Line vintage trolley service downtown.

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