AGENDA  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Madison County Mass Transit District  
9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 24, 2011  
One Transit Way, Granite City, Illinois

Item                                                   Recommendation
I.  Pledge of Allegiance.                               Approval
II. Call to Order: Roll Call.                          Approval
III. Nelson Hagnauer Excellence in Service Award.      Approval
IV. Consideration of the Minutes of the January 27, 2011 Regular Meeting for inclusion in the official records of the District. Approval
Financial:
V. A. Payments and Claims: Consideration of the January 2011 claims for payment. Approval
VI. Transit Service:
     A. Managing Director's Report: Jerry J. Kane. Information
     B. Resolution 11-34 Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for CMAQ Funds for a Passenger Information Initiatives Program. Approval
     C. Resolution 11-35 Authorizing the Extension of a Lease Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for Property at Horseshoe Lake State Park. Approval
     D. Resolution 11-36 Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Purchase and Installation of a Storage Area Network Device. Approval
     E. Resolution 11-37 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois, Department of Central Management Services to Participate in the iBid Online Auction System. Approval
VII. Other Business:
VIII. Executive Session to Discuss the Acquisition, and/or Sale of Property, and/or Security, and/or Litigation (5ILCS 120/2 et. seq., 2(c)5, 2(c)6, 2(c)8 and 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act). Approval
IX. Adjournment. Approval
The Nelson Hagnauer Excellence in Service Award

Presented to

Theresa Wilson

Madison County Transit appreciates your exemplary performance in providing outstanding service to the many people who depend on the District's transit system.

Madison County Transit

The above named individual is awarded this distinction by the Board of Trustees for ten years without a preventable accident, this 24th day of February, two thousand eleven.

Dan Corbett, Chairman

Terry Allan, Vice-Chairman
I. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Corbett led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Call to Order**

Chairman Corbett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Corbett, J. Terry Allan, Rose Marie Chadwick, Edward Hagnauer and Bruce Malone

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Kane, Managing Director; Ken Danzinger, Legal Counsel; Mary Ruth Kettenbach, ACT; and Erin Werner, ACT

III. **Consideration of the Minutes of December 28, 2010**

TRUSTEE MALONE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 28, 2010 REGULAR MEETING FOR INCLUSION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER AYE
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. **Financial**

A. **Payments and Claims: Consideration of the December 2010 claims for payment:** Managing Director Jerry Kane submitted the payments and claims.

TRUSTEE CHADWICK MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MALONE, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2010, EXCLUDING THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS TO GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP.
A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER AYE
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE ALLAN MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MALONE, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS TO GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER ABSTAIN
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. TRUSTEE HAGNAUER ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.


A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER AYE
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

V. Transit Service

A. Managing Director’s Report: Jerry Kane presented the report.
B. TRUSTEE CHADWICK MADE AN OMNIBUS MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAGNAUER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS:

11-30 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. 4040 WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT CAP-11-972-ILL;

11-31 AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST TO TRANSFER CMAQ CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS FOR THE U.S. 40 CORRIDOR BIO-DIESEL REPLACEMENT BUS PROJECT FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION;

11-32 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CMAQ FUNDS FOR BICYCLE LOCKERS;

11-33 AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF FEDERALLY FUNDED HEAVY DUTY BUSES.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER AYE
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. **Other Business**

TRUSTEE MALONE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLAN TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION, AND/OR SALE OF PROPERTY, AND/OR SECURITY, AND/OR LITIGATION (5ILCS 120/2 ET. SEQ., 2(C)5, 2(C)6, 2(C)8 AND 2(C)11 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT).

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER AYE
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.
VII. Executive Session to Discuss the Acquisition, and/or Sale of Property, and/or Security, and/or Litigation (5ILCS 120/2 et. seq., 2(c)5, 2(c)6, 2(c)8 and 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act).

TRUSTEE CHADWICK MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MALONE, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER AYE
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Adjournment

TRUSTEE ALLAN MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE CHADWICK, TO ADJOURN.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK AYE
DANIEL CORBETT AYE
EDWARD HAGNAUER AYE
BRUCE MALONE AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erin Werner
RESOLUTION 11-34

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY FUNDS FOR A PASSENGER INFORMATION INITIATIVES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, 23 U.S.C. § 149 authorizes the funding of projects providing for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ); and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation is an agency designated to receive and dispense such funds; and,

WHEREAS, the District has been awarded Two Hundred Thousand dollars ($200,000) of CMAQ grant funds to provide a Passenger Information Initiatives program; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the District and the public it serves to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation for said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MADISON COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT THAT:

1. Madison County Mass Transit District enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation in order to obtain Two Hundred Thousand dollars ($200,000) of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant funds for a Passenger Information Initiatives program.

2. The Madison County Mass Transit District increase the Assigned Fund Balance by twenty percent (20%) of the negotiated contract award.

3. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to execute, complete and perform all obligations associated with the contract, including any and all change orders and amendments, on behalf of and in a manner most beneficial to the Madison County Mass Transit District.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Madison County Mass Transit District, Madison County, Illinois, on this twenty-fourth day of February, 2011.

Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

J. Terry Allan  Rose Marie Chadwick
Edward A. Hagnauer  Bruce A. Malone

APPROVED as to Form:

Kenneth P. Danziger, Legal Counsel
CERTIFICATE

I, Erin Werner, do hereby certify that I am the fully qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Madison County Mass Transit District, and as such Secretary, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Madison County Mass Transit District.

I do further certify that at a duly constituted and legally convened meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Madison County Mass Transit District held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, a resolution was adopted in full accordance and conformity with the by-laws of the Madison County Mass Transit District and the statutes of the State of Illinois, as made and provided, and that the following is a full, complete, and true copy of the pertinent provisions of said Resolution.

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I further certify that the original of the complete said resolution is on file in the records of the Madison County Mass Transit District in my custody. I do further certify that the foregoing Resolution remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature as Secretary of the Madison County Mass Transit District on this twenty-fourth day of February, 2011.

Erin Werner
RESOLUTION 11-35

AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR PROPERTY AT HORSESHOE LAKE STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the Madison County Mass Transit District passed a resolution on January 28, 1993, and again on June 24, 2010, to comply with 70 ILCS 3610/5(14) of the Local Mass Transit Act to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain bikeways and trails as a public service to benefit and offer recreational opportunities to the residents of Madison County, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Madison County Mass Transit District, as Lessee, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, as Lessor, previously entered into a lease agreement for a tract of land connecting the District's MCT Nature Trail and the MCT Schoolhouse Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the District subsequently constructed a trail connection between the two trails, resulting in increased mobility and trail usage; and,

WHEREAS, said lease agreement will expire April 30, 2011, and the parties are mutually agreeable to continuing this relationship through April 30, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MADISON COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT THAT:

1. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources through April 30, 2016, for the District's use of property at Horseshoe Lake State Park.

2. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to execute, complete, and perform all obligations associated with the lease agreement, including any and all amendments on behalf of and in a manner most beneficial to the Madison County Mass Transit District.

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Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

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[Signature]

Erin Werner
RESOLUTION 11-36

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
A STORAGE AREA NETWORK DEVICE

WHEREAS, the Madison County Mass Transit District (District) was created in December, 1980 by resolution of the Madison County Board pursuant to Section 3 of the Local Mass Transit District Act, approved July 21, 1959, as amended (70 ILCS 3610/1 et. seq.); and,

WHEREAS, Madison County Mass Transit District is a recipient of grant funds from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for various capital projects necessary to support and sustain transit services for the residents of Madison County; and,

WHEREAS, FTA Section 5307 formula grant funds have been appropriated for use by the Madison County Mass Transit District for a replacement storage area network (SAN) device; and,

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with the guidelines and regulations set forth, initiated a procurement process for the purchase and installation of a replacement SAN device; and,

WHEREAS, the District, having successfully completed said procurement, has identified the proposal submitted by MTM Technologies, Inc., of Chesterfield, Missouri, as the most advantageous offer and greatest value to the District to provide and install a replacement SAN device.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MADISON COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT THAT:

1. The Madison County Mass Transit District award a contract to MTM Technologies, Inc., of Chesterfield, Missouri, in the amount of Forty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents ($41,285.75) for the purchase and installation of a replacement storage area network device.

2. The Madison County Mass Transit District Capital Budget line item be increased by an amount equivalent to the project budget.

3. The Madison County Mass Transit District increase the Assigned Fund Balance by twenty percent (20%) of the negotiated contract award.

4. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to execute, complete, and perform all obligations associated with the contract, including any and all change orders, on behalf of and in a manner most beneficial to the Madison County Mass Transit District.
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Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

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[Signature]

Erin Werner
To: Board of Trustees

From: Jerry Kane, Managing Director
      Penny Sarandis, Procurement Specialist

Subject: Replacement Storage Area Network No. 11-1-05300

Date: February 17, 2011

Proposals were received from the following three firms in response to the District’s solicitation for a replacement storage area network (SAN) and respective installation and migration services:

- Graybar from Bel Ridge, Missouri
- MTM Technologies Inc. from Chesterfield, Missouri
- World Wide Technology, Inc. from Maryland Heights, Missouri

All proposals received were deemed responsive. A committee consisting of three members evaluated the proposals using the best value selection process taking into consideration each proposer’s technical strengths and weaknesses and their relative prices based on the criterion established in the solicitation. Proposal were scored as follows.

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The proposal submitted by MTM Technologies Inc. was deemed the most advantageous offer and greatest value for the District. Recommendation is being made for a contract award to MTM Technologies Inc. in the amount of $41,285.75 for the above referenced project.
RESOLUTION 11-37

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE iBid ONLINE AUCTION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Madison County Mass Transit District (District) was created in December, 1980 by resolution of the Madison County Board pursuant to Section 3 of the Local Mass Transit District Act, approved July 21, 1959, as amended (70 ILCS 3610/1 et. seq.); and,

WHEREAS, since its inception, the District has acquired various capital items needed to support and sustain the operations of the District; and,

WHEREAS, periodically property formerly necessary for District operations becomes outdated, exhausted, or otherwise surplus to the District; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, Department of Central Management Services has an online auction system, titled iBid, designed to sell surplus goods no longer needed by units of Illinois local government; and,

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 3610/5(f)(5) of the Local Mass Transit District Act requires transit districts to dispose of any asset with a value over $1,000, by public bid; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the iBid online auction system would allow the District to dispose of surplus District property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MADISON COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT THAT:

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APPROVED as to Form:

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[Signature]

Erin Werner
The buses of tomorrow today

MCT taking delivery of 50 new vehicles

BY BILL TUCKER
billtuckercorpdev

Madison County Transit has began rolling the buses of tomorrow today.

MCT, taking delivery of 50 new vehicles, is offering mass transit riders state-of-the-art journeys.

Even better, these riders are only paying for a fraction of their new ride.

According to a press release from MCT, the new buses come with enhanced safety features, automatic vehicle controls, at Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) style streamlined design and a median point advance.

The vehicles are clean-burning, heavy duty, hybrid units that will operate on MCT's fixed-route system.

MCT's director Jerry Campisi, leads the effort to purchase the new buses, which were built by the leading manufacturer, some from local sources.

A score of federal grants including American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Stimulus funds, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula, Local, Matching Federal Discretionary funds were utilized for the purchase.

"The purchase of these buses could not have been possible without the support of Congress delegation that included U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello and Representative John Shimkus, MCT Managing Director Jerry Campisi said in the release.

"On behalf of the more than 28 million individuals who ride MCT this year, I want to commend those leaders for this investment in the mobility of Madison County residents.

Currently, the heavy duty vehicles in MCT's current fixed-route fleet are 30 and 40-foot buses.

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One of the new "greener" buses in the Madison County Transit fleet.
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They were acquired in 1997 and each one of them has surpassed its useful life expectancy as defined by both the FTA and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

"It is imperative that we replace these vehicles before problems negatively impact the provision of transit service," MCT Board Chairman Dan Arbet said. "The fact that we were able to safely operate these vehicles well beyond their life expectancy is a testament to MCT's skilled staff and rigorous preventive maintenance program."

The new buses cost approximately $300,000 each and have a mandated useful life of 12 years. MCT acquired these vehicles in a timely manner thanks to the full cooperation and assistance of the Illinois Development Agency, UBA Metro, by piggy-backing on an existing bus procurement and entering into an agreement that benefitted both agencies, the release said. The new buses will feature the same safety and accessibility elements as the current vehicles, such as a wheelchair ramp, kneeling ability and wheelchair attachments.

"In the early 1990s, MCT became the first transit agency in the region to introduce low floor buses," said Collinsville Township Supervisor and MCT Board Member Terry Allan. "The low floor requires only one step up and the ramp creates easier and faster boarding."

The Gillig buses, which were built in the United States, offer the latest features available in mass transit, including:
- "Talking Bus" capability - Automated Voice Annunciation with Interior Display to announce upcoming stops and connecting routes.
- Enhanced on-board video surveillance system for improved passenger safety.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Front Body Design for expanded driver visibility.
- 2010 Clean Diesel Technology utilizing Biodiesel Alternative Fuel for improved air quality, fuel economy and to reduce consumption of fossil fuel.
- Enhanced wheelchair restraint system to reduce securing implementation time.
- LRD lighting for improved visibility, longer component life and reduced energy consumption.
- Fuel-fired heaters to warm bus engines and heat bus interiors for reduced fuel consumption.

Safer, smarter, healthier buses - that's what MCT has obtained.

"The new safety features, accessibility components and fuel efficiencies will enable MCT to maintain operational costs while improving the passenger experience," Granite City Mayor and MCT Board Member Ed Haysom said in the release.

MCT reports approximately 2.3 million boardings annually.

Recent spikes in gas prices have made bus riders out of many car drivers.

"As a County Board Member, I see firsthand the impact that MCT services have on communities and individuals," Madison County Board Member and MCT Board Member Bruce Malone said in the release.

For details about MCT's fixed-route service, please call (618) 991-7433 or visit www.mct.org.
City uses emergency plan
By LINDA N. WELLER
The Telegraph

ALTON — Prior to the first raindrop or snowflake Monday, city officials put an emergency operation plan into place that may kick into higher gear if weather conditions become dire.

"If the weather pattern is as serious as predicted, and the side streets are not passable, we will handle calls only on an emergency basis," Alton Police Chief David Hayes said.

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Those calls, he said, involve threats to personal safety, emergency medical services and traffic crashes with injuries and incidents where people are harmed.

"Low priority are minor crashes that do not require immediate presence with police, which people can report on the telephone or at the desk," at the Alton Police Department command center, 1700 E. Broadway, he said.

Hayes said the department has rented some four-wheel-drive vehicles in which to navigate through the city.

"I've diverted staff from the detectives, traffic and support services divisions to go on the streets, and am putting two men in cars so we are not dispatching two cars out in the weather.

"We are on an emergency basis so to provide transportation to people in need to warming centers; this is only available for those in dire need, and for no other reason," Hayes said about police providing transportation to citizens.

Alton Mayor, Ron Bouchat; Brad Cunningham, interim public works director and Recreation Department director; Alton Fire Chief Greg Bock and Hayes met at 1 a.m. Monday to implement the plan and chart out the department's strategies.

Bock said he was contacting senior housing units about what to do during various emergencies, including if they lose electricity.

"A back-up plan would be to open a school building in the event one of the senior homes is without power," Bock said.

The chiefs are in contact with the Madison County Emergency Management Agency and Madison County Transit in both planning and responding to the effects of the storm.

"For the next three days, we plan to operate on our emergency management plan, which the city formulated several years ago to meet federal requirements," Hayes said.

"I want the citizens to have confidence that we've already made plans for dealing with what the weather might bring," he said. "We ask citizens to be patient with us. It's as dangerous for a police officer, to travel the streets as it is for a citizen.

"If the worst happens, the mayor will declare a disaster, and we would get the emergency operations center running at the police station 24 hours a day," he said.

The center would be located in the Community Room, off the main lobby, and be manned by representatives from all affected city departments.

Hayes said MCT buses would run on main routes in Alton, which public works street crews will work to keep clear. MCT implements special snow routes in the city during inclement weather.

Cunningham said residents of the steep West Seventh Street hill will see the barricades removed once the Public Works Street Division crews remove any snow and salt down the pavement after the storm.

He also called Allied Waste regarding a neighbor's claim that the hauling hadn't picked up residents' trash in three weeks.

"Once the hill is salted, they can back-up their trucks and get back on their regular schedule," Cunningham said. "We will do everything in our power after the event to plow and get the hill salted."
Child injured when car strikes bus

By TOM THIRASHER
For The Telegraph

WOOD RIVER — A 6-year-old boy riding in a car that struck the rear of a Madison County Transit District bus on Friday morning was taken to Alton Memorial Hospital for treatment, authorities said.

The boy, who was not identified, was treated for minor injuries and bruising to his face, Brendan McKee, the captain of the Wood River Fire Department, said. Other passengers in the vehicle were treated for minor injuries as well.

The crash, which involved three vehicles, occurred around 10:15 a.m. on Edwardsville Road near the intersection of Wood River Avenue. The car that rear-ended the bus, a Lincoln LS in which the boy was riding, sustained serious body damage to the front and to the side. The bus, which may have suffered damage to the radiator, was towed back to MCT headquarters in Granite City. The third car, a Kia, swerved trying to avoid the Lincoln and clipped it on its left-hand side, authorities at the scene said. The Kia sustained only minor damage.

Responders to the scene also included animal control officers, which tended to one or more dogs that were in the vehicle.

The Wood River Police Department, which responded to the crash, declined to comment on the incident, referring questions to Chief William Webber, who was not available. The child's name is not being released.
GRANITE CITY - Transit agency replaces 50 buses? Madison County Transit has replaced 50 aging fixed-route buses with new, clean-burning biodiesel vehicles. The American-made buses were produced for the district by the Gillig Corp. They cost about $100,000 each and their purchase was made possible by federal grants and appropriations, including stimulus money, that covered more than 92 percent of the costs.

The new buses replace 30- and 40-foot buses that were purchased new in 1997. All had surpassed their useful life expectancy based on state and federal standards. The buses, like those they replace, will feature safety and accessibility elements that include wheelchair ramps, "kneeling" ability and wheelchair securement gear.

New features include automated announcements of stops and connecting routes; enhanced video surveillance, better driver visibility, clean diesel technology, LED lighting and fuel-fired heaters.
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The heavy snowfall forced Senior Services Plus Inc., 2003 N. Rodgers Ave., in Alton, to cancel its transportation services and meals on wheels deliveries Thursday.

As of noon, Executive Director Jon Becker had not determined whether the rides and deliveries would resume today.

"Last week, when we had two, four or five inches of snow, we delivered the meals," Becker said. "They do have three frozen emergency meals that we gave them in December, and we will make up the (frozen) meals to prepare for another storm."

Becker said many who deliver the meals are themselves older people, who also would be at risk on the slick streets.

Senior Services Plus delivers food to 375 elderly or home-bound residents of 22 townships, from Godfrey to Lebanon. Regarding transportation services, Becker said most clients probably didn't want to See ROADS, Page C2.
He said late Thursday morning he was not aware of any bus crashes or other problems, other than some of them running late.

"Everyone was late Thursday," Morrison said about those who had to go to work or otherwise leave home.

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The deluge of snow wasn’t bad news for everyone, such as Kathy Bowers, owner of Bowers Towing at 834 Godfrey Road.

"We’ve been busy since 3 a.m.,” Bowers said, “We’re doing real good."

Bowers said all of the calls were for vehicles sliding off roads, and not traffic crashes.

"We’ve used winches more than anything,” she said. “One car was on its side."

By 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Bowers said the company’s telephone was getting quieter.

“I think most people have gotten to where they were going,” she said.

Bowers said unlike the unfortunate drivers who slipped off the roads, the company’s drivers had no problems navigating area streets and highways.