**AGENDA**

Board of Trustees Meeting
Madison County Mass Transit District
9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 26, 2011
One Transit Way, Granite City, Illinois

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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, Edward Hagnauer, and Bruce Malone

ABSENT: Rose Marie Chadwick

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Kane, Managing Director; Ken Danzinger, Legal Counsel; Mary Ruth Kettenbach, ACT; Erin Werner, ACT; Elliott Davis, Fox 2 News; videographer, Fox 2 News

III. **Consideration of the Minutes of the March 31, 2011**

TRUSTEE MALONE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAGNAUER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2011 REGULAR MEETING FOR INCLUSION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

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ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. **Financial**

A. **Payments and Claims:** Consideration of the March 2011 claims for payment: Managing Director Jerry Kane submitted the payments and claims.

TRUSTEE MALONE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLAN, TO SEPARATELY VOTE ON THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS FOR GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP FOR MARCH 2011.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

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ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.
TRUSTEE ALLAN MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MALONE, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS REPORT FOR MARCH 2011, EXCLUDING THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS TO GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

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

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE MALONE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLAN, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS TO GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP FOR MARCH 2011.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

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

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


TRUSTEE HAGNAUER MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MALONE, TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECORDS AS OF MARCH 31, 2011.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN          AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK    ABSENT
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 HAGNAUER MADE AN OMNIBUS MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLAN, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

11-42  AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
11-43  AUTHORIZING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM REVISIONS PURSUANT TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
11-44 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A REPLACEMENT BUS WASH SYSTEM

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

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

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Proposed Modifications to the Seniors Free Ride Program Pursuant to Illinois Public Act 96-1527: Managing Director Jerry Kane presented the proposed modifications.

VI. Other Business

A. Open Meetings Act Update: Managing Director provided an update on changes to the Open Meetings Act, which became effective January 1, 2011.

B. TRUSTEE MALONE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAGNAUER, TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION, AND/OR SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY, AND/OR SECURITY, AND/OR LITIGATION, AND/OR REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (5ILCS 120/2 ET. SEQ., 2(C)5, 2(C)6, 2(C)8, 2(C)11, AND 2(C)21 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT).

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK ABSENT
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 OR LEASE OF PROPERTY, AND/OR SECURITY, AND/OR LITIGATION, AND/OR REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (5ILCS 120/2 ET. SEQ., 2(C)5, 2(C)6, 2(C)8, 2(C)11, AND 2(C)21 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT).

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

J. TERRY ALLAN AYE
ROSE MARIE CHADWICK ABSENT
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 MALONE, TO ADJOURN.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED.

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

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

[Signature]
RESOLUTION 11-45

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPORT VEHICLE

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. seg.); and,

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

WHEREAS, the District is a registered member of the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, one of the support vehicles, utilized by the District’s Fleet Maintenance Department, has exceeded its useful life according to Federal Transit Administration guidelines and is in need of replacement; and,

WHEREAS, 2011 model year Ford F-150 pickup trucks are available for purchase through the State of Illinois’ vehicle contract with Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., of Greenfield, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the staff recommends a contract be awarded to Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., in the amount of Thirty Thousand, Ninety-Five dollars ($30,095) for the purchase and delivery of one (1) 2011 Ford F-150 pickup truck.

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


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

3. The Madison County Mass Transit District increase the Fund Balance Reserve 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 and directed 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-sixth day of May, 2011.

Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

J. Terry Allan
Edward A. Hagnauer

Rose Marie Chadwick
Bruce A. Malone

APPROVED as to Form:

Kenneth P. Danzinger, 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, May 26, 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.

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


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4. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized and directed 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.

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-sixth day of May, 2011.

Erin Werner
To: Board of Trustees  
From: Jerry Kane, Managing Director  
Penny Sarandis, Procurement Specialist  
Subject: Support Vehicle – ½ Ton Pickup Truck  
Date: May 19, 2011

The District is in need of replacing one of its support vehicles utilized by its fleet maintenance department which has exceeded its useful life according to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. The District currently has funding available from the FTA for this type of purchase.

Model year 2011 Ford F-150 pickup trucks are available for purchase through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program. The FTA encourages grantees to utilize state intergovernmental agreements for the procurement or use of common goods and services. As a registered member of the Illinois Joint Purchasing Program, the District is eligible to purchase its requirement for a support vehicle through the State's contract with Morrow Brothers Ford Inc. from Greenfield, Illinois.

Recommendation is being made for a contract award to Morrow Brothers Ford Inc. in the amount of $30,095 for the purchase and delivery of a 2011 Ford F-150 pickup truck.
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

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.) to foster an improved coordinated transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, the District has the responsibility to operate and maintain mass transit as a public service for the welfare of the residents of the District and the vitality of Madison County, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, in the past, the District has maintained Motor Vehicle Lease and/or Maintenance Agreements with the Village of Glen Carbon, Illinois; St. Joseph’s Hospital, Highland, Illinois; Challenge Unlimited, Inc., Alton, Illinois; and Main Street Community Center, Inc., Edwardsville, Illinois, to serve the community’s elderly and disabled residents; and,

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to provide maintenance assistance for such vehicles and equipment so as to efficiently and safely serve the residents of the District (70 ILCS 3610/5(b); and,

WHEREAS, all parties desire to maintain this mutually beneficial relationship to continue to protect the public investment and to continue to serve its citizens.

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 Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized to execute, extend, and/or modify existing Motor Vehicle Lease and Maintenance Agreements with Village of Glen Carbon, Illinois; St. Joseph’s Hospital, Highland, Illinois; Challenge Unlimited, Inc., Alton, Illinois; and Main Street Community Center, Inc., Edwardsville, Inc.

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

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

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

Erin Werner
RESOLUTION 11-47

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Madison County Mass Transit 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, State of Illinois, Department of Transportation (State), in order to facilitate the free flow of traffic and increase the safety to the motoring public proposes to construct a new bridge structure to carry Federal Aid Interstate (FAI) Route 270 (Interstate 270) over the Chain of Rocks Canal, Waterworks Road, Chouteau Place Road, the levee on the west side of the Chain of Rocks Canal, and the levee/bike trail on the east side of the Chain of Rocks Canal; expand a portion of the east side levee located directly under the new bridge; construct a new bike trail/levee access road, located south of the new bridge, entering from Chouteau Place Road; demolish the existing bridge structure; as well as perform other related work; and,

WHEREAS, the State requires permission from the District to enter upon the District's easement to perform the improvements; and,

WHEREAS, in order to advance this roadway improvement, which is desired and will benefit the traveling public, it is necessary that the District and the State agree to the responsibilities of each party; and,

WHEREAS, the State has prepared a Letter of Understanding which outlines the responsibilities of each party with respect to this project; and,

WHEREAS, the State has submitted plans and specifications for said improvement in so far as they affect the Madison County Mass Transit District; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the District and the public it serves to execute the Letter of Understanding with the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, granting use of the District’s easement 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 does hereby approve the plans and specifications for the FAI Route 270 project, but only to the extent as they affect the modifications to the MCT Confluence Bikeway, operated by the Madison County Mass Transit District.

2. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Letter of Understanding with the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, for use of District property for improvements to FAI Route 270.

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

[Signature]

Erin Werner
RESOLUTION 11-48
ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

WHEREAS, the Madison County Mass Transit District (District) is responsible for the provision of public mass transportation services 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, the District, as a provider of public fixed route bus service, paratransit service for its elderly and disabled residents, carpool and vanpool matching services for the entire greater St. Louis region, and the developer of over 100 miles of bikeways in Madison County has a need to market these services to the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the District currently maintains various internet websites: www.mct.org for its transit services; www.mctrails.org for its bikeways; and www.ridefinders.org for the regional carpool and vanpool services; and,

WHEREAS, the websites have become the primary mode for the District to disseminate and maintain current information relating to its many services; and,

WHEREAS, the public has benefited from the District's websites by having quick and convenient access to bus schedules, routes, fares, policies, public notices, eligibility requirements, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, the District can improve its market saturation, increase its visibility, improve its dissemination of information, and allow interactivity by participating in social media sites; and,

WHEREAS, it is prudent for any unit of local government that uses any form of online communication to develop a website and social media policy defining the purpose and scope of such use.

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 adopts the attached Social Media and Social Networking Policy as set forth in Attachment A, pending concurrence by its attorney.

2. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized to take any and all actions as may reasonably be required to enact and administer said policy, and take any reasonable action to conform to the spirit of the approved policy.
ADOPTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Madison County Mass Transit District, Madison County, Illinois, on this twenty-sixth day of May, 2011.

Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

J. Terry Allan
Edward A. Hagnauer

Rose Marie Chadwick
Bruce A. Malone

APPROVED as to Form:

Kenneth P. Danzinger, Legal Counsel
MADISON COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
SOCIAL MEDIA AND SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

I. Purpose

This policy establishes guidelines for the establishment and use by Madison County Transit, a municipal corporation organized pursuant to the Local Mass Transit District Act, 70 ILCS 3610 ("DISTRICT") of social media sites as a means of conveying DISTRICT information to its citizens. The DISTRICT has an overriding interest and expectation in deciding what is "spoken" on behalf of the DISTRICT on the DISTRICT's social media sites, as well as an interest in the information posted about the DISTRICT by its agents, or agent's employees or on employees' social media sites or blogs.

The intended purpose behind establishing social media sites is to disseminate information from the DISTRICT and about the DISTRICT to its citizens and to monitor and control employee usage of social media that might impact the DISTRICT, its employees, officers, and patrons. The DISTRICT encourages the use of social media to further the goals of the DISTRICT and the missions of its departments, where appropriate, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this social media policy.

II. Definitions

"Administrator" is the DISTRICT Managing Director or his or her designee. The Administrator may designate different individuals to be the Administrator of different social media sites.

"ACT" is the Agency for Community Transit, Inc. ACT provides for administration, operation and maintenance of the DISTRICT's services.

"Blogs or Blogging" includes any electronic medium, whether maintained by the employee or by some other person, in which the viewers express their views and opinions.

"Comment" means a response to a DISTRICT posting or social media content or posting submitted by a DISTRICT agent, employee, official, or member of the public.

"Music and Movie Collaboration Sites" as referred to in this policy shall include websites used to share, download and upload music files, movies, photographs, and other electronic files.

"Social Media Sites" or "Social Networking Sites" as referred to in this policy include websites and/or applications that allow users to share information, including but not limited to such websites as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, MySpace, You Tube, Flickr, etc.
III. General Policy

A. Approval and Administration

1. The establishment and use by any DISTRICT department of DISTRICT social media sites are subject to approval by the DISTRICT Administrator.

2. All DISTRICT social media sites shall be administered by the Administrator. The Administrator shall be trained regarding the terms of the social media policy, including their responsibilities to review content submitted for posting to ensure compliance with the policy. The Administrator will be responsible for monitoring content on DISTRICT social media sites to ensure adherence to both the DISTRICT's social media policy and the interest and goals of the DISTRICT.

3. DISTRICT social media sites should make clear that they are maintained by the DISTRICT and that they follow the DISTRICT's social media policy.

4. Wherever possible, DISTRICT social media sites should link back to the official DISTRICT website for forms, documents, online services, and other information concerning the DISTRICT.

5. All social networking sites should clearly indicate that any content submitted for posting on the site is subject to public disclosure.

6. The DISTRICT reserves the right to restrict or remove any content that is deemed in violation of this social media policy or any applicable law.

7. Any content removed based on these guidelines must be retained by the DISTRICT for a reasonable period of time, including the time, date and identity of the poster, when available.

B. Comment Policy

1. Comments containing any of the following inappropriate forms of content shall not be permitted on DISTRICT social media sites and are subject to removal and/or restriction by the Administrator:

   a. Comments not related to the original topic, including random or unintelligible comments;

   b. Profane, obscene, violent, sexual, or pornographic content and/or language;

   c. Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin,
d. Defamatory or personal attacks;

e. Threats to any person or organization;

f. Solicitation of commerce, including but not limited to advertising of any business or product for sale;

g. Conduct in violation of any federal, state, or local law;

h. Encouragement of illegal activity;

i. Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems; or

j. Content that violates a legal ownership interest, such as a copyright or trademark.

2. A comment posted by a member of the public on any DISTRICT social media site is the opinion of the commentator or poster only, and publication of a comment does not imply endorsement of, or by the DISTRICT, nor do the comments necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the DISTRICT.

3. The DISTRICT reserves the right to deny access to DISTRICT social media sites for any individual who violates the DISTRICT's social media policy, at any time and without prior notice.

4. Departments are responsible for monitoring their social media sites for comments requesting responses from the DISTRICT and for comments in violation of this policy.

5. When a DISTRICT/ACT employee responds to a comment in his/her capacity as a DISTRICT/ACT employee, the employee's name and title should be made available, and the employee shall not share personal information about himself or herself, or other DISTRICT/ACT employees.

6. All comments posted to any DISTRICT Facebook site are bound by Facebook's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, located at http://www.facebook.com/terms.php, and the DISTRICT reserves the right to report any violation of Facebook's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities to Facebook with the intent of Facebook taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.
C. Compliance with Laws

1. All DISTRICT social media sites must adhere to applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies.

2. Public officials should refrain from engaging in contemporaneous discussions of the public business of the DISTRICT on social media sites that could be considered a "meeting" subject to the notice and open meetings requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

3. Any content maintained in a social media format that is related to DISTRICT business, including a list of subscribers, posted communication, and materials submitted for posting, may be public records subject to disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Content related to DISTRICT business shall be maintained in an accessible format so that it can be produced in response to a request. Wherever possible, social media sites shall clearly indicate that any articles and any other content posted or submitted for posting are subject to public disclosure.

4. Any content maintained in a social media format that is related to DISTRICT business may be subject to retention under the Illinois Local Records Act. The Department maintaining a site must preserve records in accordance with any applicable records retention schedule in a format that preserves the integrity of the original record and is easily accessible.

5. DISTRICT social media content must be managed, stored, and retrieved to comply with applicable E-discovery laws.

IV. Employee Usage Policy

A. Employer Monitoring

1. Employees are cautioned that they should have no expectation of privacy while using the Internet. Employee postings can be reviewed by anyone, including Agency for Community Transit ("ACT"). ACT reserves the right to monitor comments or discussions about DISTRICT/ACT, their officers, employees, or agents posted on the Internet by anyone, including employees and non-employees.

2. ACT reserves the right to use content management tools to monitor, review or block content on social media sites or blogs that violate the ACT social media policy.
B. Identification As An Employee Of ACT

1. ACT encourages employees not to identify the DISTRICT or ACT as their employer on their personal social media sites or blogs or in posting on other sites or blogs.

2. However, if an employee does identify himself or herself as an ACT employee and the employee's bloggings or postings have not been officially approved by the Administrator or the employee's supervisor to further the business of the DISTRICT, then the employee should be aware of the following:
   a. Employees who use or are members of social networking sites, music and movie collaboration sites, and blogs are hereby on notice, by receipt of this policy, that by identifying themselves on these websites as an ACT employee, he or she is also to some extent holding himself or herself out as a representative of ACT and/or the DISTRICT. As such, employees must take responsibility for representing ACT in a professional manner.
   b. Employees must be aware that their actions captured via images, posts, or comments can reflect the image of ACT and its other employees. All postings, photos, images or other communications by an employee regarding service to, or employment with ACT, that create a negative image or diminish the reputation of the DISTRICT/ACT, their officials, or employees, may subject the employee to disciplinary action consistent with this policy.
   c. An employee must clearly state that his or her views are not representative of those of the DISTRICT/ACT, their officials, employees, or agents. For example, postings by employees writing a blog or posting on a blog should be written in the first person and should clearly state that the author is writing of his or her own volition and not on behalf of the DISTRICT/ACT. In addition, all personal blogs or postings on the blogs of others should have a clear disclaimer, such as the following:

   THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE AUTHOR ARE THE AUTHOR'S ALONE AND DO NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE DISTRICT.
C. Content of Postings, Content, and Blogs

1. All information published on blogs and other social media sites must comply with ACT's confidentiality and disclosure policies and must not divulge confidential information regarding the internal operations or procedures of the DISTRICT/ACT.

2. No confidential, personal, or identifying information shall be posted with regard to any services rendered by the DISTRICT or with regard to any DISTRICT patron, without the express consent of the Administrator.

3. Employees must not post any information regarding their job assignments, routes, or other work-related matters without the express consent of the Administrator.

4. Employees shall refrain from posting any work-related complaints or specific grievances regarding DISTRICT/ACT officials or supervisory staff, but shall instead utilize the procedure in place such as the complaint procedure or the union grievance procedure.

5. The DISTRICT/ACT seals or other logos, trademarks, or symbols used to identify the DISTRICT/ACT may not be used without written consent from the Administrator.

6. Employees must comply with laws pertaining to plagiarism or copyrights, especially when employees identify themselves as ACT employees.

7. Be respectful to the DISTRICT/ACT, its officers, employees, agents, and patrons.

D. Acknowledgment
ACT employees must sign a written acknowledgment that they have received, read, understand, and agree to comply with the DISTRICT's social media policy and any other related policy.

E. Reporting Violations
The DISTRICT requests and strongly urges employees to report any violations or possible or perceived violations to the Administrator. Violations may include discussions of the DISTRICT/ACT and their officers, employees, or patrons, any discussions or postings where the employee has identified him or herself as a DISTRICT/ACT employee and is engaging in illegal or immoral conduct, any discussion of confidential information, and any unlawful activity.
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, May 26, 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.

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 adopts the attached Social Media and Social Networking Policy as set forth in Attachment A, pending concurrence by its attorney.

2. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director of the Madison County Mass Transit District, is hereby authorized to take any and all actions as may reasonably be required to enact and administer said policy, and take any reasonable action to conform to the spirit of the approved policy.

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-sixth day of May, 2011.

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Erin Werner
RESOLUTION 11-49

AUTHORIZING THE FARES AND FEES
FOR THE DISTRICT'S REGIONAL VANPOOL PROGRAM

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, the District operates the St. Louis regional rideshare program, known as RideFinders; and,

WHEREAS, one of the services offered to the region's residents by RideFinders is the provision of a van for groups of commuters who have similar work times and work destinations; and,

WHEREAS, the District has utilized Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to offset the capital cost of the vans used in its regional vanpool program; and,

WHEREAS, among the responsibilities of the District is the establishment and periodic adjustment of fares and fees for the regional vanpool program operated by the District to insure the vanpoolers pay for the operation and administration of the vanpool program; and,

WHEREAS, an extensive fare revenue and fee analysis was completed by the staff, the results of which were recently completed; and,

WHEREAS, the staff recommends that a new schedule of fares and fees be adopted by the District to insure the sustainability of the St. Louis regional vanpool program.

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

1. The Fares and Fees as set forth in Attachment A are hereby adopted, effective July 1, 2011.

2. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director, is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary and appropriate in order to implement the Fare and Fee schedule in the District's vanpool program.

3. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director, is hereby authorized to execute new Vanpool Participant agreements with participating vanpoolers, setting forth the Fares and Fees, terms and conditions, for said program.
ADOPTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Madison County Mass Transit District, Madison County, Illinois, on this twenty-sixth day of May, 2011.

Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

J. Teng Allan
Edward A. Hagnauer

Rose Marie Chadwick
Bruce A. Malone

APPROVED as to Form:

Kenneth P. Danzinger, Legal Counsel
CERTIFICATE

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

1. The Fares and Fees as set forth in Attachment A are hereby adopted, effective July 1, 2011.

2. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director, is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary and appropriate in order to implement the Fare and Fee schedule in the District's vanpool program.

3. Jerry J. Kane, Managing Director, is hereby authorized to execute new Vanpool Participant agreements with participating vanpoolers, setting forth the Fares and Fees, terms and conditions, for said program.

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-sixth day of May, 2011.

Erin Werner
## Schedule of RideFinders Vanpool Fares and Fees

### Fares

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### Fees

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<td>Late Monthly Mileage Report</td>
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<td>Late *Daily Trip Sheet (*randomly requested by RF)</td>
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<td>Late Performance of Van Maintenance</td>
<td>$25, plus cost for any repairs resulting from tardy maintenance</td>
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<td>Lack of Cooperation/Insufficient Fuel/Vehicle Unavailable for RF Inspections</td>
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<td>Any Failure in Accident/Incident/Damage Reporting</td>
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<td>Cost of card, plus any associated costs (S&amp;H, etc.)</td>
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### Other Potential Charges

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<td>Damaged/Missing accessories/equipment originally issued by RF with the Van</td>
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Effective May 25, 2011
TRANSPORTATION

Madison County Transit reported bus ridership and RideFinders' carpooling and vanpooling participation increased in March. MCT boardings were up 6 percent systemwide in March. The largest gains were 24 percent on the 15 Collinsville shuttle, 20 percent on the 6 Roxana/South Roxana shuttle and 15 percent on the 5 Tri-City regional MCT Express routes to downtown St. Louis and MetroLink continue to see an increase in ridership. MCT monthly passes cost $50. MCT estimates monthly savings, compared to driving, are $144 from Granite City, $246 from Collinsville and $450 from Edwardsville.
More people using bus, carpooling

While the price of unleaded gas has zoomed to more than $4 per gallon, Madison County Transit is reporting bus ridership and RideFinders' carpooling and vanpooling participants rose last month.

MCT boarding increased 6 percent system-wide in March and has witnessed jumps in ridership in the past when gas prices spiked.

The St. Louis regional rideshare program, created in 1994 by Madison County Transit, partners with employers to provide free ride-sharing information to encourage and reward employees for carpooling or vanpooling to work.

Registration is free. For more information, call 800-847-7433 or visit www.ridefinders.org.
Try carpool, Metro for earth-friendly travel

Scott employees get Metro Transit vouchers

BY STAFF SGT.
BRIAN J. VALENCIA
375th Air Mobility Wing
Public Affairs

Carpooling is a way to decrease traffic, save money on gas and even help with unnecessary air pollution. Why? In one person into a car, you can seat four or five. Scott now has parking dedicated to carpoolers at various locations on base making it an easy way to travel. Parking spaces are marked with carpool only signs.

Another avenue is RideFinders, located on the web at www.ridefinders.org. RideFinders is a free ride matching service that enables commuters to find a ride to work or college in a carpool or vanpool. Users save on commuting costs while eliminating traffic and pollution in the region. RideFinders works with more than 1,200 participating employers and colleges to help their employees and students ride share at no cost. RideFinders also has a School Pool program that helps parents form carpools to take their K-12 students to and from school.

Metro buses are part of the Metro Transit system in addition to the light rail MetroLink.

If neither of these works for you, there is the Metro Transit system. The Air Force and the Department of Transportation have a memorandum of agreement to offer fringe benefits to users of the Metro system. The programs open to all military and civilian employees and must be used for transportation to and from work only.

The Air Force purchases transportation vouchers for employees using direct transportation fringe benefits up to $60 per month. Individuals interested in the program need to complete the U.S. Department of Defense Transportation Incentive Program application form and submit the completed form to the finance office; then use the Metro as the primary means of commuting. Individuals are required to sign a certification statement as part of the transit benefit application process.

Once approved the individual will be notified by e-mail of the distribution dates of the Metro checks and will be able to pick up the passes Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the finance customer service lobby on the established dates.

For more information about the Metro fringe benefits call the 375th Comptroller Squadron customer service section at 256-1851 e-mail finance@scott.af.mil.
Transit agency adds route options

GRANITE CITY — With climbing fuel prices and increasing bus ridership, Madison County Transit is responding to growing demand for transit.

A series of service improvements are underway. MCT route and schedule changes will take effect Sunday, May 8. System-wide, ridership increased by 6 percent in March.

Highlights of the service change include:

- In Granite City, MCT will extend the No. 2 Granite City Shuttle to Walnut and Niedringhaus, providing hourly service to Amsted Rail, a machinery manufacturer which recently restored 700 jobs at the Granite City plant.
- On the No. 14X Highland Express, MCT will add a trip in the afternoon from Downtown St. Louis to Highland, Troy and St. Jacob, and shift two trip times, creating 10-minute frequency between 3:30 and 4 p.m. between St. Louis and Highland.
- In Wood River, the No. 5 Roxana-South Roxana Shuttle will serve the new Aldi on Lakin Road.
- Northbound times from Fifth and Missouri Metrolink to the MCT Granite City Station will be adjusted on the No. 5 Tri-City Regional to improve connections at the Granite City Station.
- MCT will host a public meeting from 8 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Granite City station to answer questions.
- The No. 16 Collinsville Shuttle will serve questions.
- The No. 16 Collinsville Shuttle will provide hourly service to the Northbound Express.
- Minor route and schedule adjustments will also be made to the No. 4 Madison-Edwardsville and the No. 16X Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Express.

New timetables dated "May 8, 2011" will be available at MCT Stations, on MCT buses, online at www.mct.org and at locations throughout Madison County.

For information, call (618) 797-4400.
High gas prices drive up MCT bus ridership

As fuel prices rise above the $4.50 per gallon mark this week, Madison County Transit (MCT) bus ridership and RideFinders' carpooling and vanpooling participants are on the rise as well. MCT boardings increased 6% system-wide in March with the largest gains on the #5 Tri-City Regional (18%), the #15 Collinsville Shuttle (24%), and the #6 Roxana-South Roxana Shuttle (20%). MCT Express routes to Downtown St. Louis and MetroLink continue to increase ridership, due in large part to the affordable MCT Monthly System Pass ($60), with internet access on Express buses which makes commuting more productive, and the convenience of park and ride lots at 14 locations throughout Madison County. Bus use nearly capacity on the #14 Highland-Troy Express have prompted MCT to add an additional afternoon trip from St. Louis to Highland, creating a 10-minute service between 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

In addition to fixed-route and ParaRide-Plus service, MCT also operates RideFinders, the nine county St. Louis regional ride-sharing program which offers a free, online ride-matching system for carpolees and vanpoolers. RideFinders has also seen an increase in interest due to the recent rise in fuel prices. Overall carpool and vanpool participation in the St. Louis region is up by 12% compared with this time last year. RideFinders has established Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs) at more than 1,200 employers in the St. Louis area who serve as liaisons with their companies and organizations to distribute information about the benefits of ride-sharing. Many employers will allow workers to take advantage of the pre-tax transportation benefit program, where the cost of transit passes or vanpooling is deducted from paychecks pre-tax.

MCT also offers the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) benefit for registered MCT Express riders who purchase monthly passes and for registered carpolees and vanpoolers. The GRH provides, up to four free taxi rides home a year for individuals who have to leave work early or stay late in the event of an emergency. Although scarcely used, commuters appreciate the peace of mind that the GRH affords.

"With gas prices in the $4 range and a national urgency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, there has never been a better time to re-think the way we commute," said Jerry Kane, MCT's Managing Director. "$1,200 to $8,000 a year is a compelling amount of savings for a family."

For more information about MCT bus service, please call 618-31-7433; Option #3, E-mail info@mct.org or visit www.mct.org. To learn more about the RideFinders carpool and vanpool service, please call 1-800-847-7433 or visit www.ridefinders.org.
MADISON COUNTY

MCT bolsters bus schedules
Gas costs, jobs fuel demand

By Jim Merkel
merkel@columbiatribune.com

Madison County Transit District is making several route changes to handle additional demand for service. The agency credits higher fuel prices and additional jobs with increasing the need.

Changes taking affect Sunday, May 8, include:

- Adding hourly stops on the No. 2 Granite City Shuttle at Walnut Street and Medling
- Bus Arteries in Granite City, where Amsted Rail recently restored 700 jobs
- Shifting the stop at Sanford-Brown College, 1101 Eastport Plaza Drive in Collinsville, closer to the school for the No. 15 Collinsville Shuttle
- Adjusting times for the No. 5 Tri-City Regional to connect between U5 East, St. Louis MetroLink and downtown Granite City stations

Buses board and disembark from MCT buses at the Collinsville station Friday morning.

Your turn

What do you think about the planned changes to Madison County Transit routes? Sound off at columbia tribune.com or send him an email at ctmjerk@gmail.com

Contact reporter Jim Merkel at 618-344-6254, ext. 128
It's just awesome to see how the trails are maintained. I went Monday and it was pretty windy. Another good thing about the trails is a lot are in wooded areas that block off the wind.'

— STEVE VOELKEL, 44, OF TROY, left, who rode late Wednesday afternoon with Matt Dunn, 40, of Shipman. Both work for Ehrhardt Tool and Machine in Granite City. For the record, they covered 15.26 miles in 1 hour, 4 minutes and 20 seconds.

Madison County trails are cyclist-friendly

By Teri Maddox
News-Democrat

‘It’s time to dig your bike out of the garage, air up the tires and do some pedaling before cool spring weather gives way to heat and humidity.

Madison County reigns as biking capital of the region, boasting 110 miles of interconnected trails through woods, farm fields and neighborhoods.

If you’re feeling energetic, you can travel from Staunton to Granite City. If you don’t mind sharing a stretch of road with vehicles, you can go all the way to downtown St Louis.

‘(The trails are) much safer than riding on streets,” said Jerry Whittle, 56, of Belleville, a member of the Belleville Area Bicycling and Eating Society, better known as BABES.

‘They’re maintained very well. You have a few intersections where you have to cross roads, but most of them have traffic lights.’

Madison County Transit has kept busy the past year extending three bike trails, one from Mockingbird Lane in Granite City west about 2 miles to Wilson Park; one from Terminal Avenue in Granite City north about a half mile to Wabash; and one from Union Street in Edwardsville east about a half mile to High.

The most popular trails are in and around Edwardsville and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

“We have seven different loops, starting with 10 miles all the way up to 31 miles,” said Mark Steyer, the transit district’s engineering director. ‘The nice thing with a loop is, you don’t have to come back the same way you went.”

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went out."

Some trailheads have parking lots and restrooms or portable toilets. One of the busiest is outside Metro East Park and Recreation District on Illinois 157 in Collinsville, where bicyclists can even air up tires before setting out on the Schoolhouse Trail.

"You can go there on the weekend, and the parking lot is full," Steyer said. "It's packed."

Some trails have easy access to restaurants, bars and ice-cream stands. The Quercus Grove Trail runs next to Springer’s Creek Winery in Edwardsville, which has indoor and outdoor seating.

Owners Sam Makler and Colette Andre make and sell several varieties of wine. Sam entertains by singing and playing guitar.

"I love cyclists," Colette said. "When the weather is nice, we get a lot of them. They just park their bikes out front."

Maps of Madison County bike trails are available on the transit district’s website, www.mctrails.com. For more information, call 874-7433.