AGENDA  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Madison County Mass Transit District  
9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 25, 2011  
One Transit Way, Granite City, Illinois

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<td>IV. Consideration of the Minutes of the July 28, 2011 Regular Meeting for inclusion in the official records of the District.</td>
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<td>A. Managing Director's Report: Jerry J. Kane.</td>
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<td>B. Resolution 12-04 Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Purchase and Delivery of Desktop Computers.</td>
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<td>C. Resolution 12-05 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Macoupin County Public Transportation.</td>
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<td>A. Resolution 12-02 Authorizing an Amended Procedure for Providing for Public Input at Madison County Mass Transit District Board Meetings.</td>
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<td>VIII. Adjournment.</td>
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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, Rose Marie Chadwick, and Edward Hagnauer
MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Malone
OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Kane, Managing Director; Mary Ruth Kettenbach, ACT; S.J. Morrison, ACT; Erin Werner, ACT; and David Ogden, Olam Machinery

III. Consideration of the Minutes of June 21, 2011
TRUSTEE ALLAN MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAGNAUER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2011 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 ABSENT
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Financial
A. Payments and Claims: Consideration of the June 2011 claims for payment: Managing Director Jerry Kane submitted the payments and claims.

TRUSTEE HAGNAUER MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE CHADWICK, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS REPORT FOR JUNE, 2011, 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 ABSENT
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.
TRUSTEE ALLAN MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE CHADWICK, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS TO GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP FOR JUNE, 2011.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

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

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

B. Monthly Financial Report: Review of the monthly financial records as of June 30, 2011:
Managing Director Jerry Kane submitted the report.

TRUSTEE CHADWICK MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAGNAUER, TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECORDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2011.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

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

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

V. Transit Service

A. Managing Director's Report: Jerry Kane Presented the report.

B. TRUSTEE HAGNAUER MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLAN, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION:

12-01 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

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

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Presentation of Performance Indicators for the Period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011: S.J. Morrison, Director of Marketing and Planning, presented the report.

VI. Other Business

A. Motion to Add Public Comments Section to Board Agenda: Discussion was postponed until the August 25, 2011, meeting.
B. Resolution 12-02 Authorizing an Amended Procedure for Providing for Public Input at Madison County Mass Transit District Board Meetings: Discussion was postponed until the August 25, 2011, meeting.

C. TRUSTEE HAGNAUER MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE CHADWICK, TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL, ACQUISITION, AND/OR SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY, AND/OR SECURITY, AND/OR LITIGATION (5ILCS 120/2 ET. SEQ., 2(C)1, 2(C)5, 2(C)6, 2(C)8, AND 2(C)11 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT).

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VII. Executive Session to Discuss the Appointment of Legal Counsel, Acquisition, and/or Sale or Lease of Property, and/or Security, and/or Litigation (5ILCS 120/2 et. seq., 2(C)1, 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 ALLAN, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

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ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. TRUSTEE CHADWICK MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAGNAUER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION:

12-03 RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF EXCESS REAL PROPERTY

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ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.
IX. **Adjournment**

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

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ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

[Signature]

[Name]
RESOLUTION 12-04

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS

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

WHEREAS, Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 grant funds have been
appropriated for use by the Madison County Mass Transit District for the
purchase of various computer components; and,

WHEREAS, the District is in need of fourteen (14) desktop computer systems to
replace some systems that are inefficient, failing and outdated; and,

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with the guidelines and regulations set
forth, initiated a procurement process for the purchase and delivery of fourteen
(14) desktop computer systems; and,

WHEREAS, the District, having successfully completed said procurement, has
identified the quote submitted by Zones, Inc., of Seattle, Washington, to be fair
and reasonable for providing fourteen (14) desktop computers.

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 Zones, Inc.,
Seattle, Washington, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred
Nine Dollars and Forty-Six Cents ($13,109.46) for the purchase and
delivery of fourteen (14) desktop computer systems.

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.
ADOPTED by the Madison County Mass Transit District, Madison County, Illinois, on this twenty-fifth day of August, 2011.

Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

J. Terry Allan
Reese Marie Chadwick

Edward A. Hagnauer
Bruce A. Malone

APPROVED as to Form:

John Papa, 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, August 25, 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 award a contract to Zones, Inc., Seattle, Washington, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred Nine Dollars and Forty-Six Cents ($13,109.46) for the purchase and delivery of fourteen (14) desktop computer systems.

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.

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 and has not been rescinded, amended or altered in any manner since the date of its adoption.

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

Erin Werner
The purchase of 14 desktop computer systems is needed to replace some of the District’s outdated, inefficient, and failing computer systems. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funding is available for such a purchase.

Quotes were received from the following three companies:

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Zones, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid. The computer system offered by Zones, Inc. meets the District’s technical requirements and the price has been deemed fair and reasonable. Recommendation is being made for a contract award to Zones, Inc. in the amount of $13,109.46 for the purchase and delivery of 14 desktop computer systems.
RESOLUTION 12-05

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MACOUPIN COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, 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, Macoupin County Public Transportation has requested permission to pick up and drop off Macoupin County passengers at the District’s Edwardsville Transit Station in order to create timed transfers with certain bus routes operated by the District; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of the commuting public and to further improve the efficiency of the federally funded Edwardsville Transit Station, the District wishes to enter into an agreement with Macoupin County Public Transportation, allowing access to the Edwardsville Transit Station.

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 an agreement with Macoupin County Public Transportation for access to the District’s Edwardsville Transit Station.

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 agreement, including any and all amendments on behalf of and in a manner most beneficial to the Madison County Mass Transit District.

ADOPTED by the Madison County Mass Transit District, Madison County, Illinois, on this twenty-fifth day of August, 2011.

Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

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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-fifth day of August, 2011.

Erin Werner
RESOLUTION 12-02

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC INPUT AT MADISON COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2003, the Madison County Mass Transit District Board of Trustees adopted Procedure for Public Input at Madison County Mass Transit District Board Meetings, thereby establishing an organized means for members of the public to make comments to the Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2011, Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn signed into law Public Act 96-1473 which amends section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act, providing that any person be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body; and,

WHEREAS, Madison County Mass Transit District desires to amend the previously adopted procedure in order to ensure that there is a fair opportunity for members of the public to address the Board, that the decorum of the meeting is maintained, and that the Board complies with statutory requirements, there is a need for a standardized procedure for making such public input part of the regular Madison County Mass Transit District Board meetings.

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 Board of Trustees adopts the amended Procedures for Public Input at Madison County Mass Transit District Board Meetings as described in Attachment A.

2. The Procedures for Public Input at Madison County Mass Transit District Board Meetings as described in Attachment A supersedes and replaces the Procedures adopted on October 30, 2003.

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

Daniel L. Corbett, Chairman

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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-fifth day of August, 2011.
Attachment A

Procedure for Public Input At
Madison County Mass Transit District Board Meetings

1. No more than 10 minutes will be set aside at each Board meeting for the purpose of allowing members of the public to make comments to the Board.

2. Each speaker shall be allowed no more than 3 minutes to address the Board no matter how many members of the public wish to address the Board. The Board Chairman will have the prerogative to set time limits to members of the public to shorten this 3 minutes per speaker to allow multiple members of the public to address the Board within the 10 minute limit.

3. The Board Chairman will have the prerogative to determine the order of the speakers and the procedures to be followed in making the presentations.

4. Speakers may only address the Board about matters set forth on that meeting’s agenda.

5. There will be no audio/visual aid allowed during the public input period.

6. All speakers will be required to address the Board from the designated location in the Board Room. All comments will be made part of the official record of the meeting.

7. No dialogue between the speakers and Board members will be allowed.

8. Each presentation shall be in consonance with good taste and decorum befitting the occasion and the dignity of the meeting. Shouting, loud statements, threats, name calling, offensive personal references, or other improper conduct are strictly forbidden.

Effective August 25, 2011
I need exercise. Don't we all? In my case it's even more important so I can compensate for my bad eating habits. My downfall is chips, dips, beer and television. I've tried to break this habit but I really enjoy watching the Cardinals and gorging myself. I need help!

Maybe the family should do one of those "interventions." No, I would refuse to give up my addiction. Then the family would all get mad and nothing would be accomplished other than family discord.

So I decided long ago the best I can do is to try to offset the negatives of this bad habit by exercise. You can probably tell, I'm not a very disciplined person. So going to the gym doesn't work for me. I've tried it and I do well the first day. However, it's downhill from there. One the second day I do less than I did on the first day. My excuse is usually something like "I'm too sore from the first day." Before too long I start skipping my regular visits to the gym and soon it's all over.

For me there's a better solution. God has given me many blessings, among them are my wonderful wife and the "Bike Trails of Madison County." If I listed my blessings I would, of course, put her at the top. The bike trails would run a close second. Just kidding, but they would be on the list. It's a healthy thing to do, listing your blessings.

Attention all husbands: List your blessings but be sure to put your wife at the top or this "exercise" may not turn out to be so healthy.

We are so fortunate to have easy access to so many bike trails here in Madison County. They connect to our subdivision so we just hop on our bikes and go. There's so many choices I keep getting confused. That's where my wife comes in. She always corrects me when I think we should turn left and she knows we should turn right.

We try to ride our bikes or walk the trails alternately every other day. Occasionally I will want to skip a day and start to fall into the same procrastinating hole that I do at the gym. Once again, my wife saves me. She pushes me when I need to be pushed. So we don't skip and I thank her afterward.

Over the years, riding my bike on the trails has been an adventure. Oh, I could tell you so many stories. Most of my bike trail stories are good but a few not so good. I've had a few accidents. Once I ran into a dog. It was his fault. Another time I ran into a post. Guess that one was on me. The dog wasn't hurt. The post is still standing. I survived both accidents with some bleeding but no broken bones.

The best thing about our trails is the interaction with the other people. It may sound trite but "good mornings" can be very uplifting. As we pass others we almost always get some sort of
greeting. These vary anywhere from just nods, waves, verbal blurts all the way to full conversations. Yes, it's hard to have a conversation as you pass on bikes. So these often occur when someone needs directions and we have stopped. My wife does the directing.

The trails themselves are extensive and beautiful. Madison County Transit provides an excellent free map that keeps me from getting totally lost in this incredible maze. They even define several "loops" so you can start out at one point and never have to retrace your path. The scenery is fantastic, including tunnels of trees, lakes, ponds, paths through our quaint villages and vast fields of grain. It makes you want to sing "America the Beautiful"! In fact, I think I will the next time I ride through those fields. That should lift my spirits. Hope the other bikers don't mind.

So dear God, here's a big thank you for these wonderful bike trails. Oh, and yes, thanks for my wonderful wife too.

Terry Brady is a Glen Carbon resident.
We had the opportunity to ride several of your trails this weekend while visiting my son in Collinsville. We tend to be somewhat spoiled up here in Madison, Wisconsin as far as biking trails go so it takes some doing to impress us. We both agree that you have a fantastic trail system there. I think they are the best we've been on. We look forward to visiting again soon to try more of them. We don't know how they were paid for but we would like to see more trails like those around here with good signage, parking, facilities and a choice to stay away from high traffic areas.
Great job down there!!

 Connie & Gary
Madison County Transit makes minor route adjustments

As part of its regular August Service Change, Madison County Transit (MCT) will make minor route and schedule adjustments, effective Sun., August 14, 2011. The adjustments will improve access to area employment centers, schools and residential areas. In addition to the service changes, new guidelines for the MCT Senior Free Ride ID will also take effect on Aug. 14 (see below). Upcoming service changes include the following:

No. 2 Granite City Shuttle: Add an early morning trip to serve 6 a.m. shifts at Amsted Rail.

No. 4 Madison-Edwardsville: Re-route to serve Madison High School on Farrish.

No. 8 Central Shuttle: Add Saturday service to the Woodview Court Apartments in Alton.

No. 12 Bethalto: Shuttle: Eliminate two unproductive trips on Ninth Street in Wood River.

No. 17 Edwardsville - SIUE Shuttle: Re-route to travel on Lewis Road to and from SIUE.

No. 18 Collinsville Regional: Shift the 5:17 a.m. trip back 5 minutes to meet MetroLink Trains.

No. 19 Collinsville Regional: Shift the 4:55 a.m. trip back 5 minutes to meet the #18.

New timetables dated “August 14, 2011” are available at MCT Stations, on MCT buses, on-line at www.mct.org and at locations throughout Madison County.

Changes to Senior Free Ride Guidelines: Effective Aug. 14, MCT Senior Free Ride IDs are only available for MCT District seniors whose annual income is below a pre-determined level. To obtain a Senior Free Ride ID, seniors must first register with the State of Illinois; either on-line at www.cbrx.il.gov or by phone, 1-800-624-2459. Seniors whose income exceeds the requirements may obtain a MCT Half Fare ID. For details about MCT services please call (618) 931-7133, e-mail info@mct.org or visit www.mct.org.

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Seniors may get new IDs for rides

Telegraph staff report

GRANITE CITY — Madison County seniors have multiple opportunities in the next few weeks to receive a new Madison County Transit Senior Free Ride ID or MCT Half Fare ID, before the new ID requirements take effect on Sunday, Aug. 14.

A schedule of ID Distribution sessions, being hosted throughout Madison County, is listed below. Seniors who wish to receive a new Free Ride or Half Fare ID must bring in their current ID to receive a new one.

The sessions will be held:

- Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., MCT Edwardsville Station.
- Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m., MCT Collinsville Senior Center.
- Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., MCT Granite City Station.
- Thursday, Aug. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m., MCT Alton Station.

Friday, Aug. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m., MCT Wood River Station.

In June, the MCT Board approved a proposal that conforms to Illinois Public Act 96-1527, setting an income ceiling for the Senior Free Ride ID. The new guidelines specify that senior citizens (65 and up) must reside in the MCT District and must earn less than $27,610 a year for a one-person household, $36,635 for a two-person household and $45,657 for a three-person household to receive a MCT Senior Free Ride ID. Madison County seniors who earn more than the above income levels can receive a MCT Half Fare ID and ride MCT fixed-routes for half-fare. Seniors who qualify for the Free Ride ID based on income must register online at www.cbrx.il.gov or call (800) 624-2458 for more information. For details about MCT services, call (618) 931-7433 option 3.
Edwardsville's District 7 coordinates policy to get youngsters to their bus stops on time

By Elizabeth Donald

EDWARDSVILLE — School officials hope parents will join together in carpools and “walking school buses” to offset transportation cuts this year.

District 7 cut about 25 percent of its buses and 650 bus stops this year after massive cuts in state money for transportation.

Many students who caught the bus less than a block from home now will have to walk two or three blocks, perhaps to the entrance of a subdivision.

So the district is coordinating a free RideFinders program for carpools and a “walking school bus” that organizes parents to walk children in groups to school or bus stops.

“This will encourage parents to get to know their neighbors, to take turns walking kids up the street to school, and build a better relationship (in the neighborhood),” Superintendent Ed Hightower said.

SchoolPool, partnered with RideFinders at Madison County Transit, will provide parents with a secure passcode to create a profile and find other families in their area with whom they can partner for carpooling.

“At a time when education funding is being reduced in Illinois (these programs) offer a safe and affordable option for school districts,” MCT Executive Director Jerry Kane said.

Kane said the programs would be available to any school in the area, and commended Edwardsville for being among the first to join.

Hightower said it isn’t just about the cost savings for the district, but in the hopes of encouraging healthy alternatives to riding the bus and reducing the emissions caused by buses and mass floods of cars idling through school parking lots.

Edwardsville parents will receive emailed transportation information this week. Passcodes will be available in the August parent letter, at orientation and school registrations.

Edwardsville elementary and middle schools will register students next Tuesday through July 28. High school students will register Aug. 29. Further details are available at www.ecusd7.org.

Please see BUS 45.