GRANITE CITY, ILL., AUGUST 10, 2009 . . . In an effort to improve bus service for residents in the Riverbend and Edwardsville areas, Madison County Transit (MCT) is making a series of bus route enhancements as part of its regular August Service Change, effective August 16, 2009.

In the Edwardsville area, the current #16 Edwardsville Shuttle will be split into two different routes, the #16 Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Shuttle and the #17 Edwardsville – SIUE Shuttle. The new #16 will provide hourly service from the MCT Edwardsville Station to Village Circle in Glen Carbon, with store-side service to the shopping centers along Troy Road. The #17 will run from Edwardsville Station to SIUE every 30 minutes, along the original #16 route and will continue to serve the apartments on Esic and University Drive. The #17 will also provide service between Cougar Village and Peck Hall on the SIUE campus. In Glen Carbon, the #16X Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Express which provides weekday commuter service to and from St. Louis, will begin serving the new Glen Carbon Park & Ride Lot on IL-157. Pick-up and drop-off times for the new lot are listed on the new #16X timetable, dated ‘August 16, 2009.’

In the Riverbend area, MCT is transitioning the #6 EZ Ride into a fixed-route called the #6 Roxana-South Roxana Shuttle. The #6 will serve Roxana, South Roxana and Wood River with select trips serving the Wood River Wal-Mart, Gateway Commerce Center in Pontoon Beach and William Bedell ARC. Fixed-route bus service is also being introduced to the Village of Hartford with the #1 Riverbend making hourly trips into the Village, providing direct service to Wood River, Alton and Granite City. In response to frequent requests for service, the #9 Washington Shuttle in Alton will begin traveling to and from Alton Square Mall, and every trip on the #7 Alton-Edwardsville will serve the Madison County Health Department on Edwardsville Road in Wood River.

Minor schedule adjustments will also be made to the #12 Bethalto Shuttle, the #19 Edwardsville-Collinsville, and the #18 Collinsville Regional. For specific route and schedule details, please pick up a new bus route schedule dated ‘August 16, 2009’ on any MCT bus, at MCT transfer stations, at distribution locations throughout Madison County, or on-line at www.mct.org. For more information or assistance, please contact MCT at (618) 931-7433, Option #3.

Madison County Transit (MCT) enhances the mobility of the St. Louis region by providing multi-modal transportation services. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service locally and regionally connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service to the Rams games and the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides Paratransit bus service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 100 miles of scenic Madison County bikeways known as the MCT Trails, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region’s FREE carpooling and vanpooling program. For more information on MCT services, routes and schedules, call (618) 931-7433, Option 3, or visit www.mct.org.

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