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MCT ANNOUNCES AUGUST 2020 SERVICE CHANGES
Partially Restored Service and New Routes Begin Sunday, August 16

GRANITE CITY, IL., August 3, 2020… In an effort to enhance bus service and access to employment, Madison County Transit (MCT) will be making several service adjustments at the regularly scheduled August 16, 2020 Service Change. Due to COVID-19 a full restoration of service is not currently possible, however many routes are being partially restored. The August changes include the addition of new service in Granite City, as well as improved bus service to and from Gateway Commerce Center (GCC). MCT continues to require passengers and drivers to wear a mask or face covering on the bus and is making every effort to encourage social distancing.

“MCT’s primary goal is to keep our community moving in the safest and most efficient way possible,” said MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison. “These enhancements will not only improve access to jobs, shopping, and services for our residents, the additional trips will help foster social distancing, especially on the busier routes.”

A summary of the changes, by route, is listed below. For detailed schedule information visit www.mct.org.

AUGUST SERVICE RESTORATION PLAN:
Based on recent ridership trends full weekday restoration will take effect on the following routes:

- #5 Tri City Regional
- #9 Washington Shuttle
- #10 State and Elm Shuttle
- #13 Troy – Glen Carbon
- #13X Highland – SIUE Express
- #15 East Collinsville Shuttle
- #17 Cougar Shuttle
- #18 Collinsville Regional
- #19 Edwardsville – Collinsville
- #22 University Shuttle

MCT Express service to and from downtown St. Louis will increase, but not be fully restored:

- #1X Riverbend Express: One additional trip serving Bethalto and one serving Godfrey in the morning and afternoon. Increases number of trips from two to four per peak.
- #14X Highland Express: Two additional trips in the morning and afternoon. Increases number of trips from three to five per peak.
- #16X Edwardsville Express: Two additional trips in the morning and afternoon. Increases number of trips from two to four per peak.

ROUTE CHANGES:
- #6 Roxana – Pontoon Beach: Operate on Amoco Cut-Off to IL3 to IL143 instead of Evans Ave and Walcott St.
- #21 West Collinsville Shuttle: Extend route to Collinsport Dr on trips operating from Johnson/Summit to Gateway Convention Ctr.
IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED MAY 2020 CHANGES:
The following changes were initially approved by the MCT Board for implementation at the May 2020 Service Change. Due to COVID-19 they were not implemented, but will be at the August 16 change:

- **#2 Granite City Shuttle**: Improved frequency to 30 minutes from 6 AM – 6 PM. Extend route on weekdays to Pontoon Road, Granite City Walmart, and Chestnut Health Systems.
- **#20 Granite City – Pontoon Beach Shuttle**: Operating service only on Gateway Commerce Center Drive East and Westway Drive within the commerce center weekdays before 7 PM. Additional service operated by new #23 shuttle.
- **#23 Gateway Commerce Center Shuttle**: Implement a new weekday-only service between Liberty & Chain of Rocks and Gateway Commerce Center (GCC) that will operate deep within the commerce center every 30 minutes from 5:30 AM to 9 AM and then again, every 30 minutes in the afternoon from 2 PM to 6:30 PM. This shuttle will off-set with the #20 to provide 15-minute service between Liberty and GCC.

ADDING NEW WEEKDAY ROUTES:
Demand for direct service to and from Gateway Commerce Center continues to grow. The following improvements will significantly decrease travel times from the communities of Alton and Collinsville to Gateway Commerce Center:

- **#24X Alton GCC Express**: Implement new direct express service from MCT Alton Station to GCC. Three inbound trips and two outbound trips per peak.
- **#25X Collinsville GCC Express**: Implement new direct express service from MCT Collinsville Station to GCC. Three inbound trips and two outbound trips per peak.

For specific schedule details, new timetables are posted online at [www.mct.org](http://www.mct.org) and will be available at MCT Stations, on MCT buses and at locations throughout Madison County. For details about MCT services, call (618) 797-INFO (4636), visit [www.mct.org](http://www.mct.org), or e-mail info@mct.org.

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Madison County Transit (MCT) provides multi-modal transportation services for Madison County, Illinois. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service, connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service the Mury. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides complementary door to door service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 137 miles of bikeways that comprise the MCT Trails system, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region’s FREE carpooling and vanpooling program.

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