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MCT IMPROVES ACCESS TO JOBS THROUGHOUT MADISON COUNTY
New Bus Service Will Be Discussed at Information Sessions in Alton & Granite City

GRANITE CITY, ILL., FEBRUARY 9, 2011… At a time when access to employment opportunities is critical, Madison County Transit (MCT) is rolling out improved bus service, effective Sunday, February 27, 2011, which will significantly enhance mobility throughout Madison County. To provide additional information about the service improvements and answer detailed questions, MCT is hosting Information Sessions at the MCT Alton Station on Wednesday, February 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and at the MCT Granite City Station on Thursday, February 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

In the Alton-Godfrey area, MCT will be extending 30-minute bus service to the new Godfrey Walmart and Lewis & Clark Community College on the #10 State & Elm Shuttle and will also create a new 30-minute corridor on segments of 9th and State Streets. All service to Lewis & Clark will be on the #10. Saturday service is being implemented to the Alton Amtrak Station as well as the Storey, Stanley and Fosterburg Road area on the #11 Brown Shuttle.

In Pontoon Beach, MCT will provide all-day 30-minute service to the Gateway Commerce Center (GCC) off IL-111, where thousands of Madison County residents are employed at distribution centers. MCT is also creating a new transfer point on Chain of Rocks Road at Liberty Place in Pontoon Beach to connect the #4 Madison – Edwardsville and the #5 Tri-City Regional. The transfer point will allow Granite City and Pontoon Beach residents to transfer seamlessly to destinations such as SIUE and the Gateway Commerce Center without riding all the way to the Granite City Station, significantly reducing passenger travel times.

Minor route and schedule adjustments will also be made to the #7 Alton-Edwardsville and #8 Central Shuttle. The #15 Collinsville Shuttle will be extended in Lakeside Plaza to provide hourly service to the new Kohl’s on Beltline Road.

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“The service enhancements will create additional opportunities for bringing Madison County residents to employment centers, retail outlets and educational institutions,” said MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane. “With fuel prices on the rise and bus ridership increasing, there is no better time to improve access to jobs throughout the region.”

New timetables dated “February 27, 2011” will be available at MCT Stations, on MCT buses, online at www.mct.org and at locations throughout Madison County. For details about MCT services or the Information Sessions, please call (618) 797-4600, e-mail info@mct.org or visit www.mct.org.

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 to the Rams games and the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides complementary paratransit service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 100 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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