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MCT IMPROVES SERVICE TO ACCOMMODATE RIDERSHIP INCREASES
Service Adjustments to Take Effect on May 8, 2011

GRANITE CITY, ILL., APRIL 1, 2011… With climbing fuel prices and increasing bus ridership, Madison County Transit (MCT) is making service improvements to accommodate growing demand for transit throughout Madison County. MCT route and schedule changes will take effect Sunday, May 8, 2011. System-wide, MCT ridership increased by 6% in March. Highlights of the service change include:

- In Granite City, MCT will extend the #2 Granite City Shuttle to Walnut & Niedringhaus, providing hourly service to Amsted Rail, a machinery manufacturer which recently restored 700 jobs at the Granite City plant.

- On the #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 4:00 p.m. between St. Louis and Highland.

- In Wood River, the #6 Roxana-South Roxana Shuttle will serve the new Aldi on Lakin Road.

- Northbound times from 5th & Missouri MetroLink to the MCT Granite City Station will be adjusted on the #5 Tri-City Regional to improve connections at the Granite City Station. (MCT will host a public meeting at the Granite City Station on Thursday, April 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to answer questions.)

- The #15 Collinsville Shuttle will provide hourly service to Sanford Brown College in Collinsville.

- Minor route and schedule adjustments will also be made to the #4 Madison-Edwardsville, and the #16X Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Express.

“These improvements will allow MCT to serve more employment centers and regional destinations,” said MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane. 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 details about MCT services or the Information Session, 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 door to door 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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