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MCT ANNOUNCES MAY 6 SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS
MCT’s First Quarter 2012 Ridership Up by 20% over First Quarter 2011

GRANITE CITY, ILL., APRIL 23, 2012… With 2012 first quarter ridership increasing by 20% over first quarter 2011, Madison County Transit (MCT) is making service improvements to accommodate this growing demand – a likely result of rising fuel costs. MCT route and schedule changes will take effect on Sunday, May 6, 2012. Highlights of the service change include the following:

- On the #14X Highland Express, MCT will add a trip in the afternoon from Downtown St. Louis to Highland, Troy and St. Jacob, creating 10-minute frequency from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. between St. Louis and Highland. MCT will also eliminate the low performing 2:55 p.m. trip from Emerson Park.

- On the #16X Edwardsville – Glen Carbon Express, MCT will add two morning trips to St. Louis originating at the Glen Carbon Park & Ride Lot at 6:01 a.m. and 7:18 a.m. and also serving the Gateway Center in Collinsville. MCT will also add an afternoon trip from St. Louis to Collinsville, Glen Carbon and Edwardsville and will eliminate the low performing 3:25 p.m. trip from Emerson Park.

- The #18 Collinsville Regional will be re-routed to travel on Collinsville Road to the 5th & Missouri MetroLink Station. The new routing introduces 30-minute service between Collinsville and MetroLink for residents along Collinsville Road in Collinsville, Fairmont City and East St. Louis. The #18 trip to and from St. Louis will continue to travel on I-55/70 after Black Lane.

- For safety and schedule efficiency, MCT will implement designated stops on the routes of the #2 Granite City Shuttle and the #4 Madison – Edwardsville and will only pick up and drop off at MCT bus stop signs along the route. (A complete list of stops is available at www.mct.org.)

- All four trips on the #7 Alton – Edwardsville that travel to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will be re-routed to serve offices, classroom buildings and support facilities in SIUE’s University Park.

- Schedule adjustments will also be made to the #5 Tri-City Regional, and #12X Bethalto Express.

For specific schedule details, new timetables dated “May 6, 2012” are posted online at www.mct.org and will be available at MCT Stations, on MCT buses and at locations throughout Madison County. For details about MCT services, please call (618) 931-7433, 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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