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MCT ANNOUNCES MAY SERVICE CHANGES
Route Changes & New Routes will take Effect May 8, 2016

GRANITE CITY, ILL., APRIL 11, 2016… As part of its regular May service change, Madison County Transit (MCT) will make route and schedule adjustments that will simplify the system, improve access to trip generators and enhance schedule reliability. To inform the public of the upcoming changes and solicit feedback, MCT hosted four public meetings in Collinsville and Granite City as well as an information session at the May Apartments in Edwardsville. All changes will take effect Sunday, May 8, 2016. Highlights of the service change include the following:

• For schedule adherence, and route simplification, MCT will be splitting the #5 Tri-City Regional into two separate routes at Granite City Station: the #5 Tri-City Regional will operate from Granite City Station to Emerson Park & Downtown St. Louis. The new #20 Granite City-Pontoon Beach Shuttle will operate from the Station to the Gateway Commerce Center (GCC).

• Likewise, the #15 Collinsville Shuttle will also be split into two separate routes at Collinsville Station: the #15 East Collinsville Shuttle and #21 West Collinsville Shuttle. The #15 will operate from Collinsville Station to Olive & Ohio, the #21 will operate from the Station to Collinsville Crossing on IL-157.

• A portion of the #7 Alton - Edwardsville known as the “Hillsboro Loop” will be removed from the #7 and will be operated by the #17 Edwardsville – SIUE Shuttle. Currently, the #7 makes a loop through Downtown Edwardsville, traveling on Hillsboro, St. Andrew’s, Vandalia and back to the Station. The #7 misses the pulse but the #17 can make the loop and return to the Station, improving transferability. Doing so, will reduce the frequency of the Hillsboro Loop from 30 minutes to hourly.

• To serve the Highland Pool during the summer months, northbound trips of the #14 Highland Shuttle will run on Lindenthal, Spruce, and Paris back to Poplar. Additionally, the routing of the #14 on Faith Drive will also be reversed to ease passenger boarding and alighting.

• Both directions of the #16 Edwardsville Shuttle will be re-routed onto Illini Drive in Glen Carbon to serve Sam’s Club at a common stop on Illini. Additionally, due to growing demand for greater frequency and better access, the #16 in both directions will deviate from Troy Road to serve the May Apartments off 5th Avenue in Edwardsville.

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- Two timepoints will be added to the #18 Collinsville Shuttle at existing bus stops: St. Louis Road & Boskydells, and Collinsville Road & 37th.

Notable among the changes, is the increase in bus service to the May Apartments. Currently, MCT serves the residential complex twice a day, and the number of trips will increase to 13 at the coming change. Edwardsville resident Janine Cooper, whose son lives at the May Apartments and will be riding MCT on a regular basis to his place of employment, was one of many parents advocating for additional service at the apartments.

“The MCT System is a wonderful asset to Madison County and we appreciate the service,” said Cooper. “It means so much to have reliable transportation, especially to those who don’t drive or own a car.”

“We are pleased to be adding service to the recently expanded May Apartment Buildings,” said MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane. “The new trips will provide greater access to employment, shopping and other vital services for its residents.”

For specific schedule details, new timetables dated “May 8, 2016” will be 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, call (618) 797-INFO (4636), visit www.mct.org, or e-mail info@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 130 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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