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MCT ROUTES TO BE ADJUSTED IN ALTON
Service Change Takes Effect May 6, 2018

GRANITE CITY, ILL., APRIL 3, 2018… In an effort to improve bus service in the Alton area and facilitate faster, more direct trips and efficient transfers, Madison County Transit (MCT) will make changes to the #7 Alton – Edwardsville, #8 Central Shuttle, #9 Washington Shuttle, #10 State & Elm Shuttle and #11 Brown Shuttle at the regularly scheduled service change effective Sunday, May 6, 2018. After hosting several public meetings and gathering critical feedback from passengers, MCT will make the following changes:

#7 ALTON - EDWARDSVILLE
- Reinstate hourly service to Alton Square Mall.
- Reduce frequency at Alton Multimodal Transportation Center (ARMTC) commensurate with demand. Service reduced from 30 minutes to hourly.
- Serve Alton Square Mall on the weekends exclusively instead of ARMTC.
- Maintain connections to the #10 State & Elm Shuttle at ARMTC.

#8 CENTRAL SHUTTLE
- Introduce Sunday service from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Introduce service to new destinations including Shop 'n Save, Target and Schnucks.
- Reinstate hourly service to Alton Square Mall and Elm Street (between Alby and State).
- Create a timed transfer opportunity to the #10 on Saturdays at Alton Station.

#9 WASHINGTON SHUTTLE
- Re-route buses to travel on Main Street in upper Alton between Edwards and College to better serve Centerstone, Family Dollar and the US Post Office.
- Extend evening service on the “long #9” to the senior apartment complexes (Skyline Towers, Marian Heights, & Muny Vista) as well as Alton Square and Target.
- Introduce hourly service to the Bloomer, Henrietta, North Rodgers neighborhood as well as Senior Services Plus.

#11 BROWN SHUTTLE
- Create timed transfers with all other Alton routes on Saturdays at Alton Station.

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#10 STATE & ELM SHUTTLE

- Split the route into two separate branches. Each branch of the #10 will take less than 30 minutes from origination to destination and will operate hourly.
- Re-introduce more direct, hourly service from Alton Station to Lewis & Clark Community College (LCCC) and Walmart. Eliminate service from Alton Station to ARMTMC.
- Reduce frequency from ARMTMC to LCCC & Walmart from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes.
- Eliminate service on Elm (trips are covered by the #8.)
- Create timed transfers to #7 and #8 at ARMTMC on weekdays.
- Operate on Tolle instead of Pearl in Godfrey.
- Create timed transfers at ARMTMC on #7, #8 and #10.

"With a number of new destinations and additional evening and weekend trips, the May Service Change will significantly improve access in the Alton area for our passengers," said MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane.

For specific information on these and other MCT routes and schedules, consult an updated MCT timetable, dated "May 6, 2018." Timetables can be found online, 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.

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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 to 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.