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MCT PROPOSES CHANGES IN THE RIVERBEND FOR MAY 2013
Open House Meetings to Solicit Public Comments Will Be Held February 5, 6 & 7

GRANITE CITY, ILL., JANUARY 22, 2013… In an effort to improve Express service and increase access to employment for the Riverbend area, Madison County Transit (MCT) is proposing route changes to the #1X Riverbend Express, the #12X Bethalto Express and the #6 Roxana-South Roxana Shuttle for the May 2013 Fixed Route Service Change. If approved, the changes would take effect May 5, 2013. The proposed changes are summarized below, but details can be found by visiting www.mct.org and clicking the “Proposed May 2013 Service Changes” button.

#1X / #12X Consolidation: MCT is proposing to consolidate the #1X and #12X into one route, the #1X Riverbend Express, with Bethalto becoming a new branch from which direct trips will feed into Eastgate Plaza as a common timepoint. The proposed change would create additional trips and greater frequency at Eastgate and Hartford for increased flexibility.

#6 Extension to Gateway Commerce Center: MCT is proposing to extend the route of the #6 with hourly service on weekdays and Saturdays to and from the Gateway Commerce Center (GCC) on IL-111 and the Liberty Transfer Point on Chain of Rocks Road. The proposed extension would create direct service from Wood River, Roxana and South Roxana to employment opportunities at the GCC as well as transfers at Liberty & Chain of Rocks from the #6 to the #4 Madison - Edwardsville and the #5 Tri-City Regional.

To answer questions and solicit public comments, MCT will host three “open house” style meetings in the Riverbend area, where attendees may make written comments regarding the proposed changes. Dates, times and locations are listed below:

- Tues., Feb. 5, 2013 (5:00 – 6:30 pm): MCT Wood River Station, 60 W. Ferguson, Wood River
- Wed., Feb. 6, 2013 (5:30 – 7:00 pm): Bethalto Village Hall, 213 North Prairie Street, Bethalto
- Thurs., Feb. 7, 2013 (6:00 – 7:30 pm): Julia’s Banquet Ctr Eastgate, 101 Eastgate, East Alton

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Individuals who cannot attend the meetings but would like to comment can e-mail info@mct.org or send a letter to: Madison County Transit, Attn: MCT Planning, One Transit Way, P.O. Box 7500, Granite City, IL 62040. To be considered, all comments must be received by February 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. For those individuals who cannot read or write, a staff member can transcribe their comments either at the public meeting or by calling 618-797-4600.

For details about MCT services, call (618) 797-INFO (4636) 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 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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