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LOCAL OFFICIALS CELEBRATE MCT SILVER CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION

The 4,300-foot extension brings the trail one step closer to the rest of the MCT Trail system

PONTOON BEACH, IL., Oct. 8, 2021... This morning, The Madison County Transit (MCT) Board along with Madison County Administrator Dave Tanzyus, Madison County Board Member Stacey Pace, Troy Mayor Dave Nonn, and other local officials attended a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the MCT Silver Creek Trail extension in Troy. The 4,300-foot extension running parallel to US 40 in Troy begins at Spring Valley Road and extends to Formosa Road. It's the second of a multi-phase trail project which begins at the MCT Troy Park & Ride lot located at Main Street and US 40. The trail opening today also connects the MCT Silver Creek Trail to the City of Troy's new shared use path network, providing access to Tri-Township Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

"A few years ago there were no trails and no shared use paths in Troy, but today they are everywhere, and that's a result of former Mayor Allen Adomite's commitment to improving bicycle and pedestrian access in Troy, and MCT's willingness to extend our trail system throughout Madison County," said MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison. "It's our hope to eventually connect this trail to the MCT Goshen Trail, which is the spine of the entire MCT Trails network."

This project was funded by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) State of Illinois Bicycle Path Grant program to help construct the extension from Spring Valley Road to Formosa Road. Oates Associates was the project designer, and Keller Construction was the contractor.

"Just weeks after opening the trail connection to Pleasant Ridge Park, MCT is cutting another ribbon on another trail extension," said Morrison. "The completion of this trail project is not only a testament to the diligence of our hard-working staff but also the vision and foresight of our MCT Board of Trustees."

PICTURED (left to right): Former MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane, Phillip Jones of Oates Associates, Madison County Administrator Dave Tanzyus, MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison, Madison County Board member Stacey Pace, Troy Mayor Dave Nonn, MCT Board Members Allen Adomite and Kelly Schmidt, MCT Board Chairman Ron Jedda, Jason Govreau of Keller Construction, MCT Director of Engineering Mark Steyer, and MCT Assistant Project Manager Jon Martin.

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 137 miles of bikeways that comprise the MCT Trails system, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region's FREE carpooling and vanpooling program.