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## **MCT TRAILS CELEBRATES NATIONAL BIKE MONTH 2021** *MCT Trails is hosting a series of fun activities to keep you biking in May!*

**GRANITE CITY, IL., May 17, 2021...** The Month of May is National Bike Month, and Madison County Transit (MCT) is celebrating on the more than 135 miles of MCT Trails with a variety of activities. This year MCT introduced “Bike Month Bingo,” a bingo card filled with MCT Trails and bike-related activities that participants can print and complete at their own pace throughout the month. Participants of Bike Month Bingo who tag MCT Trails in a photo of their bingo card on social media, are entered to win a prize. Entries for Bingo must be posted by June 15.

Another new activity this year is MCT Trails’ “Bike Somewhere Week.” A week devoted to encouraging members of the community to use their bikes and document their trip. The purpose of “Bike Somewhere Week” is to highlight the convenience and ease of making certain commutes by bike. Ride your bike to the store, to a friend’s house, to a restaurant, to a park, just somewhere! Share your experience with MCT by posting a short video of your “Bike Somewhere Week” trip to the MCT Trails Facebook page, or tagging us in your video on Instagram. “Bike Somewhere Week” is May 24- 30 and all participants will receive an MCT Trails drawstring bag and custom “Bike Somewhere Week” sticker. In addition, participants will be entered to win one of three Bike Month prizes.

“With more than 135 miles of scenic class I bikeways in the MCT Trails system, there is nowhere better to celebrate National Bike Month than Madison County, Illinois,” said MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison. “This month we encourage trail users to use the MCT Trails for more than recreation and exercise – to bike somewhere. With dozens of community trail connections, and MCT buses equipped with bike racks, residents may find that bicycling really is a convenient way to run an errand or get to work.”

For more information about the MCT Trails and how to participate in Bike Month activities, visit [www.mcttrails.org](http://www.mcttrails.org), call **(618) 797-INFO (4636)**, e-mail [trails@mct.org](mailto:trails@mct.org), or find MCT Trails on Facebook and Instagram.

*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 the Muni. 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.*

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