

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# MCT ANNOUNCES AUGUST SERVICE CHANGE & NEW PILOT SERVICE Adjustments Take Effect Sunday, August 11, 2024

**PONTOON BEACH, IL, JULY 31, 2024...** In an effort to optimize service efficiency and meet the evolving needs of Madison County residents and visitors, Madison County Transit (MCT) will be implementing its regularly scheduled August Service Change on Sunday, August 11, 2024. Changes include:

#### #2 Granite City Shuttle

- Relocate service to College and Meredocia, removing stops on Meredocia and Salveter between College and Allen.
- Modify routing in Nameoki Commons to serve Ollie's, Dollar Tree, and Family Dollar.

#### #9 Washington Shuttle

• Introduce weekday, hourly service to Alton High School between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

#### #10 State & Elm Shuttle

 Reinstate weekday service to the group home on Bachman Lane, adding a morning and afternoon trip to/from Beverly Farm Developmental Training Center on Airport Road in Godfrey.

#### #19 Edwardsville - Collinsville

Adjust service times to Collinsville/Maryville/Troy YMCA.

# #20 Granite City-Pontoon Beach Shuttle

Increase coverage throughout Gateway Commerce Center during peak a.m. and p.m. times on weekdays.

## NEW MCT MICROTRANSIT PILOT SERVICE BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 12

On Monday, August 12, MCT will launch "MCT Micro" its first microtransit service as a pilot program, offering affordable, on-demand rides in Collinsville. The new service will allow riders to book trips (from an app on a smartphone or via phone call) on a small MCT vehicle that will pick them up and take them anywhere within the predetermined Collinsville service area for just \$1.00. All valid MCT passes, tokens, and Free Ride IDs will be accepted. Details about MCT Micro can be found at: MCT.org/micro.

"MCT is taking transit to the next level in Madison County," said MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison. "This innovative pilot program known as MCT Micro allows residents to hail an MCT vehicle in Collinsville via mobile app or with a quick phone call. I want to commend the MCT Board of Trustees for their foresight and the hard-working Agency for Community Transit (ACT) team for implementing this exciting new service."

For questions or detailed schedule information visit MCT.org, call 618-797-INFO (4636) or email 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 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 135 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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