

For Immediate Release
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Rockford Mass Transit Reinstates Weeknight Service

As of Monday, June 1, 2020, the Rockford Mass Transit District will be reinstating its regular Weeknight service, Monday thru Friday until 11:15 pm, which includes the #31, #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36 routes. The #N36 Perryville route will temporarily begin service one hour earlier, starting at 5:15 pm. RMTD will continue the regular operation of late night shuttles from 11:15 pm to 11:45 pm. All other Weekday and Saturday service will continue to operate per the current COVID-19 related service reduction schedule until further notice.

On April 20, 2020, the Weekday and Saturday daytime fixed route service was significantly reduced and Weeknight service was suspended in order to implement additional social distancing measures on the fixed route system, which required more staffing resources than were available due to COVID-19 related reductions in staffing. There were no changes to Sunday fixed route service.

“Based on our current staffing resources, we have determined that we are now able to restore and sustain the regular operation of Weeknight service” states RMTD Executive Director Michael Stubbe. “We recognize the critical importance of ensuring our riders and community have access to businesses and other services that are reopening. We will continue to evaluate RMTD’s ability to restore regular service and will quickly move to implement additional changes when the conditions allow for it. The RMTD extends its appreciation to our riders’ for their patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.”

As the State of Illinois Stay at Home Executive Order expires, RMTD wishes to remind riders of the following:

- Wearing a mask or facial covering will continue to be a requirement to use RMTD services until further notice.
- To help ensure social distancing on buses, a limit of 10 riders per bus will remain in effect. Additional service and shuttle buses will continue to operate on high ridership routes to maintain convenient access.
- Rear door only boarding will continue on the fixed route system. Riders should notify the operator if any assistance is needed to board the bus.
- Fares on fixed route and paratransit service will continue to be waived until further notice.
- To help ensure social distancing on buses, riders should only sit in seats designated for use.
- Sanitation of our vehicles will continue to be a priority and the District will continue to maintain its aggressive vehicle and building sanitation measures.

Detailed information can be found on the RMTD website at rmtd.org or by calling 815.961.9000. For more information, please contact:

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