

Rides Mass Transit District
Jackson County Mass Transit District
FY 2024 Program of Projects (POP)
Carbondale UZA

General

Rides Mass Transit District (RMTD) is the public transportation provider for the Williamson County portion of the Carbondale Urban Area with routes to Carbondale and direct recipient of Federal Section 5307 funding. Jackson County Mass Transit District (JCMTD) provides service in the other portion of the UZA, the City of Carbondale and is also a direct recipient. Funding is allocated through a population-based formula for base 5307 and on a percentage of contribution toward performance measures basis for Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) funds by the Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization. In Federal FY 23 Rides (RMTD) will receive 58% on population and approximately 79% of STIC for a total of \$1,611,026. Jackson Co. (JCMTD) for the City of Carbondale will receive 42% of the base and approximately 21% of STIC for a total of \$758,545. JCMTD also has approximately \$916,260 of 5307 CARES stimulus funding.

Section 5307 Project TIP# RMTD-24-01 for IL FY 2024

RMTD will utilize \$1,611,026 of Federal 5307 FY 2023 apportioned for operating assistance in IL FY 2024. The RMTD overall budget for proposed service levels is \$3,605,000 and derived from federal, state and local RMTD funding sources:

RMTD Local - \$177,292 (includes fare revenue)

State - \$1,816,682

Federal \$1,611,026

The projected program will allow for 55,450 service hours of operation and provide 272,095 unlinked passenger trips. This represents an expansion of urban services offered. More budget detail can be found in exhibit A.

Section 5307 Project TIP# JCMTD- 24- 01 for IL FY 2024

JCMTD will utilize \$664,119 of Federal 5307 FY 2021/2022 Carbondale UZA funds and \$21,683 of Federal 5307 FY 2018/2019/2020 Cape Girardeau UZA funds \$21,683 for a total of \$686,802 funds apportioned for operating assistance in IL FY 2024. The JCMTD overall budget for maintaining existing service levels is \$1,488,180 and derived from federal, state, and local JCMTD funding sources:

JCMTD Local - \$114,576 (includes fare revenue)

State - \$686,802

Federal – \$686,802

The projected program will allow for 24,850 service hours of operation and provide 70,000 unlinked passenger trips.

Federal funding is an important part of financing for these projects. Service levels would be greatly reduced without Federal participation.

Service Plan

RMTD and JCMTD provide services via deviated routes and zoned point deviated services. Generally, services are provided door to door as required. Deviated routes will deviate up to 1 mile off the scheduled path. Zoned services cover entire communities. The Rides Plus Call Center can be reached at 844-220-1243 to make reservation on either provider. Riders can also contact JCMTD dispatch at 618-549-0304. Passengers can schedule a pickup at their home or other location. Passengers returning home or continuing to another destination may access a bus at any designated stop location or call for a pickup if not prearranged. Stop locations are available on route maps.

RMTD will also be providing fixed routes across the City of Carbondale and similar services connecting the communities making up the Williamson County portion of the UZA. Additionally, RMTD has implemented a fixed-route service within the city of Marion operating six days per week. Scheduled on 15-minute, 30-minute and 60-minute headways, services and stops are detailed on route maps. JCMTD and RMTD will continue to provide the current level of comprehensive flexible service open to all citizens during all required periods. These services provide required paratransit functions.

The general deviated service description also applies to rural areas of Williamson County and Jackson County. These services are provided under the Section 5311 program and are not part of the RMTD/JCMTD urban POP process.

Rides Fixed Route Service Plan

RMTD plans to add fixed route service in the Urbanized area, especially within the city of Marion. The population across the Urbanized area, has increased, and when looking at the Population Density map, the highest concentration of persons per square mile are in the cities of Carbondale and Marion.

Carbondale posts a population of around 22,000 residents. Of that 62 percent are White, 27 percent are Black or African American, 5 percent are Asian, 5 percent are Hispanic, 3 percent are two or more races, and the remaining 2 percent are some other races. The population

breakdown between male and female is relatively even with males making up 51 percent of the population and females' 49 percent.

Marion, Illinois posts a population of around 15,000 people. Of that, 84 percent are White, 10 percent are Black or African American, 1 percent are Asian, 2 percent are Hispanic, 1 percent are two or more races and below 1 percent are some other races. The population breakdown between male and female is relatively even with males making up 49 percent of the population and females' 51 percent.

Based on the Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization's (SIMPO) Transit Service Guidelines, the density of the population living in both Carbondale, and Marion meets the requirements needed for providing fixed route service. By providing a fixed route service in these population dense areas, RMTD can better utilize resources to increase the level of service.

RMTD has a signed intergovernmental agreement with Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC) to provide transit service across SIUC's campus, as well as the urbanized area, for SIUC students and others of the general public. RMTD plans on continuing to run fixed-route service as has been provided in the past, which consist of five weekday routes and two weekend routes while school is in session, and two summer routes when school is not in session. Additional Break Routes operate fixed route service seven days/week when no classes are in session. Table 1 show each route with the days and times the route runs.

TABLE 1

	Route Name	Days Route Runs	Start Time	Stop Time
Summer Routes				
	Summer East Route	Sun – Sat	7:09 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
	Summer West Route	Sun – Sat	7:32 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
	Break Route East	Mon-Fri	10:55 a.m.	7:50 p.m.
	Break Route East	Sat-Sun	12:55 p.m.	7:50 p.m. (Sat) 6:50 p.m. (Sun)
	Break Route West	Mon-Fri	10:40 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
	Break Route West	Sat-Sun	12:40 p.m.	7:35 p.m. (Sat) 6:35 p.m. (Sun)
*Fall & Spring Routes				
*	Grand Loop	Mon - Fri	6:30 a.m.	7:26 p.m.
*	South Route	Mon - Fri	7:00 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
*	Crosstown Route	Mon - Fri	7:30 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
*	Crosstown Weekend Route	Sat	10:30 a.m.	7:26 p.m.
*	Crosstown Weekend Route	Sun	12:30 p.m.	6:26 p.m.
*	Airport Route	Mon - Fri	7:32 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
*	Mall Route	Mon - Fri	7:09 a.m.	7:24 p.m.
*	Mall Route	Sat	10:30 a.m.	7:24 p.m.
*	Mall Route	Sun	12:30 p.m.	6:24 p.m.
* Regular academic year routes will begin four days prior to the start of the fall semester. The regular academic year routes consist of five weekday routes and two weekend routes while school is in session.				

In addition to running these fixed routes in Carbondale, RMTD has a fixed route that serves as a connection between Marion and Carbondale six days/week that share common stops with the fixed routes being run in Carbondale. By using these common stops as transfer points RMTD can provide fixed route service between Marion and Carbondale.

	Route Name	Days Route Runs	Start Time	Stop Time
	Wildcat (Marion)	Mon - Fri	6:00 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
	Wildcat (Marion)	Sat	8:00 a.m.	6:15 p.m.

	Route Name	Days Route Runs	Start Time	Stop Time
	Marion to Carbondale	Mon - Fri	5:15 a.m.	6:57 p.m.
	Marion to Carbondale	Sat	11:15 a.m.	4:57 p.m.

While the Carbondale and Marion areas have reached a population density that make running fixed routes effective, the majority of RMTD's service area is sparsely populated and spread out. So, in addition to the fixed route service, RMTD will continue to deploy deviated and point deviated routes to serve Williamson County and the Urbanized area. These deviated and point deviated routes will provide door-to-door service. This transportation service is available to all persons, including those with physical or cognitive disabilities that make it impossible to use fixed-route service. Twenty-four-hour notice to schedule a reservation is recommended, but not required. These deviated routes will share common stops/transfer points with the fixed routes. The combination of these routes allows RMTD to cover a large service area, with a fixed number of resources, and provide a maximum amount of rides. Within this, RMTD also operates a flexible, Micro transit program which allows passengers to either call for a reservation request or book a ride request via a mobile application at throughout the late evening Monday-Saturday. RMTD is also in the planning phase of bringing fixed route coverage to Marion and will work with the public and local officials to best phase in the fixed route coverage to the city while still offering complementary paratransit services.

RMTD Dispatch and Service hours

Dispatch service is available from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Bus service is available seven days per week. Night service is available Monday-Saturday until midnight but must be pre-arranged during dispatch hours or accessed at a designated stop or by request during micro transit hours. Service is available on Sunday but must be pre-arranged during dispatch hours or accessed at a designated stop.

Jackson Co. MTD Dispatch and Service Hours

Dispatch is available from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Service hours are from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Service is available on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. but must be prearranged during dispatch hours. No evening or Sunday services proposed.

RMTD Fares

In-County route service.

Adult-\$2.00

11 years of age and older

Seniors (60+) and disabled are eligible for half fare - \$1.00

Children \$1.00

6-10 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult.

Children 0-5 years of age ride at no cost and must be accompanied by an adult.

Fixed Routes (Carbondale and Marion):

Adults (Ages 11+): \$1.00

Children (Ages 6-10) and Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$.50

Children (Ages 0-5): No Cost and must be accompanied by an adult.

Illinois income qualified (circuit breaker) persons in these categories ride at no cost on fixed route.

Basic Passes:

Unlimited trips on existing routes; not valid for intercity services:

30 Day Basic Pass

Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$15.00

Under 60: \$30.00

180 Day Basic Pass

Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$60.00

Under 60: \$120.00

365 Day Basic Pass

Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$115.00

Under 60: \$230.00

Intercity Transit Pass:

Unlimited trips on existing in-county and intercity routes: St. Louis, Champaign, Evansville, Danville and Paducah

30-Day Intercity Pass

Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$25.00

Under 60: \$50.00

JCMTD Fares

One-way:

Adult (Ages 16-59)- \$2.00

Seniors (Age 60+) - \$1.00

Children (Ages 6-15) – \$1.00

Children (Ages 0-5) - Ride at no cost and must be accompanied by an adult.

Passes and discounted tickets:

Adult (Ages 16-59)- 10 rides: \$15.00

Seniors (Age 60+)- 10 rides: \$7.50

Students with ID: \$7.50

Children (Ages 6-15)- 10 rides: \$5.00

30-Day pass – Unlimited rides: \$25.00

30-Day pass- Seniors & persons with disabilities - \$15.00

Title VI Notice

Rides Mass Transit District and Jackson County Mass Transit District hereby gives public notice of its policy to uphold and assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and all related statutes. Title VI and related statutes prohibiting discrimination in Federally assisted programs require that no person in the United States of America shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discretionary practice regarding RMTD's or JCMTD's programs has the right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and submitted to the RMTD or JCMTD Title VI Coordinator within one hundred eighty, (180) days following the date of the alleged occurrence. For more information regarding civil rights complaints, please contact:

Adam Lach, CEO
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1304 Frank Leberman Dr.
Harrisburg, IL 62946

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This notice is posted at all RMTD and JCMTD facilities and their websites, www.ridesmtd.com or www.jcmttd.com.

Alternative Formats

Brochures and other media are available in alternative formats such as Braille and large print to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals upon request. Generally, the website at www.ridesmtd.com is equipped with Google Translate and can also be viewed in accessible formats provided within the user's software. A Spanish version of the brochure is also provided via a link on the homepage.

Information for JCMTD can be obtained by calling 618-549-0304 or at their website at jcmttd.com.

**TTY Users Dial:
1-800-526-0844**

Public Participation

The project is designed to meet the needs of a majority of the citizens in the urbanized area. It is important however that we receive input from members of the public about the design and performance of the system. Your involvement will help us plan a better more effective system. Members of the public are urged to provide comment at the hearing or in writing to:

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