

# STOPtalk



## New Flooring at Illinois Terminal

Users of Illinois Terminal, MTD's intermodal facility, are in for an aesthetic treat the next time they visit the second floor. A new granite flooring and mosaic tiling were installed in early February.

The second floor of Illinois Terminal, like the first floor, is a high traffic area. Most visitors come to the second floor for Amtrak. The ticketing, waiting area, and platform are all located there as well as MTD staff offices. Another significant tenant is the [R.E.A.D.Y. program](#).

"The former cork flooring had really taken a beating," said Illinois Terminal Manager, Stu Smith. "We wanted to invest in something that would look great and last."

Illinois Terminal opened in 1999. The second floor was originally covered in carpet that was later replaced by cork flooring. "Neither material stood up well to the volume of traffic on the second floor," Smith said. "With Amtrak now providing over 400,000 trips to Illinois Terminal each year, we thought it was time to invest in something that really left a good impression with our guests and tenants."

Soozie Robinson, owner of Zoom Productions, was brought on to design the flooring update. "I wanted to put in a material I'd seen in buildings that lasted through history," said Robinson.

The result was 100% all natural and recyclable granite flooring. On measures of durability and pricing, the granite won out against similar, but softer, materials like limestone, slate, and porcelain.

At heavy wear areas, mosaics were placed to provide a visual identification of a path change. These areas include the elevator doors, the top of the stairs, and the Amtrak counter.

"We're hoping the mosaics will slow people down as well as provide more grip with the extra grouting," Robinson explained.

Smith views his facility as a gateway to Champaign-Urbana. There are, of course, the local passengers utilizing MTD's fixed-route service. But then there are the tens of thousands of passengers each year who visit Illinois Terminal to take Amtrak, Burlington Trailways, Greyhound, Peoria Charter, and to attend events in CityView, the fourth floor meeting and banquet center.

"We think this new flooring makes a great first impression that the employees of Illinois Terminal will only add to," Smith said.

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champaign county  
combined charities campaign

Employee Giving  
2014-2015

**170**

Employees who  
donated to the  
campaign.

**19%**

Increase in employee  
participation from  
the previous year.

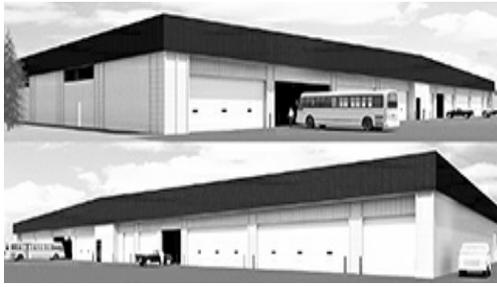
**\$41,642**

Amount raised by  
employees for  
United Way and  
local, state, national,  
and international  
charities.

**26%**

Increase in dollars  
raised from the  
previous year.

*We appreciate this  
opportunity to give back  
to the community that  
provides us such  
tremendous support.*



### Construction Begins on Maintenance Facility Expansion

Picture it. It's 1975 and a four year old Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District began construction of a new administration and maintenance facility. For nearly three decades, MTD's service rolled out of 801 East University Avenue in Urbana.

In 1975, MTD provided over one million rides. Fast forward to 2014 - MTD provided over 13 million rides. And now in 2015, the adventure continues. Demolition of the 801 facility will begin at the end of March. The new ground will allow for expansion of our current Maintenance Facility located at 803 East University Avenue.

The new and expanded facility will allow for complete storage of our growing fleet, accommodate increased fleet maintenance demands, and support advancing onboard and training needs of our operators, technicians, and staff. The project is expected to take 18 months to complete.

The construction hours will generally occur Monday through Friday between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm with occasional Saturday work. Urbana's noise ordinance will be abided by requiring that no construction equipment operate within 600 feet of a residence between the hours of 8:00 pm and 7:00 am.

*The News-Gazette's coverage of the expansion from December 2014*



### Spring Break Service Reductions

Enjoy Spring Break, UI students. The Teal, and other campus focused routes, will miss you!

MTD service will operate regularly all day Friday, March 20, including late night and 335 SafeRides. Beginning at the start of Saturday, March 21 service, the [12/120 Teal](#) begins operating 20-minute frequency during the weekday daytime. The [13/130 Silver](#) begins operating 20-minute frequency and limited routing during the evening, Saturday, and Sunday. The [22/220 Illini](#) begins operating 30-minute frequency and limited routing during all day types. Regular Teal and Silver routing and frequencies resume at the start of Sunday, March 29 service, as well as the full 220 Illini at 6:00 pm.

There is no late night service (after midnight) on the [50 Green](#), [100 Yellow](#), [120 Teal](#), [130 Silver](#), and [220 Illini](#) throughout the break. [335 SafeRides](#) operates until midnight and is served by one van. Designated pick up locations are not served. Full SafeRides and late night service resume the night of Sunday, March 29.

The final reduction begins at the start of Monday, March 23 service when the [2 Red Express](#) trips, designated with "L" and "U" footnotes, do not operate. Red Express trips will resume Monday, March 30.

The [27/270 Air Bus](#) will operate all scheduled trips, Monday through Saturday.

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Please remember that MTD will not operate on the Easter Holiday all day on Sunday, April 5. The first day of spring is only three weeks away! So let's drive through the last of winter and think warm thoughts.



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