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Maintenance Facility Upgrade

Demolition of MTD's former Maintenance and Administration Facility began in April 2015. The facility, located at 801 East University Avenue in Urbana, was built in 1974. MTD's current Maintenance Facility at 803 East University will be expanded to connect to the new facility to be erected on the 801 site.

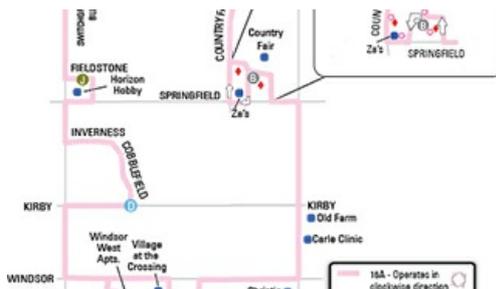
As ridership continues to grow, departments throughout MTD are called to respond. Increased passengers demand more buses, which yields more maintenance. MTD needs more operators to drive those buses. And if you hire more operators and technicians, the Safety and Training Department is needed to train, test, and certify. Thus the need for an expanded facility has evolved.

The expanded MTD Maintenance Facility will add 34,600 gross square feet of bus storage. This will enable MTD to store our entire 102 bus and 13 van fleet indoors which is especially important in winter. The upgrade will also add 11,600 gross square feet to the mezzanine (second floor) of Maintenance. This will allow MTD's Safety and Training activities (including our [training simulators](#)) to be moved from our Operations and Administration Building located nearby at 1101 East University Ave. This opens Safety and Training's former space for some much needed offices and conference rooms.

As clean up from the demolition ends and construction begins, MTD continues to service vehicles, perform inspections, train new employees, and even execute annual bus operator [summer review](#). This adjustment is not without its challenges. Service bays have been temporarily closed along with our bus wash. Maintenance employees are maneuvering buses to and fro, round and back, to respond to daily demands. The articulating joints in our older 60-foot buses are also getting replaced. And the University of Illinois isn't even in full session!

MTD employees will continue to adjust and take deep breaths as we drive towards the project's completion!

More Benefits of the Upgrade



New 2015-2016 Service Year

Across departments, MTD employees are preparing for our new service year. Bus operators are learning the changes to our routes and schedules, each page of the

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Fares and Passes Fiscal Year 2016



The cost of the Annual and Monthly Pass is increasing. The new pass rates go into effect September 1, 2015.

\$84

The Annual Pass will go up \$12 from the current \$72. Just a dollar extra a month for unlimited rides for an entire year.

\$20

The Monthly Pass will go up \$5 from the current \$15. This pass provides unlimited rides for a calendar month.

\$1

The one-way cash fare, which includes one free transfer, will remain unchanged at \$1.

Maps & Schedules Book is being reviewed, redesigned shelter boards are in production, new work shifts are finalized, and on we go.

The 2015-2016 service year begins Sunday, August 16. Here's what our riders can look forward to:

1/100 Yellow: A portion of Woodfield Drive in Savoy, between Burwash and Arbour Towne, may close. The routing pictured in the link is the manner in which the route will operate once Woodfield Drive closes.

2/20 Red: All 2/20U Red trips will automatically enter Kenyon Road to serve the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (C-U PHD). Should passengers want to get off at C-U PHD on a northbound, 2/20C Red, trip they must request the stop immediately upon boarding. The additional C-U PHD service on every southbound Red will slightly alter the schedule. The 2/20U Red will leave Market Place Mall three minutes earlier.

5 Green: The 5 GREENhopper will no longer serve Horizon Hobby at Springfield & Staley. It will instead be served all day by the updated and enhanced 16 Pink (see below). In the new service year, MTD will take the 5 GREENhopper westbound up Country Fair Drive to Parkland College twice an hour.

6 Orange: A small change in the name of schedule adherence, the Orange will no longer serve Camp Drive. The 6 Orange schedule will not change.

7 Grey: The weekday daytime 7 Grey will no longer interline with the 9A/9B Brown. This will not affect the routing or the 30-minute frequency, but the schedule will be adjusted. This change was designed to improve on-time performance and make the service easier to use.

9A/9B Brown: As related to the 7 Grey, MTD is eliminating the interlining of the 9A/9B Brown with the Grey as well as with one another. This changes the frequency of the 9A/9B Browns from 30 minutes to approximately every 35 to 40 minutes. MTD is also eliminating limited service to the Sawgrass area. The expanded 16 Pink (see next entry) will serve the area.

16 Pink: The expanded Pink will become an A/B route (operating clockwise/counter-clockwise like the 9A/9B Brown and 180 Lime) that operates a 45-minute frequency with staggered arrival times at Country Fair. Each trip will serve Country Fair, operator on Mattis to serve Windsor and the YMCA, and will serve Horizon Hobby, the Sawgrass area, and Parkland College. This brings many more connection opportunities for passengers seeking service in west Champaign.

21 Raven: Thanks to the passage of the University of Illinois transportation referendum, a new route will serve campus. The 21 Raven will operate at 30-minute frequency during the weekday daytime (only). It will service Vet-Med and the approximate parameters of the main and south Quads. As a result, the 13 Silver will not serve Vet-Med during the weekday daytime. During the evenings and weekends, the 130 Silver will continue servicing Vet-Med.

27/270 Air Bus: Farewell, Air Bus. The last day of service will be August 31, 2015. Willard Airport and the Institute of Aviation are not in our operating District. The service has run in previous years thanks to subsidies from outside entities.

Do you have a question? Want to share your feedback?



Independence Day

There will be no MTD service on Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Thank you for making

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adjustments as MTD employees enjoy the holiday with their families. Service will be unaffected on Friday, July 3 and we'll return at the start of the regularly scheduled Sunday, July 5 service. Summer service [reductions](#) remain in effect until Friday, August 21.

The Champaign County [Freedom Celebration](#) is coordinating its 66th year of patriotic festivities! Along with an early morning 5k and evening fireworks, the annual parade will walk off at 11:05 am. This year's theme is Flying High for Freedom. MTD will be rolling through the parade again this year, so make sure to wave!

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