

**Rides Mass Transit District**  
**Jackson County Mass Transit District**  
**FY 2021 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 20 Rides (RMTD) will receive 58% on population and approximately 83% of STIC for a total of \$1,005,820. Jackson Co. (JCMTD) for the City of Carbondale will receive 42% of the base and approximately 17% of STIC for a total of \$505,988.

**Section 5307 Project TIP# RMTD-21-01 for IL FY 2021**

RMTD will utilize 100% its share of the FY 2021 5307 funds apportioned for operating assistance in IL FY 2021. Rides will only be asking for reimbursement of salaries and associated fringe benefits in the project. RMTD certifies that all other expenses are paid through other local and State funding. The RMTD overall budget for proposed service levels is \$2,745,500 and derived from federal, state and local RMTD funding sources:

RMTD Local - \$202,292 (includes fare revenue)

State - \$1,537,388

Federal \$1,005,820

The projected program will allow for 79,417 service hours of operation and provide 409,301 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- 18- 01 for IL FY 2018**

JCMTD will utilize \$522,747 of Federal 5307 FY 2018/2019 funds apportioned for operating assistance in IL FY 2021. The JCMTD overall budget for maintaining existing service levels is \$1,099,200 and derived from federal, state and local JCMTD funding sources:

JCMTD Local - \$53,706 (includes fare revenue)

State - \$522,747

Federal – \$522,747

The projected program will allow for 18,330 service hours of operation and provide 62,415 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 pick up 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. Scheduled on one-hour 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 Urban area. 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, IL posts a population of around 26,000. Of that 26,000, 62% are White, 25% are Black or African American, 5% are Asian, 5% are Hispanic, 3% are two or more Races, and the

remaining 2% are some other Race. The population breakdown between Male and Female is relatively even with Males making up 53% of the population, and Females at 47%.

Marion, IL posts a population of around 18,000. Of that 18,000, 87% are White, 7% are Black or African American, 1% are Asian, 2% are Hispanic, 1% are two or more Races, and below 1% are some other Race. The population breakdown between Male and Female is relatively even with Males making up 48% of the population, and Females at 52%.

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. The fixed route service will connect Carbondale and Marion, making it easier to move in-between cities.

Recently RMTD signed an intergovernmental agreement with Southern Illinois University of Carbondale (SIUC) to provide transit service across SIUC’s campus, as well as the urbanized area, for SIUC students. RMTD plans on running the same fixed route service provided in the past, which consist of six weekday routes and three weekend routes (while school is in session), and 2 summer routes (when school is not in session). Table 1 show each route with the days and times the route runs.

**Table 1**

	<b>Route Name</b>	<b>Days Route Runs</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Stop Time</b>
<b>Summer Routes</b>				
	Summer East Route	Sun – Sat	7:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
	Summer West Route	Sun – Sat	7:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
<b>*Fall &amp; Spring Routes</b>				
*	Campus Loop	Mon - Fri	7:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
*	Grand Avenue	Mon - Fri	7:00 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
*	South Route	Mon - Fri	7:00 a.m.	7:16 p.m.
*	Crosstown Route	Mon - Fri	7:27 a.m.	7:47 p.m.
*	Crosstown Weekend Route	Sat	10:30 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
*	Crosstown Weekend Route	Sun	12:30 p.m.	6:24 p.m.
*	Airport Route	Mon - Fri	7:36 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
*	Mall Route	Mon - Fri	7:11 a.m.	11:27 p.m.
*	Mall Route	Sat	10:27 a.m.	11:27 p.m.

*	Mall Route	Sun	12:27 p.m.	6:27 p.m.
*	Late Night Route	Fri - Sat	9:30 p.m.	2:30 a.m.
* Regular academic year routes will begin four days prior to the start of the fall semester. The regular academic year routes consist of six weekday routes and three weekend routes (while school is in session).				

In addition to running these fixed routes in Carbondale, RMTD runs flexible fixed route that serve Marion and connect Carbondale. These routes run between Marion and Carbondale 7 days week and share common stops with the fixed routes being run in Carbondale. By using these common stops as transfer points RMTD provides route service between Marion and Carbondale.

	Route Name	Days Route Runs	Start Time	Stop Time
	Marion to Carbondale	Mon – Fri	5:30 a.m.	12:00 a.m.
	Marion to Carbondale	Sat	7:30 a.m.	12:00 a.m.
	Marion to Carbondale	Sun	11:30 a.m.	6:30 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. 24-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 rides.

### Rides Dispatch and Service hours

Dispatch service is available from 6 AM to 8 PM Monday through Saturday. Bus service is available 7 days a week. Night service is available Monday through Saturday until midnight but must be prearranged during dispatch hours or accessed at a designated stop. Service is available on Sunday but must be prearranged during dispatch hours or accessed at a designated stop.

## **Jackson Co. MTD Dispatch and Service Hours**

Dispatch is available from 7 AM to 6PM Monday through Friday. Service hours are from 7 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. Service is available on Saturday from 8 AM to 2 PM but must be prearranged during dispatch hours. No evening or Sunday services proposed.

### **Fares - Rides**

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**

6-11 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult.

Children 0-5 years of age ride **FREE** and must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Fixed Routes:**

Adults (Ages 11+): \$1.00

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

Children (Ages 0-5): Free

Must be accompanied by an adult

Illinois income qualified (circuit breaker) persons in these categories ride free 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

**Inter-City Transit Pass:**

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

30 Day Basic Pass

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

Under 60: \$50.00

**Fares – JCMTD****Adult-\$2.00**

16 years of age and older

**Children 6-15 years – \$1.00**

**Children 0-5 years-** Free and must be accompanied by an adult.

**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, sex, age, or disability 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  
Rides Mass Transit District  
30 Veterans Dr.  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
  
(618) 253-8761

This notice is posted at all RMTD and JCMTD facilities and their websites, [www.ridesmtd.com](http://www.ridesmtd.com) or [www.jcmttd.com](http://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](http://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](http://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 urban 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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Harrisburg, IL 62946

Jackson Co. Mass Transit District  
602 E. College  
Carbondale, IL 62901