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MEDIA ALERT

DATE: Friday, August 30, 2024

SUBJECT: MCT Donates Patrol Bicycles to Alton Police Department

DETAILS: In an effort to support the evolving needs of local law enforcement and to encourage bicycle patrols on the MCT Trails and in Madison County communities, Madison County Transit (MCT) donated two RECON Interceptor battery-powered bicycles to the Alton Police Department on Thursday, August 29.

In the last five years, MCT has donated patrol bicycles to police departments in East Alton, Edwardsville, Granite City, Maryville, Highland, Troy, South Roxana, and Venice, as well as to the Madison County Sheriff's Office and campus safety officers at SIUE and Lewis & Clark Community College.

BICYCLE SPECS: RECON is a law enforcement electric bike company specializing in patrol bicycles. The all-terrain bicycles donated to the Alton Police Department have a heavy-duty frame and durable, puncture resistant 4-inch tires. Each bike contains a 1000-watt mid-drive motor for optimal speed and hydraulic disc brakes for greater stopping power. Complete with emergency police lights, sirens and a police bag, these bicycles were designed with public safety patrol in mind.

PICTURED: (Picture 1- *left to right*) MCT Board Member Andy Economy, MCT Board Vice Chair Chris Guy, MCT Board Chairman Ron Jedda, MCT Board Member and Jarvis Township Supervisor Allen Adomite, MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison, MCT Board Member David Sherrill, Alton Chief of Police Jarrett Ford, Captain Kurtis McCray, and Alton Mayor David Goins.

Madison County Transit (MCT) provides multi-modal transportation services for Madison County, Illinois. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service, connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service to the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides complementary door to door service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 138 miles of bikeways that comprise the MCT Trails system, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region's FREE carpooling and vanpooling program.

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