

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

MCT 2022 Recap: Another Great Year in Transit

Since its inception, Madison County Transit's (MCT) mission has remained the same, no matter the year: Strengthen the communities of Madison County and support its residents by providing an innovative public bus network, a flexible paratransit service for the elderly and disabled, a robust carpool/vanpool program and the ongoing improvement of the world-class MCT Trails bike-way system. The engaged MCT Board members continue providing this transportation access, improving the quality of life for Madison County residents.

Transportation
In 2022, MCT continued to offer affordable fares and reliable fixed-route and paratransit bus service despite skyrocketing gas prices and a nationwide driver shortage. MCT's operator, Agency for Community Transit (ACT), took hiring efforts on the road with a mobile Hiring Bus, which helped MCT avoid service reductions and al-

lowed ACT to bolster its workforce. Visitors and locals alike flocked to ride MCT shuttles to the Enjoy Illinois 300 NASCAR Cup Series held at World Wide Technology Raceway. MCT offered free shuttles from various locations across the county to the raceway and saved thousands of race fans from having to pay for parking and navigate chaotic traffic. RideFinders, operated by MCT, is the St. Louis regional commuter carpool/vanpool program and continued to form carpools and vanpools throughout the nine-county, bi-state region. Since 1994, RideFinders has worked to improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion by helping commuters rideshare to work and class.

Trails
In 2022, MCT brought together elected officials, industry thought leaders and trail-loving residents to the first MCT Bike and Pedestrian Trail Sum-

mit. Nearly 200 people attended to hear guest speakers from the bike-friendly communities of Davis, Calif., and Bentonville, Ark., share valuable insights on trails and community building. Several MCT Trails projects in 2022 were completed bringing the total miles of Class One bikeways in the MCT Trails system to just over 138. Improvements to a segment of the MCT Nature Trail under IL-255 were completed in August 2022. A few weeks later, MCT completed a 300-foot trail connector to Pleasant Ridge Park in Maryville, Ill., creating a

new access point to the MCT Schoolhouse Trail. The newest addition is the MCT Monarch Valley Trail, completed in October and located in Edwardsville from Emerson Avenue to Irma Street. This trail serves as a "pollinator pathway" with eight native pollinator beds providing nutrition and habitat for insects and birds. Several other MCT Trails projects will be initiated in the coming year! Connecting people to their destinations - by trail, transit, or ridesharing - is MCT's primary objective. The MCT Trustees and team look forward to another year of serving the people and communities of Madison County!

Breaking ground, breaking company records: A review of 2022 at Poettker Construction

Navigating through unprecedented times, from the unexpected death of its founder to the current supply chain and workforce challenges, Poettker Construction continued to break new company records in 2022 with tremendous employee, financial, industry, philanthropic and market sector growth.

To kick off the year, Poettker was recognized for its efforts toward zero injuries in the workplace by becoming a certified contractor through the Coalition for Construction Safety (CCS). That track record continued with the Poettker team performing more than 422,000 man-hours with zero lost time or recordable incidents in 2022.

The company's ongoing commitment to safety and quality was also recognized with the President's Circle Risk Control Excellence award from General Contractors Insurance LT. Poettker achieved the Associated Builders and Contractors PLATINUM level designation through ABC's STEP Safety Management System and was named an Accredited Quality Contractor for the first time.

Poettker remains a Best Place to Work, a national best-in-class business, and a top contractor in the Midwest and Southeast. The company enhanced its team, growing its employee base by 32 percent with new hires and promotions across every department and level.

Poettker excelled in the Midwest and

Southeast industrial markets with over 3.1 million square feet of distribution and warehouse space under construction in 2022. In the utility and infrastructure market, Poettker continued its multi-phased work on substations, transmission and distribution lines, restoration projects, and facility renovations throughout Illinois and Missouri. The company's federal team was awarded over \$140 million in new contracts, including mission-critical headquarters complexes, hangars, dining facilities, and airfield pavements.

Poettker also had a very strong year in the education and retail markets, completing a mixture of new construction, renovations, and additions for five schools; was selected as the Construction Manager for the Parkway School District's \$265 million bond program; and enhanced online shopping, grocery pickup, and distribution services at over 60 facilities for multiple major retail chains.

Poettker supported over 50 non-profit organizations through philanthropic initiatives in 2022. At its annual golf classic benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Southwestern Illinois, Poettker raised an astounding \$52,000 in donations. Poettker also partnered with Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis, CEO entrepreneurship program, and area schools and colleges to expand educational opportunities in the local communities.

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