

MCT Statement Regarding New Illinois E-Bike Legislation

Background: Effective July 1, 2026, Illinois has implemented statewide regulations for electric bikes, e-scooters, and micromobility devices under Senate Bill 3484. Additional operational and licensing requirements for high-speed mobility devices will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Statement from MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison:

“On behalf of Madison County Transit (MCT) I want to commend the Illinois General Assembly, Governor Pritzker, and Secretary of State Giannoulis for this bi-partisan effort to develop safety guidelines for the use of e-bikes and other mobility devices. Although MCT supports responsible use of pedal-assist, low speed e-bikes on the MCT Trails, there has been ongoing misuse of these devices which has led to widespread community concern. This new legislation addresses safety concerns, provides a path for enforcement, and will make the MCT Trails safer for all trailgoers. Because safety and compliance are the goals, MCT does intend to partner with local municipalities to enforce these regulations.”

Details of the new legislation and a guide for e-bikes, e-motos, and other mobility devices can be found on the Illinois Secretary of State’s website [here](#).

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 Muni. 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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