



# St. Clair County Transit District

## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

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### County Board Chairman Kern Announces Seniors Ride Free Program

According to the 2000 Census there are over 33,000 persons aged 65 or older residing in St. Clair County. One way for them to maintain their physical and mental health is to remain engaged in our society. Many of our seniors no longer drive automobiles either as a result of the expense of maintaining and operating a car or because they no longer feel comfortable doing so. This can lead to a sense of isolation. By utilizing public transportation our seniors can maintain a healthy active and independent life style and, beginning March 17, residents of the St. Clair County Transit District who are age 65 years and older can ride fixed route Metrobuses and MetroLink free. Patrons must display their Medicare I.D. card, a government issued photo I.D., a valid driver's license or a valid passport when boarding a fixed route bus or upon a fare inspection on MetroLink. In addition to seniors riding fixed route transit for free the St. Clair County Transit District has also decided to extend this benefit to disabled residents of the District who posses a Metro issued ADA identification card. Persons who posses a Metro issued ADA identification card need only display the card upon boarding a fixed route MetroBus or upon a MetroLink fare inspection. Patrons must reside within the St. Clair County Transit District in order to be eligible for this benefit. Only residents of the following St. Clair County townships are eligible to apply for the Seniors Ride Free program:

Belleville  
Canteen  
Caseyville  
Centreville  
East St. Louis

Engelmann  
Lebanon  
Mascoutah  
O'Fallon  
ST. Clair

Shiloh Valley  
Smithton  
Stites  
Stokey  
Sugarloaf

Over the next few months the St. Clair County Transit District and the St. Clair County Office on Aging will conduct a community outreach program to issue photo identification cards to residents of the District. After that program has been implemented seniors will use the new identification card to obtain their free ride. Transit District officials emphasize that the free rides are available on fixed route MetroBus and MetroLink only. Rides on the Alternative Transportation System (ATS) are not eligible for this benefit. A reciprocal agreement is in place that permits seniors from the Madison County Transit District or the St. Clair County Transit District to travel free in either jurisdiction.

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