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 **RMTD Announces Service Changes Effective July 1st, 2024**

Effective Monday, July 1st, 2024, Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) in partnership with Boone County will be expanding the service hours for Boone County’s Demand Response Service. Currently, the service operates from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, but will extend to operate 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. Additionally, demand response service on Saturday from 8:00am to 12:00pm is being added beginning July 1, 2024.

The service expansion is for the urban areas of Boone County including Belvidere, which is operated by the Boone County Council On Aging (BCCA) through a contract with RMTD, as well as the rural areas of the County which is also operated by BCCA.

In conjunction with the expansion of the demand response service, RMTD’s limited service #24 Belvidere Route will be discontinued effective Monday, July 1st, 2024. The four daily trips are being eliminated in part due to low ridership. However, customers traveling between Belvidere and Rockford will continue to be able to do so by scheduling trips on the Demand Response Service and connecting to RMTD service at the East Side Transfer Center located at 725 N. Lyford Road in Rockford. There will be no additional cost to transfer for customers.

Customers should contact BCCA at 815-975-9059 to register for the Boone County Demand Response service and to receive more information on how to plan their trips prior to Monday, July 01, 2024.

Additionally, RMTD will be adding four more weekday trips on the #18 Bell School Route from RMTD’s East Side Transfer Center beginning Monday, July 1st, 2024. More information is available on RMTD’s website at [www.rmtd.org](http://www.rmtd.org) or by contacting RMTD Customer Service at 815-961-9000.

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