



Alton Regional Multimodal Transportation Center Grand Opening

The new Alton Regional Multimodal Transportation Center opened in September 2017, providing multiple connections between Madison County Transit service, Amtrak and local bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. This 8,000-square-foot facility encompasses a passenger rail station as well as eight bus bays for the new Madison County Transit transfer hub, 227 parking spaces, 12 bike lockers and six bike racks. The energy-efficient building, which includes LED lighting and modern doors and windows, will have a ticket agent and amenities such as a heated and air-conditioned waiting room, interior and exterior seating, free Wi-Fi, modern security systems, restrooms, drinking fountains, and a commemorative display of the prior station and rail history. Additional site amenities include platform canopies, passenger pick-up and drop-off zones, bike and pedestrian paths, a bus terminal and space to handle checked bags in the future.

The \$14.4 million facility is approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the previous station. Construction costs for the station and platform were funded by a federal grant to the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the improvements being made to the Chicago-to-St. Louis corridor leading to increased safety, reliability, passenger comfort as well as a decrease in travel time. A federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant obtained by the City of Alton covered the cost to construct the remainder of the site, including parking, the new Madison County Transit transfer hub and connections to a local trail network for bicyclists and pedestrians.

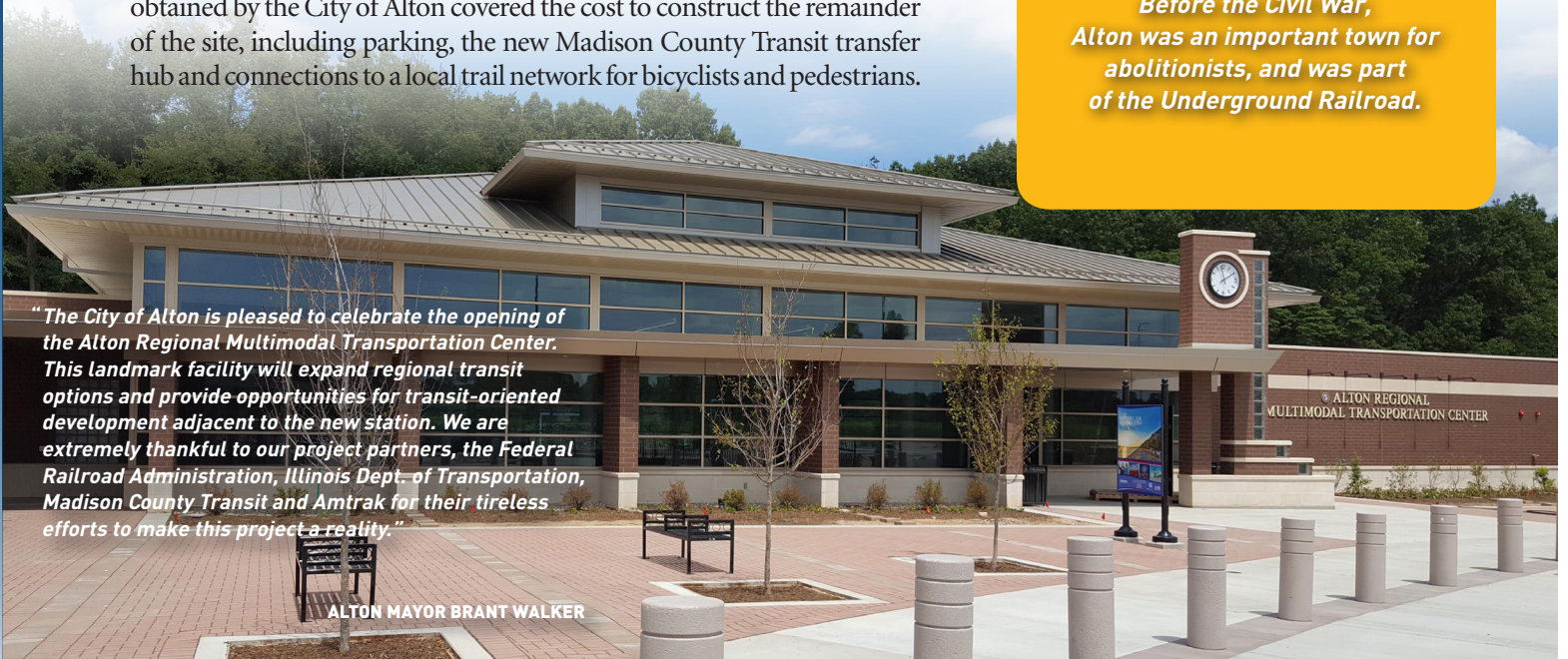


Alton is home to the local legend of the Piasa Bird.



The seventh and last congressional debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas was held in Alton in 1858.

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Before the Civil War, Alton was an important town for abolitionists, and was part of the Underground Railroad.



"The City of Alton is pleased to celebrate the opening of the Alton Regional Multimodal Transportation Center. This landmark facility will expand regional transit options and provide opportunities for transit-oriented development adjacent to the new station. We are extremely thankful to our project partners, the Federal Railroad Administration, Illinois Dept. of Transportation, Madison County Transit and Amtrak for their tireless efforts to make this project a reality."

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Alton Station *Fast Facts*

Construction contract value:
\$14.4 million

Total number of vehicle parking spaces: **227**

Total number of bike parking spaces: **6 bike racks & 12 bike lockers**

Platform length: **500 feet**

Station building size: **8,000 square feet**



STATION AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- Heated/air-conditioned waiting room
- Interior & exterior seating
- Free Wi-Fi
- Modern security systems
- Energy-efficient features
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountains
- Platform canopies
- Commemorative display of prior station and rail history
- Vehicle & bicycle parking
- Passenger pick-up & drop-off zone
- Bike & pedestrian paths
- Bus terminal
- Provision for future capability to handle checked baggage
- ADA accessible



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Illinois High-Speed Rail project is approximately 284 miles long with Amtrak trains operating primarily on Union Pacific Railroad track. Improvements on the route will allow passenger rail service from Chicago to St. Louis to operate at higher speeds with increased safety and reliability. The project is expected to be complete in 2018.

