

COTA — WEBSITE
HISTORICAL PHOTOS
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CAPTION 1

COTA vehicles looked different in the 1970s, but from the classic COTA vehicle a young boy watches travel High Street to those rolling through Columbus' streets today, they all kept Columbus moving forward through the years.

CAPTION 2

COTA's vintage vehicle designs were groovy! In 1976, a burnt orange COTA vehicle welcomed aboard customers on South High Street.

CAPTION 3

This isn't the Late-Night Lineup Columbus residents are used to, it's a vintage vehicle lineup! A row of vehicles sits in the maintenance garage, awaiting the next drive.

CAPTION 4

Team COTA is an engine that keeps Central Ohio moving! Operators and members of the maintenance team from years past stand in front of a vintage vehicle, readying for the day.

CAPTION 5

"Where to next?" COTA has helped customers like this woman boarding a burnt orange COTA vehicle in the 1980s get to their destinations for over 50 years.

CAPTION 6

Many COTA lines have been serving the Central Ohio community for decades. Pictured here is Line 4 on South High Street, where it still runs today.

CAPTION 7

Where do COTA vehicles go to sleep? The maintenance garage! Check out these vintage COTA vehicles waiting for inspection in years past.

CAPTION 8

Take a peek inside a vintage COTA vehicle: Customers of the past busy themselves with newspapers and journals, long before COTA began offering free Wi-Fi onboard.

CAPTION 9

A vintage COTA vehicle, #572, waits in the street to pick up customers. While this vehicle ran on diesel, many of COTA's vehicles today run on more environmentally friendly energy, like CNG and electric.

CAPTION 10

In 1978, COTA introduced Project Mainstream, a mobility service for people with disabilities. Vehicles for this service were equipped with a lift and other features to make COTA more accessible.

CAPTION 11

In 2021, COTA debuted their zero-emission, battery-powered electric vehicles in an effort to reduce carbon emissions. As part of their environmental commitment, COTA continues to add CNG and electric vehicles to the fleet, with the goal of going diesel free by 2025.

CAPTION 12

Once COTA's oldest in-service vehicle, vehicle #843 from the 2010s helped move thousands of residents and visitors across Central Ohio for decades.