



## Strategic and Operational Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM

COTA - WG Porter Boardroom, 33 N High St, Columbus OH

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Sean Mentel called the March 4, 2025 Strategic and Operational Planning Committee meeting to order at 10 am.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Board Members Present

Sean Mentel, Chair

Amy Taylor, Trustee

Kumi Walker, Trustee

#### Board Members Excused

Erika Clark Jones, Trustee

### 3. Approval of Strategic and Operational Planning Committee Minutes

- A. January 14, 2025 Strategic and Operational Planning Committee Minutes

Trustee Amy Taylor moved to approve the January 14, 2025 Strategic and Operational Planning Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Kumi Walker. Motion carried.

### 4. New Business

- A. Sustainability Plan Update - Andy Beisterveld, COTA Chief Engineer

COTA Chief Engineer Andy Beisterveld presented an update to COTA's Sustainability Plan. Mr. Beisterveld noted that significant progress has been made since 2022, and that a changing regulatory environment is a challenge as the plan continues to be implemented. Mr. Beisterveld said emissions is the "meat" of the sustainability plan, with the goals of net-zero GHG emissions by 2045 and net-zero pollution emissions by 2045. An updated plan is expected to be brought to the board in July 2025.

- B. LinkUS Progress Update - Kim Sharp, COTA Senior Director of Development

COTA Senior Director of Development Kim Sharp presented updates on the West Broad, East Main and Northwest corridors and shared potential associated risks. She also discussed the LinkUS Downtown Convergence next steps. Ms. Sharp said the community will be notified about construction ahead of time through outreach, and there will also be opt-in notifications for real-time information. Ms. Sharp shared a Transit Supportive Infrastructure example to show efforts are being made to help people access transit.

5. Other Business

No other business was brought before the Committee.

6. Adjournment

Trustee Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Walker. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.


Next Meeting: 10 am, Tuesday May 6, 2025

Adopted: May 6, 2025

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Chair, Strategic and Operational  
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President/CEO