
Community Invited to Help Shape the Next Generation of Public Transportation in Central Ohio

Two Public Meetings Will be Held on April 23

COLUMBUS, OH—The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is launching COTA NextGen, a long-range visioning effort, to identify public transportation needs and opportunities for the next 10, 25 and 35 years. The public is invited to participate in two upcoming public meetings on Thursday, April 23 and provide input that will help shape the next generation of public transportation in central Ohio.

NextGen is a three-phase effort to analyze how future demographic trends and community preferences will influence opportunities and demand for public transportation. During the first phase, COTA is encouraging residents to be vocal about how they want to get around central Ohio in the future.

“NextGen will be the community’s plan for public transportation, not just COTA’s,” said Curtis Stitt, COTA President/CEO. “We want people to think big. This is an opportunity to dream a little and share every idea, big or small.”

Join COTA at an upcoming public meeting to share your vision and learn what others suggest:

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)

William J. Lhota Building

33 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

William G. Porter Boardroom

Noon-2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. *(The same content will be shared at both meetings.)*

Sign up to receive meeting notices and find out more at COTA.com/NextGen. This interactive website will also provide opportunities to respond to surveys and submit comments throughout the planning effort, which will be completed April, 2016.

COTA is coordinating closely with the City of Columbus on the Connect Columbus Multimodal Plan and MORPC on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The outcome of all three planning efforts will drive future transportation funding priorities for years to come.

All interested people are encouraged to attend and participate. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or familial status.

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