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COTA's Sales Tax Renewal Approved by Voters

COLUMBUS, OH—Issue 60, a ballot initiative to renew funding for the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), was approved by voters on Tuesday. COTA officials had requested the renewal of a 0.25 percent 10-year sales and use tax that was initially approved by voters in 2006.

“We thank the voters for demonstrating their confidence in COTA,” said Curtis Stitt, COTA President/CEO. “We’re pleased that our community appreciates the value of a strong public transportation system, and understands that it is an important component of the growth and economic prosperity of our region.”

The renewal of Issue 60 will continue the 0.25 percent sales tax through 2026. COTA is also funded by a 0.25 percent permanent sales and use tax that was approved by voters in 1999.

“This funding allows us to provide and maintain the foundational level of public transit service our community deserves,” Stitt said. “By approving Issue 60 voters have declared that a reliable, robust and responsive public transportation system is a vital part of our vibrant, open and smart region.”

To learn more about the value COTA provides to central Ohio, visit COTA.com.

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The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is the regional public transit provider for greater Columbus and Central Ohio. With a service area of 1.2 million residents, COTA employs more than 1,000 dedicated professionals, and provided more than 19 million passenger trips in 2015. COTA operates throughout Franklin County, and parts of Delaware, Fairfield, Licking and Union counties. For more information about COTA, visit COTA.com or call (614) 228-1776.



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