

## COTA AirConnect Takes Off

### *COTA Launches Bus Service Between Downtown and Port Columbus International Airport*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Today, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority welcomed more than 100 elected officials, business and community leaders to an event celebrating the launch of COTA AirConnect. COTA AirConnect provides direct bus service between Downtown and Port Columbus International Airport seven days a week.



The celebration began with a ceremonial ride on the COTA AirConnect from Downtown to Port Columbus International Airport. Program speakers included: **W. Curtis Stitt**, COTA President/CEO; **Elaine Roberts**, Columbus Regional Airport Authority President & CEO; **Brian Ross**, Experience Columbus President & CEO; **Yaromir Steiner**, Insight2050 Executive Committee Chair; and **Shannon Hardin**, City of Columbus Council Member.

#### ***Simple Just Pulled Up. Downtown. Airport. Done.***

COTA AirConnect began operating on Mon., May 2. The service arrives at designated stops in Downtown and at the airport every 30 minutes between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., seven days a week. The route travels through Downtown to pick up passengers, with a focus on servicing hotels and the convention center. When COTA AirConnect arrives at the airport, the bus drops passengers off at Departures, then picks new passengers up at Arrivals.



COTA AirConnect buses are specially braded and easily recognized. On-board features include luggage racks and USB charging ports. A one-way COTA AirConnect trip costs only \$2.75. Tickets may be purchased at COTA ticket vending machines in Downtown and at the COTA shelter on the Arrivals level at the airport. Passengers may also pay with exact change when boarding the bus. For more information about COTA AirConnect, visit [COTA.com/AirConnect](http://COTA.com/AirConnect).

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#### **Attached Images**

**COTA AirConnect Event:** (pictured left to right) Andrew Jordan, TWU Local 208 President; Brian Ross, Experience Columbus President & CEO; Elaine Roberts, Columbus Regional Airport Authority President & CEO; W. Curtis Stitt, COTA President/CEO; Shannon Hardin, City of Columbus Council Member; and Mitchell Brown, City of Columbus Council Member.

**COTA AirConnect Ribbon Cutting:** (pictured left to right): Brian Ross, Experience Columbus President & CEO; Yaromir Steiner, Steiner + Associates Founder and Chief Executive Officer, and Insight2050 Executive Committee Chair; W. Curtis Stitt, COTA President/CEO; Elaine Roberts, Columbus Regional Airport Authority President & CEO; Shannon Hardin, City of Columbus Council Member; and Mitchell Brown, City of Columbus Council Member.

*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 950 people, 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](http://COTA.com) or call (614) 228-1776.*



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