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COTA Highlights Partnerships, Collaboration and Vision at 2016 Annual Luncheon

Special Venture Partner at Fontinalis Partners, LLC Delivers Keynote Address

COLUMBUS, OH—Yesterday, more than 500 community stakeholders attended the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA) 2016 Annual Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. The event, themed, "Keep Us Moving," celebrated COTA's major initiatives, community partnerships and current vision to align COTA's goals with those of the community. Speakers emphasized the importance of continuing strong support for COTA.

COTA President/CEO W. Curtis Stitt updated the audience on COTA's role in the community, discussing partnerships and collaborations, and emphasizing the impact of COTA service, which provides access to business, entertainment and various other destinations in Columbus. Stitt also spoke about COTA's growth and success in the past decade, and the vision COTA holds for the future.

"Our shared vision sees the COTA of the future as something that connects people to places in ways that meet their needs, and in ways that drive the economy of the future," Stitt said.

Gabe Klein, Special Venture Partner at Fontinalis Partners, LLC, delivered the keynote address. Klein shared how cities can shape transportation technology for the greater good. He stated that autonomous cars, data analytics, behavioral economics and incentives, renewable energy and molecular design are only some of the important changes to watch in the next five years.



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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 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 or call (614) 228-1776.



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