

# MEDIA ALERT

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## COTA President/CEO Featured at APTA Press Conference on National Public Transit Measures

**WHAT:** This year on Nov. 8, nearly \$200 billion in public transit referendums will be held across the United States, including a renewal of the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA) levy in Columbus.

Public transportation leaders from Los Angeles, Seattle, Atlanta, San Jose, Oakland, and Columbus will discuss their local ballot initiatives during a press conference at the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) annual meeting.

**W. Curtis Stitt**, COTA President/CEO, will offer the COTA perspective, and discuss the impact of renewing the levy, which would maintain the revenue from the 2006 levy through 2026 without raising taxes, and allow COTA to continue to deliver expanded service and implement planned enhancements.

Reporters are welcome to attend the press conference or listen by phone. RSVPs are required. If you plan to call-in by phone, after you RSVP, you will receive the call-in information. **Please RSVP by contacting Mantill Williams at [mwilliams@apta.com](mailto:mwilliams@apta.com)**

The APTA annual meeting will be held Sept. 12-14. This annual conference will draw approximately 1,700 public transportation leaders, as it delves into a variety of topics on public transportation.

**WHEN:** Monday, Sept. 12  
3:15-4:15 p.m. EDT

**WHERE:** JW Marriot Los Angeles L.A. Live  
900 W. Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
Plaza Room, 3rd Floor, Tower Side

**WHO:** **Moderator:**  
**Doran J. Barnes**, 2016-2017 APTA Chair, Executive Director, Foothill Transit, West Covina, CA

**Panelists:**

**Richard A. White**, Acting President & CEO, APTA, Washington, DC

**Jeannie Bruins**, Los Altos Mayor and Vice Chairperson, Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors, San Jose, CA

**Phillip A. Washington**, Immediate Past Chair, APTA; Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles, CA

**Peter M. Rogoff**, Chief Executive Officer, Sound Transit, Seattle, WA

**Keith T. Parker**, AICP, General Manager/CEO, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta, GA  
**W. Curtis Stitt**, President/Chief Executive Officer, Central Ohio Transit Authority, Columbus, OH  
**Grace Crunican**, General Manager, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Oakland, CA

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



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