

COTA Signs \$37 Million Grant Agreement with Federal Transit Administration for CMAX BRT Project

Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator and Senator Sherrod Brown Join COTA President/CEO at Grant Signing Ceremony

COLUMBUS, OH—On Wed., June 1, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown joined Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) President/CEO W. Curtis Stitt to sign a \$37.45 million funding agreement for COTA's CMAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

More than 50 elected officials, business and community leaders gathered at COTA's Linden Transit Center to witness the signing and celebrate the new transit technology that will enhance the Cleveland Avenue corridor when operation begins in January 2018.



Program speakers included Stitt, Flowers and Brown, as well as donna Hicho, executive director of the Greater Linden Development Corporation.

“COTA's CMAX BRT will introduce new transit technology to our community – making service faster, more direct and more accessible,” said Stitt. “We are extremely fortunate to be the recipient of this generous grant from the Federal Transit Administration. Thank you to Senator Sherrod Brown and FTA Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers for their support and leadership in funding the transportation that this community deserves.”

COTA's CMAX will link the northeast suburbs with downtown Columbus, connecting residents to major employment centers, medical facilities and educational institutions. The line will bring critical service to over 211,000 residents while encouraging economic development along the corridor. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2016.

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COTA FTA Grant Agreement Signing: (pictured left to right) FTA Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers; U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown; Greater Linden Development Corporation Executive Director donna Hicho; and COTA President/CEO W. Curtis Stitt.

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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