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## Have you thanked your bus operator lately?

### ***COTA Celebrates Transit Driver Appreciation Day on Friday, March 17***

**COLUMBUS**—Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) bus operators don't have an easy job, they just make it look that way! Every day, they help move our community forward. For hours on end, they manage to keep a schedule, check fares, give directions, announce stops, remember stop requests and more, all while safely maneuvering an extra-large vehicle through unpredictable traffic, adverse weather conditions and some really tight spaces.

Have you thanked your bus driver lately? COTA is celebrating **Transit Driver Appreciation Day on Fri., Mar. 17.**

Join COTA in celebrating the contributions of our hard-working bus operators. Offer a smile and a wave when you board the bus, and a "thank you" when you leave. Any time of year, you can submit an official commendation to COTA Customer Service at (614) 228-1776 for a job well done, so your drivers can be formally recognized for their efforts.

Thank you cards are available for free in the lobby of COTA's administrative office at 33 N. High St., or you can print cards available at [transitdriverday.org](http://transitdriverday.org) to show your appreciation in person. On social media, use the hashtag *#tdad* to help spread the word.

Transit Driver Appreciation Day was conceived in 2009 by transit riders in Seattle as a way to honor the many hard-working men and women who keep us all moving every day.

For more information about COTA, please visit [COTA.com](http://COTA.com) or contact COTA at (614) 228-1776.

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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 provides more than 18 million passenger trips per year, and employs more than 1,000 people. 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.*

