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2024 COTA Transportation Levy ~ Linking Central Ohio

MORPC RESOURCES:

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

111 Liberty Street; Suite 100; Columbus, OH 43215; 614/228-2663; <https://www.morpc.org/>

The Regional Mobility Plan is a transit coordinated plan for nine Central Ohio counties. It identifies local and regional transportation needs. Developed in 2022, the plan covers Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties. <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/regional-mobility-plan/>

Gohio Commute transportation program <http://morpc.gohio.com/>

Gohio Commute/Emergency Ride Home <https://gohiocommute.com/#/pages/about-morpc>

Other MORPC (non-transportation) programs:

Weatherization/Home Repairs/Residential Services <https://www.morpc.org/programs-services/residential-services/>

Air Quality: <https://www.morpc.org/programs-services/air-quality/>

COTA RESOURCES:

MORPC has developed a “Story Map” for COTA’s Plan for Sidewalks and Trails. This Story Map highlights the sidewalk, trail, and bikeway projects that have been identified for funding in the first five years of the LinkUS program (if the levy is accepted). Also note: the COTA service area is included; this area delineates where the sales tax would be levied and where the resulting investments in transportation infrastructure would occur.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/93a84146a0be408f92163fee3d33f0c7>

COTA – Central Ohio Transportation Authority <https://www.cota.com/>

LinkUSColumbus Mobility Initiative <https://linkuscolumbus.com/>

Discount Fares <https://www.cota.com/discount-fares/>

Park & Ride <https://www.cota.com/how-to-ride/park-ride/>

Senior and reduced fares <https://www.cota.com/senior-riders/>

Mainstream <https://www.cota.com/services/cota-mainstream/>

CMax <https://www.cota.com/services/cmax/>

COTA//Plus <https://www.cota.com/cotaplus/>

COTA “Bus” in Business, information for employers on C-Pass <https://www.cota.com/riding-cota/c-pass/>

2024 LEVY INFORMATION:

COTA ~ <https://www.cota.com/blog/cota-board-approves-ballot-measure-to-expand-transit-and-provide-more-access-to-sidewalks-bikeways/>

DISPATCH ~ <https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/2024/09/08/cota-bus-system-columbus-franklin-county-sales-tax-levy-linkus/74444739007/>

WOSU ~ <https://www.wosu.org/politics-government/2024-05-22/cota-approves-ballot-language-for-sales-tax-increase-on-november-ballot>

COLUMBUS UNDERGROUND ~ <https://columbusunderground.com/cota-levy-language-approved-late-night-service-could-return-ridership-up-bw1/>

OTHER TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS:

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) <http://coaaa.org> (1-800-589-7277)

COAAA Transportation Guide

<https://coaaa.org/cms/resources/guides?highlight=WyJ0cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbiIsInRyYW5zcG9ydGF0aW9uJ3MiLCJndWlkZSIsInRyYW5zcG9ydGF0aW9uIGd1aWRlIlI0=>

Assistance to update your driving skills

<http://coaaa.org/cms/education/drive-training?highlight=WyJ0cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbiJd>

Services to “age in place” which include transportation assistance <http://coaaa.org/cms/services/need-help-staying-at-home?highlight=WyJ0cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbiJd>

Franklin County Office on Aging <https://officeonaging.org>

Senior Options Program (614/525-6200) includes medical transportation

<https://officeonaging.org/fcso/services.aspx>

MAJOR TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN EACH CENTRAL OHIO COUNTY:

If you are looking for transportation options in or near your county, you can find the public transportation systems on the Gohio Mobility Planner website www.gohiocommute.com/#/mobility Here we have listed the “major” transportation option for each county:

Delaware: [Delaware County Transit - Public Transportation | Bus Routes | Ride Scheduling \(delcotransit.com\)](#)

Fairfield: [Transit | Lancaster, OH - Official Website](#)

Fayette: [Transportation | Community Action Commission of Fayette County \(cacfayettecounty.org\)](#)

Franklin: [Home Page | COTA, Central Ohio Transit Authority. Let's Go!](#)

Licking: [Licking County - Public Transportation](#)

Logan: [RTC Transportation — RTC Services](#)

Madison: [Welcome to Madison County, OH](#)

Pickaway: [TRANSIT SOLUTIONS — PICCA](#)

Union: [Union County, Ohio - UCATS \(unioncountyohio.gov\)](#)