

Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate Friday, February 14th, 2020 as Ohio Loves Transit Day in the City of Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Public Transit Association recognizes outstanding public transportation on the third annual Ohio Loves Transit Day taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February; and

WHEREAS, in Columbus, Ohio, residents have relied on the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) millions of times to arrive safely at home, work, school, and innumerable other destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, 58% of downtown companies participate in the C-Pass program with 15,167 memberships and 1,242,586 rides in 2019; and

WHEREAS, COTA directly employs 1,200 Ohioans, including 728 transit operators, and supports thousands of additional jobs through their work; and

**WHEREAS**, 3,043 stops along 42 routes operated by COTA help connect Columbus residents to one another while reducing wear on public roads, levels of traffic, and carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS,** COTA's deployment of 179 compressed natural gas buses protects Ohio's air, water, and environmental future, while also supporting Columbus as a growing green city; and

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding work done by the Central Ohio Transit Authority since 1974 in providing central Ohioans with affordable and reliable transportation is deserving of recognition; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as Ohio Loves Transit Day in the City of Columbus.