



Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Regional Project Manager Claire Jennings provided an presentation about the mobility center at Rickenbacker International Airport and how Pickaway County will be affected. Pictured Left to Right: Steve Welsh (Mayor, Ashville), Joe Allen (Village Administrator, South Bloomfield), Becky Hammond (Executive Director, PICCA), Lexi Heidish (P3, Assistant Director), Claire Jennings (Regional Project Manager, COTA), and Jeff Phillips (Business Development Director, PICCA).

Circleville Noon Rotary learns more about regional transit systems

Work underway for the \$24.3 million mobility center at Rickenbacker International Airport.

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Claire Jennings, the Regional Project Manager at Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), presented at the Circleville Noon Rotary with insights into COTA's innovative mobility endeavors.

During the meeting March 21 Jennings shed light on the forthcoming mobility center in Rickenbacker International Airport, which promises to forge vital connections with regional transit systems like Pickaway County Community Action (PICCA).

The \$24.3 million project is aimed at boosting economic development in the area that currently employs about 38,000 people in the region. The mobility center aims to facilitate access to essential

services such as childcare, workforce development, training, and healthcare for individuals working in and around the Rickenbacker vicinity and is slated to open in 2025.

Employees in the Rickenbacker Area can now catch a ride from PICCA transportation stops in Circleville and Ashville to the Rickenbacker Area beginning April 1. Call (740) 474-8835 for more information.

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Additionally, attendees gained valuable insights into COTA's ambitious Central Ohio transportation initiative. Dubbed LinkUS, this comprehensive plan encompasses the introduction of five new Bus Rapid Transit lines. Impressively, COTA is amplifying its service hours by a staggering 45%, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing accessibility and convenience for commuters. For more information about

COTA and LinkUS, you can visit their website at linkuscolumbus.com. Look for the next Rotary update article featuring the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Committee covering economic development at a regional level, visiting Rotary on March 28. All previous Noon Rotary recaps can be found on the Circleville Herald's website and at pickawayprogress.com/news.

Lexi Heidish is the Assistant Director of Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3) and the Pickaway County Port Authority. Much appreciated!



In October, there was groundbreaking ceremony for the future \$24.3 million mobility center being built at Rickenbacker International Airport. Slated to open in 2025, the project is aimed at boosting economic development and facilitate access to essential services such as childcare, workforce development, training, and healthcare for individuals working in and around the Rickenbacker vicinity and is slated to open in 2025. Photos show Rickenbacker International Airport's exterior and lobby areas.

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