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All events will take place at the Hilton Columbus Downtown unless otherwise noted. EXPO will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Monday, November 18, 2024

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Conference Registration/Check-In

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Intro to Transit Management

This course highlights the key areas transit managers contend with in their organization. This course highlights topics such as establishing the culture of the organization; leadership skills and styles; working with governing boards; establishing the mission, vision, goals, values, and effective communications; and proper planning and marketing. All levels and job titles are welcome!

Charles Massey Room, Hilton

****Please Note**** You must pre-register for this class as space is limited

Sign-Up Here: <https://forms.gle/4YKd6RjcwqQGPRGf8>

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ODOT Transit Academy (By ODOT Invite Only)

Milton Caniff Room, Hilton

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Training

This training will review compliance and reporting needed for DBE standards.

Sponsored by NEORide and ODOT

Charlie Owens Room, Hilton

****Please Note**** You must pre-register for this class as space is limited

Sign-Up Here: <https://forms.gle/eZgPiqgvcMdaRLeHA>

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

OPTA November Board Meeting & Annual Election of Officers
Charles Massey Room, Hilton

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



OPTA Welcome Reception
North Market – Downtown Columbus
59 Spruce St.
Columbus, OH 43215
***Food, drinks, games and fun!** All Welcome*

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Welcome Station and Registration

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Opening Breakfast Reception with Jim Mahoney
Kojo Kamau Junior Ballroom, Hilton

9:30 AM – 9:40 AM

BREAK

9:40 AM – 10:40 AM

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
Pheoris West A, Pheoris West B, Pheoris West C, Charles Massey Room,

10:40 AM - 10:50 AM

BREAK

10:50 AM – 11:50 AM

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

2024 OPTA Excellence Awards Luncheon
Kojo Kamau Junior Ballroom
Non-conference attendees may purchase individual tickets to attend the luncheon only.

1:30 PM – 1:40 PM

BREAK

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

3:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Exhibitor Expo Opens!
Ribbon Cutting at 3:00 PM
-Outside of Exhibit Hall A at Greater Columbus Convention Center

3:00 PM - 6:30 PM

70's Themed Party

-Inside Exhibit Hall A at Greater Columbus Convention Center

7:30 PM - Close



After-Hours Event Hosted by TESCO Bus

Howl at the Moon Columbus

504 N. Park St.

Columbus, OH 43215

***Food, drinks, music and fun!** All Welcome*

Shuttles will be provided



Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Registration/Welcome Table

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

OPTA Committee Meetings

Marketing Committee (Dorothy Gill Barnes Room)

Maintenance Committee (TBD)

Legislative Committee (TBD)

Safety and Security Committee (TBD)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Brunch Reception with Richard Farr

Kojo Kamau Junior Ballroom, Hilton

11:00 AM - 11:10 AM

BREAK

11:10 AM - 12:00 PM

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Emma Spencer Room, Dorothy Gill Barnes Room, Diane Powell Dax Room

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Grab and Go Snack Options

CONFERENCE CLOSES

LOCATION DETAILS:

Unless otherwise stated, all events and programming will take place at the **Columbus Downtown Hilton**. The OPTA EXPO will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center located at 400 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

For more information on the GCCC visit their website at: <https://columbusconventions.com/>



The Welcome Reception will be held at North Market Columbus Downtown located at 59 Spruce Street, Columbus, OH 43215. North Market Columbus is a famous establishment located in the heart of downtown with food vendors from all over the world. Food and drinks will be provided as well as games and a special surprise.



For more information on the venue visit their website at: <https://northmarket.org/>

The After-Hours Event hosted by TESCO Bus will be held at Howl at the Moon Columbus located at 504 N. Park Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Howl at the Moon is a dueling piano bar serving cocktails and beer. Late night snacks and bar food will also be provided by TESCO Bus.



For more information on the venue visit their website at: <https://www.howlatthemoon.com/columbus/>

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

For your convenience, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Downtown Columbus. The hotel will host the majority of conference events and is connected to the Greater Columbus Convention Center which will host the OPTA EXPO. It is located in the Short North Arts District of downtown Columbus.

The block is available on a first come, first served basis, and is limited. To make your reservations, either contact the hotel directly and reference the "2024 OPTA Conference" block or click the link below.

Hilton Columbus Downtown

401 N. High St.

Columbus, OH 43215

Booking Link: [Hilton Columbus Downtown](#)

Cut Off Date: October 28, 2024

Nightly Rate: \$239 plus taxes and fees



For more information on the Hilton Columbus Downtown visit their website at:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cmhdwhh-hilton-columbus-downtown/>

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Reach out to Elle Crader at elle@chwadvisors.com or admin@ohioneedstransit.org

Please note, all event details are subject to change. Please check back for updated information.

We look forward to seeing you this year!