



## Resolution 02-25: COTA LinkUS Station

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Please distribute to City Council members and include the following as a matter of public record per City Council Policy for Correspondence:

While we support the need for enhanced public transportation services in the greater Columbus area, we are opposed to the placement of the Bexley station at Pleasant Ridge and Main for reasons previously outlined in public comments before City Council on April 22, 2025 and May 13, 2025. We understand, however, that this resolution is likely to pass.

We appreciated the meeting with Mayor Ben Kessler, Megan Meyer, and Chief Gary Lewis held on May 5<sup>th</sup> with the Christ Lutheran Church Council. We gratefully accept Chief Lewis' offer to conduct a security assessment of the church's property in anticipation of the construction of the new station directly across from our Children's Center entrance, playground, open yard, and parking lots. Our property committee will reach out to Chief Lewis to set up a time for this to take place.

During that May 5<sup>th</sup> conversation, Mayor Kessler indicated that city funds may be available to assist the church in helping to cover the expenses associated with enhancing our security in light of the new COTA station. Whether these be TIF funds or some other funding source, we would be grateful for any assistance the city can provide. Please let us know how to officially proceed with this request.

We understand that Main Street in front of the church will be dramatically altered by the construction of the new station. There will be occasions where we require special allowances from the city for parking on Main Street for weddings and funerals. As in the past, we hope that cooperation with the city will continue.

Christ Lutheran Church has a long history of working as a good neighbor in Bexley and we look forward to working together as this project progresses. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

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