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Funding the Future: Beatty & City Leaders Celebrate USDOT's Game-Changing Grant

Congresswoman Beatty and U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg (in center) with community leaders for grant celebration.

Columbus is on the verge of a transit transformation. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, Mayor Andrew Ginther and community leaders, welcomed Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg of the U.S. Department of Transportation to celebrate their \$41.9 million grant. The grant made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will fund the West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project which will reshape Columbus's public transit landscape.

At the celebration, Mayor Ginther, Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, and outgoing COTA President Joanna Pinkerton thanked the Deputy Secretary, highlighting the project's potential to improve transit safety and efficiency and access to schools, jobs, and amenities. The 17 new bus stations, park-and-ride center, and 9.3-mile bus route of BRT advance the broader LinkUS plan, which seeks to enhance travel and commuting across the region while attracting new investments, affordable housing, and jobs to Central Ohio.

The Deputy Secretary's visit included an electric bus tour of the new BRT route narrated by Congresswoman Beatty and community leaders. Highlights included stops at Lower Lights Christian Health Center and Columbus State Community College. At Lower Lights, CEO Tracy Cloud emphasized how the project's new routes would improve the commutes of center staff and help patients better access their services. At Columbus State Community College, the Deputy Secretary heard from President Dr. David Harrison and COTA President Monica Tellez-Fowler, who praised the project's potential for the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. The tour's grand finale, narrated by Adam Troy and Dr. Keith Troy, previewed the proposed Linden Green Line project, which plans to transform a 7-mile corridor of abandoned railway into a beautiful park and trail for underserved areas of Columbus.

Beatty Spotlights Local DEI in Medicine Champs on House Floor

Congresswoman Beatty passionately defended diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in medical education on the floor of the House of Representatives. In her floor speech, she denounced an extreme conservative push to dismantle DEI initiatives and commended Columbus' Made for Medicine program, founded by Dr. Laura Espy-Bell: "We should support and not stop initiatives that help diversity or help to diversify our physician pipeline – such as a program called Made for Medicine. Made for Medicine helps support Black middle and high school students interested in medicine with training and mentoring to put them in the best position for success." Beatty also praised faculty members like Dr. Joshua Joseph and Dr. William "BJ" Hicks, whose families have a proud legacy of physicians in the district. She hailed their contributions and underscored the importance of their work in fostering the next generation of Black medical professionals.

Beatty's speech came in the wake of the EDUCATE Act, an extreme House conservative bill which aims to defund DEI programs in medical schools. This legislation disregards evidence showing that an increase in Black doctors and culturally competent care improves health outcomes for Black Americans. Determined to counteract the EDUCATE Act, Beatty is advancing her own DEI-supporting legislation – endorsed by over 25 medical organizations.



Beatty's House floor speech with a poster featuring Made for Medicine Founder, Dr. Laura Espy-Bell with program faculty members including Dr. William "BJ" Hicks.

To watch Congresswoman Beatty's speech on



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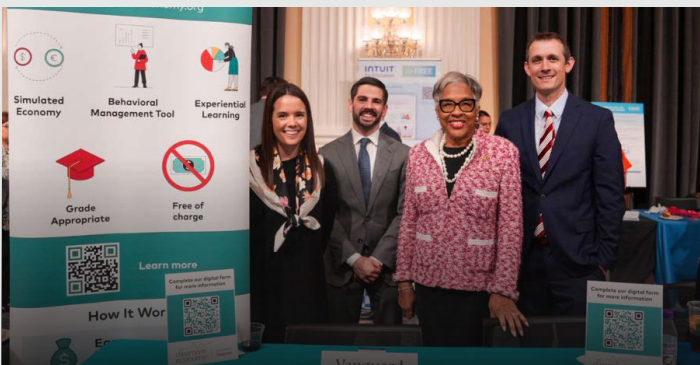


Congresswoman Beatty and the Columbus Partnership delegation at the White House.

Beatty and Columbus Partnership Make Moves at the White House

Congresswoman Beatty met with senior Biden Administration members to discuss regional economic and workforce development. The delegation included Melody Birmingham, Stephen Markovich, MD; Kenny McDonald, Bob Nelson, Andy Rose, Matt Scantland, Stephen Steinour, and Lewis Von Thayer.

The delegation was left buzzing after a surprise appearance from Vice President Kamala Harris, who briefly joined the meeting upon seeing Congresswoman Beatty.



Congresswoman Beatty at the financial education resource fair with the Vanguard team.

Banking on the Future With Financial Education

According to a 2023 survey by the National Financial Educators Council, Americans said their own financial illiteracy cost them \$1,506. As part of her leadership of the Congressional Financial Literacy and Wealth Creation Caucus, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty co-hosted a vibrant financial education resource fair with co-chair Congresswoman Young Kim. The Capitol Hill event celebrating Financial Literacy Month hosted representatives from 30 government agencies, nonprofits, and financial institutions who shared materials and strategies to help attendees achieve financial security, stability, and wealth creation.

Prioritizing People in Financial Policy



Beatty leads a discussion as a subcommittee Ranking Member of the powerful Financial Services Committee where she engages national witnesses in hearings on financial policies and proposed laws.

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty stands as a leader and advocate on the House Financial Services Committee, where key decisions shaping U.S. fiscal policy and banking regulations are made. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, Beatty is committed to deterring financial crime and bolstering the global financial system.

In her leadership role, Beatty fights for consumer protection and market transparency. Her work is not just about numbers and policies; it's about people — ensuring that everyone, from small business owners to everyday consumers, has a fair shot at financial success.

Beatty's commitment to diversity and inclusion in the financial sector is particularly noteworthy. She tirelessly advocates for small businesses and entrepreneurs of color, recognizing their critical role in driving economic growth and innovation. She is also committed to expanding access to capital and financial services, helping to break down barriers that have long excluded underserved communities from economic opportunities.

Her role on the Committee involves the review and refinement of financial legislation before it is debated by the entire Congress. This helps ensure that legislation is not only effective but also equitable.

Celebrating Our District's Young Artists: Congressional Art Competition Winners

Since 1982, the Congressional Art Competition has showcased the creativity of over 650,000 high school students. We congratulate all the 2024 winners in our district! A special shoutout to first-place winner Olivia Graham from Columbus School for Girls, whose captivating artwork *The Weight of Hair: A Burdened Profile* will represent our district in the U.S. Capitol for a year alongside other first-place winners from across the nation.

Other district winners include Kaiden Deck from Gahanna Lincoln High School (second place), Ja'Laura Morris from Fort Hayes Career Center (third place and People's Choice Award), and Cailyn Skiles from Gahanna Lincoln High School (The Links, Incorporated, Columbus Chapter Award).

We celebrate every artist who participated, as well as the teachers, parents, and judges whose commitment to the Congressional Art Competition makes it an incredible experience year after year.



Beatty and Graham stand beside Graham's winning artwork in Capitol.



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G's Café: An Immigrant Dream Becomes a Shepard Reality

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty knows firsthand the hustle and heart it takes to run a small business. As a former entrepreneur, she's about celebrating local business owners who bring their dreams to life. This quarter, she enjoyed visiting Gladys Maricel Alvarez Morales Jones, affectionately known as "G," and her husband, Ray A. Jones, following the grand opening of G's Shepard Springs Café in the Shepard neighborhood sub-division.

Congresswoman Beatty, ever the champion of local businesses, was thrilled to be part of this moment. Our district office stands ready to support them by acting as a crucial bridge to local, county, and federal agencies. From accessing financial resources to overcoming zoning challenges and collaborating with the Small Business Administration we facilitate connections that empower business owners like Gladys and Ray Jones to succeed.



Congresswoman Beatty with Gladys Maricel Alvarez Morales Jones aka "G", co-owner of G's Shepard Springs Café.

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