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**Downtown Columbus, Inc. Launches UnderCurrent: Walk, Roll, and Play,
an Open Streets 614 Event with Councilmember Barroso de Padilla**

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Oct. 26*

(Columbus, OH) – Downtown Columbus, Inc. has partnered with Columbus City Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla for a new event series, UnderCurrent: Walk, Roll, and Play, an Open Streets 614 event. The FREE series will be held on Aug. 24, Sept. 28, and Oct. 26 from 12 – 4 p.m. and shut down High Street in Downtown Columbus for activities, games, food trucks and local business activations.

The program will be a celebration of community partners with a focus on alternative modes of transportation. High Street will be transformed for a day of car-free activity with a dedicated lane for bikes, scooters, rollerblades, and more. Additional activities will include pop-up workout classes, live art, opportunities to learn about transit and mobility initiatives, and more, all for free.

“Our streets belong to everyone, not just cars,” said Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla. “Open Streets is about reimagining one of our largest public spaces and creating opportunities for people to play, move and connect. It’s about giving the street back to the community, even if just for a day.”

“In the Downtown Strategic Plan, the community asked for a more connected way to experience Downtown,” said Amy Taylor, president of Downtown Columbus, Inc. “UnderCurrent: Walk, Roll, and Play is the natural next step in making Downtown a more livable, people-first neighborhood. This series will offer a glimpse into the possibilities of a pedestrian-forward urban core.”

The first two events on Aug. 24 and Sept. 28 will take place on High and Gay Streets under Janet Echelman’s sky-high sculpture, *Current*, as part of the UnderCurrent event series. The final event on Oct. 26 will include a bigger celebration, stretching from Columbus Commons to *Current*, shutting down High Street from Long to Town Streets.

Local businesses interested in being a part of Open Streets can apply [here](#). Photos of other Downtown Columbus, Inc. events are available [here](#) with credit, and the event listing can be found [here](#).

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ABOUT DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS, INC.

Downtown Columbus, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead city-changing projects and collaborations that improve the connectivity, livability, and inclusivity of the Downtown Columbus experience. Downtown Columbus, Inc. drives development and progress of the Downtown Columbus Strategic Plan, working across sectors toward the vision for Downtown Columbus to become a neighborhood of connected, people-first urban districts that can be enjoyed by all. Learn more at downtowncolumbus.com.

ABOUT COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

Columbus City Council is the city's legislative branch, consisting of nine elected members who represent more than 900,000 Columbus residents. During their four-year terms, Council members are responsible for adopting city contracts, annual operating budgets and capital budgets; enacting Columbus City Codes and establishing land use policy through the Council's zoning powers. The Council is committed to gathering valuable insights from residents' concerns and priorities to draft legislation that builds a stronger Columbus for all.

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