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**COUNTY'S AUTO TITLE WEST JOINS NEIGHBORING
STATE REGISTRAR AT HOLLYWOOD PLAZA**
Auto Title Services Resume in Newly Remodeled West Side Location

Continuing the tradition that began 16 years ago, the Franklin County's Auto Title West will reopen on October 22 in newly remodeled offices at 4153 West Broad Street. Auto Title West rejoins its neighbor the State of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Registrar, which also occupies a service facility in the Hollywood Plaza shopping center. Clerk of Courts Maryellen O'Shaughnessy announced that the Title West's site will resume all full-service auto title transactions for walk-in customers, businesses and dealers. Auto Title West's office offers 65% more floor space compared to its former West Broad Street location in the Shipley Services Center. In addition, a customized Business Services Center located in the expanded facility is prepared to manage all Financial Institutions' and Dealerships' batched title transactions. Auto Title West will expand its weekday hours of operation, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to now include Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.

The ongoing partnership between Franklin County and the State of Ohio began in 1998, when both organizations were co-located in the State's Public Safety Charles D. Shipley Services Center at 1970 West Broad Street. The two government agencies moved out of the Hilltop site earlier this summer.

"It was critical for us to maintain an auto title office on the west side," said Clerk O'Shaughnessy. "And because customers were accustomed to both county and state services offered in one place, it was essential to continue the convenience of one-stop-shopping."

Hollywood Plaza is located within one mile of the 270 Freeway, and shares its boundaries with a resurging and emerging business community along Georgesville Road and the West Broad Street corridor. The two government offices anticipate a steady increase in business activity at their new site for auto title transactions, licensing and driver license renewals in their respective locations.

"We are proud of this lasting partnership and the positive impact it continues to have on the economic development on the west side of Columbus." said BMV Registrar Mike Rankin.

Plans are currently underway for Franklin County's Auto Title North move from its current Morse Road location in the Patio Shops to a newly remodeled site at 980 Morse Road. The relocation is expected to occur by October 27. Auto Title North will move into a newly redeveloped space and will be adjacent a State's BMV Registrar. The State's office moved into the same shopping area earlier this summer.

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