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### **CUTA Fall Conference and Trans-Expo 2015 Update - Register now!**

There are only **two days left** to save \$100.00 on conference registration. [Register](#) before October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to receive the discount! Take a look at the [schedule](#) and check the [conference page](#) on the CUTA website for the most up to date information. **Trans-Expo booth space** is filling up quickly. Bus spaces and premium booths are almost all sold out - don't delay and [book](#) your booth today!

### **Technical Tours**

#### *Tour 1. STM's Stinson transport centre and AMT's Deux-Montagnes electric train line Stinson transport centre*

Visitors to the centre will have an opportunity to see its unique architectural style and to learn more about the sustainable development considerations that were central to the project's design: integration into the urban setting, a work environment conducive to better productivity, energy efficiency, and an impressive green roof the size of a football field that is home to all sorts of plants.

#### *Deux-Montagnes electric train line*

Participants will make the return trip by train on Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT)'s Deux-Montagnes line. Launched in 1918, the line was fully renovated from 1992 to 1995 and has been operated by AMT since 1996. It is the only line in the area and the first in Canada to use electric cars powered by a catenary system connected to a 25 kV power supply. The line provides direct service to downtown Montréal via the Mont-Royal tunnel, thus giving users access to the area's main hub of activity. Being able to connect with the subway system at Central Station also allows customers to travel to other major centres of activity on the island of Montréal. In 2014, AMT acquired the rail lines used exclusively by the Deux-Montagnes line. With over 7.7 million passengers in 2014, this line is currently the most heavily used and it accounts for 43% of the ridership on the entire system.

#### *Tour 2. STM's Accessible Transit Centre*

This year the STM is celebrating 35 years of paratransit services. Since the personal initiative of the Forest brothers that created transit services for people with disabilities in one part of the Island of Montréal in the 1970s, the STM's paratransit services have expanded greatly, making the STM the second-ranked transporter in Canada in terms of number of trips, with 2.3 million trips in 2014. The group of participants will be split into two sub-groups to see the paratransit centre (garage, call centre and administrative offices) and participate in workshops on various paratransit-specific operational topics.

*These are just a couple of the Technical Tours that will be offered in Montréal at our Fall Conference, to see the rest of the exciting opportunities, please have look at our [online program](#).*

### **Discounted Flights**

**Air Canada:** Please visit <http://www.aircanada.com/en/home.html> or call 1-888-247-2262 to take advantage of a discount of 10%, applied to the fare at the time that the travel tickets are purchased. Promotional Code UYV3M4Z1 (Please note: Air Canada discount excludes Tango)

**Porter Airlines:** Porter Airlines is proud to offer a 15% discount on available base fares (with the exception of the lowest class fare during a public seat sale) for travel to and from CUTA Fall Conference and Trans-Expo 2015. The discounted fares are available for booking from August 14, 2015 to November 28, 2015 and available for travel:

Please book online at [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com) or through your travel agent using promo code CUTA15. For any questions regarding Porter's services or any pre-travel concerns, contact us at 1-888-619-8622.

*For more information, please contact [Paulina Cadena](#), Event Planner.*

## **Canadians among Mass Transit's 40 under 40**

In the most recent issue of *Mass Transit*, two Canadians were named to the magazine's 7th annual Best and Brightest: **Top 40 Under 40** list.

**William Hui**, a systems Engineer with TransLink, was one of the winners. He also serves as the chair of the Vancouver chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation and is also an active member with the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

**Rafael Villarreal Pacheco** was also honoured in the magazine. Villarreal is a regional planning manager with the City of Kelowna and Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan. He has had a storied international career which includes studying in Bogota, Columbia; Lund, Sweden; Montreal, Canada as well as stints working in St. Albert and Edmonton Alberta.

CUTA congratulates both these impressive transit professionals and wishes them the very best in the future.

## **2014 Transit Fact Books Are Now Available!**

The complete Canadian Transit Fact Book and Canadian Transit Fleet & On-Board Equipment Fact Book for the conventional transit services are now available for CUTA transit systems and government agency members. A soft copy of this publication was emailed to all CUTA Members in late September. Members can also download this publication on CUTA's [Online Library](#).

Other members who find the data of use may purchase the complete Fact Books for more information by returning the completed [Order Form](#).

*For more information, contact [Tammy Siu](#), Industry Data Coordinator.*

## **Fall learning...**

The fall is very busy for the training department at CUTA!

All of the learning events at the Yorkville Conference Centre are confirmed for November and we look forward to meeting our new learners for [Integrating Transportation, Transit and Land Use Planning](#) on November 3, 2015 for the 3-day in depth training; there are still some spots available if you want to join this exciting learning event being taught by top professionals in the field.

We congratulate the class of 15 participants that attended [Transit Scheduling and Runcutting Level I](#) in September. What an enthusiastic group of learners that took on the challenge of something new and finished an intensive round of Transit Jeopardy! On November 11, 2015, [Transit Scheduling and Runcutting Level II](#) will be running, and if you are feeling up to the challenge of an advanced learning event in this area, there is still a spot for you! Use this learning time to develop better solutions for your system's scheduling issues.

For all those who want to work in the [Labour Relations and Collective Bargaining](#) spheres, let us know who you are and CUTA's training can prepare you for the best outcomes.

[Transit Planning](#) is being held on November 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Urban Mobility and Integrated Systems is only going to grow.

*For more information or to register use on the [online registration form](#) or contact [training](#) at ext. 121*