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CUTA's Board of Directors Adopt 2017-2019 Strategic Plan

At its last meeting in November, the Board of Directors unanimously adopted the bold and new strategic direction for the Association for the next three years. With new and unprecedented investment in transit infrastructure across the country, the next plan will be crucial in positioning CUTA as the key stakeholder bringing together the industry, decision makers and like-minded organizations to rise to the challenge of building livable communities through sustainable mobility. The Strategic Plan, which will be communicated in greater detail to the membership in the coming weeks and months, will focus on three key areas:

- **Advocacy** and public policy development
- The establishment of a **Centre of Excellence on Public Transit and Integrated Urban Mobility**, under the CUTA umbrella and in partnership with other key research centres
- **Learning and Networking** opportunities that will strengthen members' access to the great CUTA network and further develop organizational and individual capabilities.

This is a very exciting time for our industry and one that will keep bringing great opportunities, challenges and responsibilities in the coming years. The Board of Directors is confident that the new 2017-2019 Strategic Plan lays out the foundation to successfully tackle the challenges ahead and strive as a forward-looking and innovative sector.

For more information please contact CUTA's President-CEO, [Patrick Leclerc](#).

CUTA Participates in an International Roundtable on Sustainable Mobility

On November 22nd, CUTA's President-CEO, **Patrick Leclerc**, participated in an international roundtable discussion on Sustainable Transportation with the Minister for Infrastructure of Sweden, Ms. **Anna Johansson**, as well as Sweden's Ambassador, **Per Sjögren**. The session, organized jointly by the Embassy of Sweden and the Conference Board of Canada, brought together leaders and senior policy makers from Canadian and Swedish government, business and academia to discuss the landscape of Sustainable Transportation. The discussions covered some key challenges and opportunities of the rapidly changing urban mobility and transit sectors. One of the key highlights that emerged from the roundtable was the need for the urban mobility sector and governments to establish a bold vision for sustainable mobility and to develop public policies that favour the development of sustainable communities. CUTA pursues its close collaboration with policy and decision makers to ensure the transit and integrated urban mobility sectors are central in contributing to the Canadian sustainability agenda and its economic, environmental and social pillars.

For more information please contact CUTA's President-CEO, [Patrick Leclerc](#).

Federal government moves forward with PTIF Phase II program development

The second phase of the federal government's Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) is at a very formative stage in its development. The bare-bones fiscal framework, which will see the federal government invest \$25.3 billion in public transit over the next 11 years, was released on November 1. While the federal budget, which should contain the complete program and how it will be administered, is not expected to be released until the early Spring.

We want to relay our members' hopes, questions and concerns regarding PTIF with the government at this crucial time.

For more information, contact [Jeff Mackey](#).

CUTA Fall Conference and The Canadian Transit Show – a Huge Success

On November 5 - 9, more than 800 people gathered in Vancouver for the CUTA Fall Conference and approximately 1,400 people visited the annual Canadian Transit Show.

The opening breakfast began with an official Blessing and Welcome by the Dancers of Damelahamid, who represent the ancestral, traditional and unceded Aboriginal territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, and in particular, the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations in Metro Vancouver, on whose territory we hosted the 2016 CUTA Fall Conference and Transit Show. To kick start the conference, the Honourable Peter Fassbender, the provincial Minister responsible for Translink, shared his vision of sustainable mobility and the importance of public transit for community building. Delegates also heard from Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson on the contribution of transit and integrated urban mobility to the vitality and economic competitiveness of the Vancouver region and the quality of life of its citizens.

Urban mobility is going through a profound transformation, often referred to as a revolution, and it is more important than ever for transit leaders and professionals to get together to understand the changes that are happening and how the industry needs to adapt to the fast changing environment. Under the theme *Inspiring Sustainable Change*, the conference featured, among other things, a comprehensive stream of sessions on electrification of public transit and mobility management.

On Tuesday morning, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Canada's Minister for Infrastructure and Communities, addressed the delegates at the opening of the trade-show. Minister Sohi then took the time to tour the trade-show and exchange with the exhibitors to learn more about the latest innovation our manufacturers and suppliers have to offer.

The trade-show also featured the second edition of *RAILconnect*, which consists of a series of presentations on key topics of the urban rail industry in Canada. With unprecedented investment in transit, the Canadian urban rail sector will continue to grow and CUTA will keep developing this important element of its programming.

Global Public Transit Summit - Destination Montréal [Lead the TRANSITION](#)

May 15 to 17
Palais des Congrès de Montréal
1001 Place Jean-Paul-Riopelle
Montréal, QC H2Z 1H5

New technologies, Uber and Lyft, green energy, customer service and urban mobility. These are just some of the issues facing the rapidly-changing public transport sector, not just in North America, but around the world. The Summit, organized by UITP, is a unique and not-to-be missed opportunity to share ideas and network with transport CEOs, urban leaders, tech wizards and policy watchers. Experience all that you've come to expect from a CUTA event – AND MORE.

CUTA, collaborating with UITP, is proud to help bring Lead the TRANSITION to Montréal May 15 to 17, 2017.

CUTA members receive **special delegates rates**. Exhibit to 10,000 International visitors in our North American Pavilion.

For additional information and to [register](#) for the Summit or [book your booth](#) at the Exhibition please visit our [website](#).

Save The Dates!

CUTA 2017 Forum - Route to Innovation York Region, Ontario

When and Where

November 5-8, 2017
Sheraton Parkway Hotel
600 Highway 7 East
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

CUTA 2018 Fall Conference and The Canadian Transit Show Toronto, Ontario

When and Where

November 18-21, 2018
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
222 Bremner Blvd
Toronto, ON M5V 3L9

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

2015 Summary of Canadian Transit Statistics

Technical Services is happy to announce that the 2015 Summary of Canadian Transit Statistics is now available in the members only website! To access, simply navigate to 'Statistics' in the members only section to find all our latest statistics. The summary is a highlight of public transit data collected between January 1st 2015 – December 31st 2015.

For any questions, or if you are interested in more detailed data and research, please contact [Calvin Chia](#) at extension 112.