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Economic Club of Canada Infrastructure Session Puts Transit Centre Stage

Transit was the talk of the town in Ottawa on the morning of April 6, when the Economic Club of Canada hosted a breakfast at the Chateau Laurier titled: “Investing in Canada: A long term infrastructure plan to build the Canada of the 21st century.” Many key infrastructure stakeholders were in attendance including federal Minister for Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi.

Sohi’s speech at the event focused on the social impact of infrastructure investment, including his experience as a new Canadian, a bus driver and as a municipal councilor. Transit was front and centre in the Minister’s comments as they came on the heels of the formal announcement of Phase II of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund [through the federal Budget](#).

CUTA’s CEO as well as a number of CUTA members and stakeholders were also in attendance at the event to learn, discuss and promote the industry.

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

Help Inform New Resources to Address Substance Use in the Workplace

The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) is conducting a brief online survey of businesses that are safety sensitive, including rail, air and marine transportation companies, to learn about their policies and practices on substance use in the workplace. The information collected through the survey will be used to develop new tools and resources to help businesses address this issue. Would you be interested in participating?

Why Participate

Employers are increasingly challenged with difficult decisions on how to address substance use in the workplace. They must balance public safety, employee productivity, human rights compliance, and effective, appropriate employee support. The potential impact of the upcoming legalization and regulation of cannabis on businesses is also of concern to some employers. With your help, CCSA will be able to produce the following tools, all of which will be made publicly available:

- Employer guide for developing an alcohol and drug policy;
- Report on the findings from our research;
- Tools, webinars and resources; and
- Business case to address alcohol- and drug-related issues in the workplace.

If you are interested in participating in the survey or would like more information, please contact Karine Diedrich at kdiedrich@ccsa.ca or 613-235-4048 ext. 249. The survey is time-sensitive and will only be open in April.

CUTA Activities at the Global Public Transport Summit, Montréal, QC - May 13 – 16, 2017

Only a few booths left!

The [Global Public Transport Summit](#) is fast approaching and we only have a few booths left. The 2017 Global Public Transport Summit will feature an outstanding exhibition that offers the opportunity to explore and demonstrate the latest innovations, solutions and products in public transport and urban mobility. This Global Summit will attract thousands of management decision-makers in the transportation industry.

This is an outstanding opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services directly to this specialized audience. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Book your booth [here](#).

Don't forget to stop by the CUTA Booth - #2C170

Stop and visit the new interactive experiences and an irresistible sampling of local foods and refreshment. In addition to networking with some of the biggest names in the industry, we look forward to seeing you at the Innovation Theatre, a CUTA and APTA partnered initiative, where we will be hosting and showcasing short 10-minute innovative project presentations throughout North America.

For more information, please contact Paulina Cadena at conferences@cutaactu.ca.

CUTA Networking Welcome and Corporate Awards Reception Sunday May 14, 2017 - 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Kick off your Global Public Transit experience by attending the CUTA Welcome and Corporate Award Reception. Join the CUTA as we welcome member attendees and exhibitors to CUTA Activities and the UITP Global Public Transport Summit 2017.

Get ready for an afternoon of enjoyment and fascinating conversation at the beautiful Palais des congrès de Montréal. Make new connections, meet up with old friends, and help us honour the winners of the 2017 Corporate Awards.

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Learning Events Update

CUTA is holding a [Transit Maintenance and Asset Management](#) course in **Red Deer, Alberta, April 24th through 28th**. There are still 2 places left. This is the course for those supervisors who want to learn the broader management of a maintenance program. This is also the course for those who want to be able to demonstrate that those provincial and federal dollars are well spent and well managed. For Eastern Canada, [Transit Maintenance and Asset Management](#) is being held **November 27th through December 1st** in the GTA.

CUTA will be holding a [Transit Planning](#) course in **Victoria, BC on July 24th through 28th, 2017** and in **Toronto, from June 5th through 9th, 2017**. An in-depth course covering Development Requirements, Service Standards, and Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Performance Monitoring.

CUTA has posted more learning events for the year to our website. Is saving your transit system dollars by optimizing [Scheduling & Runcutting](#) your specialty? Are you going to be thrust into the spotlight of [Labour Relations & Collective Bargaining](#)? We're taking registrations now for these Fall events.

For more information, please contact [Kevin Brown](#) at extension 121.

Welcome to New Members

[TransitFare & Systems](#) – Nazar Hossain, Richmond Hill, Ontario

[Pembina Institute](#) – Lindsay Wiginton, Toronto, Ontario

[Andy Likuski](#), Oakland, California

Keep your membership up to date in 2017. Contact membership@cutaactu.ca.