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Federal Budget entrenches long-term funding for transit, eliminates rider tax credit

In its [2017 budget on March 22](#), the federal government followed through on its \$20.1 billion commitment to transit infrastructure transfers, along with an additional \$5 billion ear marked to fund transit projects through a new Canada Infrastructure Bank.

The budget also eliminated the long-standing Public Transit Tax Credit, which provided financial relief through a 15% tax credit to 1.8M regular public transit customers. Also in the budget were a number of other programs that will affect the transit industry, this includes eligible funding for transit innovation through a 'super clusters' program and the creation of a Smart Cities Challenge that will spur collaboration to support, among other things, smart mobility in cities. The budget also announced that ride-sharing companies, such as Uber, will have to charge GST for their services. You can read CUTA's [full budget analysis on our website](#).

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

North American Transit Innovation: We want to hear from you - Call for Presenters still open!

CUTA and APTA will be actively showcasing innovative transit developments in North America at their booths in the North American Pavilion. Take the time to submit a small description of the innovation or innovative ideas and projects you have done with a public transit agency, for the opportunity to present to transit leaders of today and tomorrow at [the Global Public Transport Summit 2017 in Montreal May 14-17, 2017](#).

If you would be interested in making a 8-10 minute presentation, please let us know by **April 7th**. Submit your description, with name and contact information of the proposed presenter, to conferences@cutaactu.ca.

For more information please contact conferences@cutaactu.ca

Post-UITP Summit Tours: Discovering Québec's Advances in the Field of Public Transportation

On May 18 and 19, 2017, immediately after the Summit, [four post-summit tour activities](#) will be offered to participants registered to the Summit. They represent a unique opportunity to learn about what is being done in four of Québec's large cities, namely Laval, Longueuil, Québec and Gatineau.

The visits are all free of charge. They represent a rare opportunity to discover our networks and initiatives, and to meet with the men and women who work there. Enjoy!

For more information please contact conferences@cutaactu.ca

Statistics Sub-Committee Members Wanted!

CUTA's Technical Services Committee is currently seeking membership for the restoration of its Statistics Sub-Committee. The sub-committee is open to all CUTA members and will focus on research projects

concerning ridership, both for a methodology review and to understand current ridership trends, as well as acting as an advisory council for CUTA's data program. Please see the complete Sub-Committee charter [here](#).

For more information or to volunteer to sit on the Stats Sub-Committee, please contact [Lauren Rudko](#) at extension 113.

Welcome to New Members

[Computrol Fuel Systems Inc.](#) – Joshua Rottenberg, Burnaby, British Columbia

[Rail Industries Canada Inc.](#) – Axel De Galembert, St-Laurent, Québec

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