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Share Your Thoughts on the NAFTA Re-negotiation

The federal government has begun the formal process by which interested parties [can share their views on the potential renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement](#) (NAFTA) (**deadline is July 18**). In this Consultation, interested parties are asked to share technical improvements that could be made to NAFTA, as well as areas in which NAFTA could be modernized or expanded. Views should also take into account reactions to potential proposals from the United States or Mexico where Canada could be pressed to address perceived trade irritants. Please also share these views, insights and research at [the Global Affairs NAFTA Consultation Page](#).

As the representative of the urban mobility sector in Canada, CUTA wants to ensure that the urban transit industry's highly integrated, cross border supply chain is not disrupted to avoid the loss of jobs and a possible increase in procurement costs for transit systems and governments in Canada. CUTA also asks that you share your thoughts on NAFTA with us. We will be launching a formal process for members to share their views in the coming weeks.

If you would like to learn more, or to share your consultations with CUTA, please contact [Jeff Mackey](#).

Save the Date: CUTA Announces Transit Awareness Days 2017!

This year's Transit Awareness Days will be on September 18th and 19th in Ottawa. Registration for this event is not open yet, but we encourage interested parties to save the date in their calendar.

CUTA's free-to-attend Policy Forum will fall on September 18 at the Delta Hotel in Ottawa (101 Lyon St.). At the Policy Forum, pressing issues regarding transit will be discussed by top speakers from across the country and abroad.

September 19 is CUTA's Transit Awareness Day on Parliament Hill. Meet elected officials and other key stakeholders that are shaping Canada's urban mobility agenda face-to-face. IT will be an opportunity for you to inform decision-makers about the transit industry and on making the government's investment in transit as successful as it can be.

CUTA has negotiated special room rates at the Delta Hotel in Ottawa, where you are invited to book your room. Reservations must be made before August 17th in order to [secure a discounted rate](#).

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

Mark your calendar - CUTA Forum and Individual Leadership Awards

Mark your calendars for the [CUTA Forum 2017: Route to Innovation](#) which will be held from November 5 – 8th, 2017 in the vibrant Richmond Hill located in York Region. Stay tuned as we develop an exciting events program during which CUTA's Individual Leadership Awards ceremony will unfold. Every year, CUTA is proud to recognize excellence and the outstanding efforts of its members.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact [Marie-Noëlle Tudieshe](#).

Document Sharing Phase 1 Launch

CUTA is creating a document sharing database to facilitate information sharing between Canadian transit systems. Our vision is to build a tool that will give transit system members the ability to import and export professional documents into a database to which transit systems will have exclusive access.

Phase 1: Document Collection

During Phase 1, CUTA asks transit system members to upload any professional documents that they would like to share with other transit systems into our Dropbox.

Examples of professional documents include:

- Annual Reports
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Business Plans, Marketing plans
- Sample Policies
- Master Plans
- Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
- Collective Agreements
- Bylaws

Accessing Documents

During Phase 1, collected documents will be available exclusively to CUTA transit system members by contacting the Technical Services Department at techservices@cutaactu.ca. Once we are finished the cataloguing process, we will share with you a list of all the available documents.

Phase 2: Self-Serve Document Import & Export

Stay tuned for Phase 2 when we migrate the documents to an online platform and give transit system members the ability to independently search for and export documents from the CUTA database!

For more information, contact Calvin Chia at chia@cutaactu.ca or at extension 112.

Welcome to New Members

[Swedish Trade and Invest Council](#) – Christian Orrego Silvander, Toronto, Ontario

[Ville de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu](#) – Luc Côté, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec

[Cassana Technologies Corporation](#) – Gareth Wood, Kanata, Ontario

[Town of Pincher Creek](#) – Laurie Wilgosh, Pincher Creek, Alberta

[équiterre](#) – Zvi Leve, Montréal, Québec

Helen Hemmingsen, Toronto, Ontario

[EY](#) – Philippe Raymond, Montréal, Québec

[MDI Conseils et Technologies](#) – Stéphane Pipon, Saint-Bruno-De-Montarville, Québec

Bewell Vehicle System Ltd. – Daniel Cui, Vancouver British Columbia

Marie-Pier Veillette, Montréal, Québec

Keep your membership up-to-date in 2017! Please contact membership@cutaactu.ca for any questions.