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Call for abstract 2017 - We want to hear from you!

CUTA is excited to announce the opening of the Call for Abstracts for the *CUTA Forum 2017: Route to Innovation*, being held in the fast growing and vibrant Richmond Hill in York Region from November 5-8, 2017. Though the Forum is shorter than a traditional CUTA conference, it boasts the same high-quality presentations our attendees have come to expect! Please consider the following themes and criteria when submitting an abstract:

Session Themes:

- Asset Management – maintenance and upkeep of fleet and other assets
- Performance Management – managing contracted transit services
- Emerging Leaders – attracting and retaining young talent in transit
- Accessible Transit 2.0 – innovations in providing accessible transit

For more information, [you can click here](#) to **submit an abstract now!**

Learning Events Updates

Learning and skill building for your team are the fastest ways to bring about positive change in an organization and deliver on the promise of mobility in our communities. Developing your staff's skillset will drive them forward in their careers with the confidence to build the transit systems of the future.

- Halifax Transit would like to host a [Transit Ambassador](#) course this September. There are three seats available should you have trainers to be certified in the program. Early bird rates are now available alongside great rates for travel and accommodation.
- There is gathering interest for a Transit Ambassador Core Modules course in **Northern Alberta** and another one in the **Golden Horseshoe of Southern Ontario** this fall. If your priorities are to give your trainers facilitation skills OR to deploy a time-tested customer service training solution, let us know and we'll guide you to the right event in your region.

Did you know that a mid-size transit system (approximately 80 buses) that implements **SmartDRIVER** directly attributes a **\$30,000 reduction in fuel consumption** in its first year after having deployed the program? Turn it into carbon credits and put that money into other greenhouse gas-reducing initiatives, and you'll have a truly [virtuous circle](#).

- CUTA is holding a [Transit Planning](#) course in **Victoria, BC on July 24th through 28th, 2017**. This is an in-depth course covering Development Requirements, Service Standards, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Performance Monitoring. Come hear about what your peers are doing with **Integrated Urban Mobility**.

- A transit system in the Maritimes would like to give its supervisors the complete **Transit Supervision** skill set. We're looking for people who can invest 5 days to develop their confidence in people management and have better employee relations.

Organizations that develop their employees keep pace with rapid change and attract valuable candidates into the industry. CUTA has shifted its focus from Training to **Learning & Networking** to help you develop your workforce in the face of a period of dynamic transformation.

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

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