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CUTA's Transit Awareness Day puts federal focus on sustainable communities

CUTA held its annual [Transit Awareness Days](#) in Ottawa on September 18 – 20, to highlight the importance of transit and urban mobility in building truly sustainable communities in Canada.

On Monday September 18, transit industry leaders from across Canada attended a [policy forum](#). Attendees also heard addresses and keynote speeches from Amarjeet Sohi, Minister for Infrastructure and Communities, Dennis Dawson, Chair of the Senate Transport and Communications Committee, and Brent Toderian, Urbanist of TODERIAN UrbanWORKS and former Vancouver chief planner.

On Tuesday, September 19, CUTA members met with MPs, senators and other federal stakeholders to share the industry's expertise with decision-makers on Parliament Hill. This year, some 60 CUTA members attended over 70 meetings with key stakeholders to discuss important issues in Canadian urban mobility.

CUTA and Transdev Canada also testified in front of the Senate Committee on Transport and Communications on autonomous vehicle technology and its impact on transit and, on September 20, CUTA and Transdev Canada co-organized an autonomous shuttle demonstration on Parliament Hill for the Senate Committee. The event was [widely covered by the press](#) and enjoyed a significant number of attendees.

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

Register for the CUTA Forum 2017: Route to Innovation Network, learn and enjoy!

Make sure to join your transit colleagues by attending CUTA's industry leading [CUTA Forum 2017: Route to Innovation](#) in Richmond Hill, Ontario. There is still time to register and take advantage of:

- **Excellent networking events** such as the **Welcome Reception** at York Region's Leed Certified Operations, Maintenance and Storage facility, the **Business Members Event**, and of course the new **Showcase** features
- **An exciting offering of [Technical Tours](#)**
- **A great overall program** – short and full program outlines coming soon - [register today!](#)

***NEW - Bus Simulator Tour at the CUTA Forum**

Bus simulators offer a flexible platform for training bus operators in situational awareness, decision-making, and vehicle operations. The CUTA Forum 2017 will feature a bus simulator equipped with state-of-the-art technology that supplements behind-the-wheel training, promoting safe and efficient vehicle operation from within a controlled environment.

The sessions will highlight York Region Transit's journey in incorporating bus simulator training into its initial bus operator assessment and refresh training, and the challenges it encountered when implementing this technology into an established training program. They will also feature positive participant experiences, methods of scenario selection, adult learning principles, and the role of the instructor.

The sessions include a hands-on practical demonstration of the bus simulator, and will be limited to **15 participants per 45-minute session**, running on the hour beginning from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Registrants will be able to **sign up onsite** at the Sheraton Parkway North Hotel beside the CUTA registration desk starting on Saturday, November 4th, 2017.

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

The Showcase Gallery – Expanded! Don't miss out and reserve your space today!

Due to popular demand, the Showcase Gallery at this year's [CUTA Forum 2017: Route to Innovation](#) has expanded to include more available Gallery Spaces (8ft x 4ft), and there are only [15 spaces remaining!](#) Please note that a Showcase Participant Handbook will be available online shortly.

The Showcase Gallery is open to members only. To join CUTA, please fill out a [membership application](#) and take advantage of all things CUTA!

For more information about the showcase gallery, please contact our Events & Program Coordinator, [Marie-Noelle TUDIESHE](#)

The Showcase Garage – Register Now!

The **Showcase Garage** is your **opportunity to display technology or a vehicle** that is too large for the Showcase Gallery in the Sheraton Parkway Hotel. York Region Transit has generously offered a [limited number of spaces](#) in their spacious garage for our business members to exhibit their technology or vehicle, open to CUTA Forum attendees on Sunday evening during the opening and during the technical tours at the YRT garage.

We look forward to seeing you this November!

For any additional information, please contact us at conferences@cutaactu.ca.

2018 Membership Directory Update

It is time to invite all primary contacts to update your information for the 2018 CUTA Membership Directory! [Please click here to update your information as soon as possible](#). The deadline is **October 12, 2017**.

To ensure our communications are reaching the relevant members at your organization, we are asking for you to provide a **general "communications" email address** for your organization and/or contact information for the staff member in charge of communications/marketing including **name, title and email address**.

For more information, please contact [Winnie Tong](#) at extension 101.

Webinar - Concordia University's TRIP Lab's Itinerum™: Smartphone Travel Survey Platform

CUTA will be [hosting a webinar](#) in collaboration with Concordia University's TRIP Lab on their free Smartphone-based Travel Survey Platform: Itinerum™. Join us on **Wednesday, October 18th from 1:30PM – 2:30PM** as Zachary Patterson PhD from Concordia University showcases Itinerum. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

This webinar will showcase the Itinerum Platform by providing the following information:

- Introduction to Itinerum
- How to create your own smartphone-based travel surveys for free
- How organizations and institutions like STM, BIXI, University of Toronto has used Itinerum
- Future directions for Itinerum

For more information or to troubleshoot webinar issues, please contact [Calvin Chia](#) at extension 112.

CUTA Learning: Labour Relations and Collective Bargaining Course

CUTA's valuable [Labour Relations and Collective Bargaining](#) course provides best practices on **addressing disagreements, dispute with unions, and constructive labour relations**.

[Labour Relations & Collective Bargaining](#): Negotiate a successful agreement and navigate union disputes while building meaningful labour relations: **only 2 spots left!**

[Transit Maintenance and Asset Management](#): Estimate and schedule facility and fleet maintenance programs: **6 spots remaining!**

[Integrating Transportation, Transit and Land Use](#): Learn in detail about the role of transit in each phase of the land use planning process: **6 spots left!**

For more information, please contact [Sarah Ingram](#) at extension 115.

Announcing asset management training partners for #CDNmuni

Today the Federation of Canadian Municipalities announced the 22 partner organizations receiving \$3.6 million in grant funding to design and deliver local asset management training to Canadian municipalities.

From September 2017 – June 2018, 60 training activities will be held across the country to help communities take asset management from theory to practice.

This initiative is delivered through FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program and funded by the Government of Canada.

For more information, view the FCM's [news release](#).