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B.C. and Alberta recently signed Bilateral Agreements with Ottawa

The latest two provinces to sign an agreement with Ottawa on April 3rd, [British Columbia](#) and [Alberta](#), are respectively the third and fourth public transit hub in Canada in terms of ridership and investment. The federal government will be investing over \$4,1 billion in BC over the next decade for infrastructure projects, including [nearly \\$2.7B](#) for public transit infrastructure. Meanwhile Alberta will receive just under \$3.4B from 2018 to 2028 through a similar agreement, including [almost \\$2.1B](#) for public transit.

[Nunavut](#) also signed an agreement with Ottawa recently. This agreement will provide the northern territory with more than \$566 million in infrastructure funding. Considering that [Nunavut does not currently have a public transit system](#), an additional \$6M will be managed under the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure stream. Also, because the cost-sharing requirements are different for territories than provinces, the federal government will be providing 75% of eligible expenditures.

Infrastructure Canada has started the second phase of the [Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan](#) and released the first bilateral agreements [last month](#). Following the signing of a bilateral agreement with the Northwest Territories on March 7, the federal government signed bilateral agreements with Ontario on March 14, and New Brunswick on March 15.

For more information please contact Jeff Mackey at mackey@cutaactu.ca.

CUTA EVENT - New Mobility Symposium June 13th!

Become a sponsor now!

The [CUTA New Mobility Symposium](#) in **Vancouver on June 13th** is an exciting opportunity for you to position your organization at the front of the discussion about new mobility in Canada. Through the combination of our [first-class international panel of speakers](#), and our ancillary events we have planned alongside the symposium, we will attract a broad range of municipal employees and planners, transit professionals, academics and entrepreneurs to this event. This is your chance to be seen by people who are determining the future of urban mobility today.

We look forward to partnering with you and help you build your brand through sponsorship at this unique event. View our [sponsorship package](#) and become a sponsor today!

For more information about our sponsorship opportunities at the CUTA New Mobility Symposium, contact [Paulina Cadena](#).

Book your Accommodations now!

The New Mobility Symposium will be held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. Delegates will be able to book discounted accommodation at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel as well as the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel, located side by side. [Click here to book your accommodation](#) at the **discounted CUTA rates**.

The two hotels are located minutes away from the airport with a complimentary airport shuttle. You can also travel to downtown Vancouver by SkyTrain via the Canada Line, both hotels features fantastic amenities with a fitness center, swimming pool and restaurants.

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

[Book your room now](#)

Hotel Direct: 1-800-663-0299

reservations@sheratonvancouverairport.com

The discounted group rates will be available to book until May 10, 2018.

Hilton Vancouver Airport

5911 Minoru Blvd, Richmond, BC V6X 4C7

TEL: +1-604-273-6336 FAX: +1-604-2736337

[Book your room now](#)

Hotel Direct: 1-604-233-3990

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The discounted group rates will be available to book until May 10, 2018

For additional information or questions regarding this event, please contact [Paulina Cadena.](#)

CUTA Committee Meetings – New Mobility Symposium | Vancouver | June 12, 2018

Select CUTA Committees will meet in person on June 12, 2018 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport, in concurrence with the [New Mobility Symposium](#) on June 13, 2018.

In-person meetings will be held for the following CUTA Committees on June 12, 2018:

- 08:00 – 09:00 **Regional Chairs Committee Meeting** *(by invitation only)*
- 09:00 – 10:00 **BC Regional Committee Meeting** *(open to all members in BC)*
- 09:00 – 10:00 **Ontario Regional Committee Meeting** *(open to all members in Ontario)*
- 09:00 – 10:00 **Youth and Emerging Leaders Task Force Meeting** *(open to all members)*
- 10:00 – 12:00 **Technical Services Committee Meeting** *(open to all members)*
- 12:15 – 16:30 **Board of Directors Lunch and Meeting** *(by invitation only)*

CUTA will also hold its Annual General Meeting in person in Vancouver as well as making it available virtually (via webinar) to members who are not able to attend. More information on how to connect virtually will be made available in the coming weeks.

17:00 – 18:00 **Annual General Meeting** *(open to all members)*

For additional information or questions regarding this event, please contact [Paulina Cadena.](#)

CUTA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Maintenance and Vehicle Technology Sub-Committee

Workshop: Roadmap to Electrification

CUTA's Maintenance and Vehicle Technology Sub-Committee is hosting a workshop to create a document outlining the process by which a transit system would make the transition to electrification. This document will be available to all CUTA members and will include what to consider at every step along the way to electrification.

- Who's invited: Transit systems who are at any point along the process towards electrification (from just considering it to full implementation) and others who are interested in the process
- Due to space limitations, depending on registration numbers, we may limit attendance to 1-2 participants per system
- The workshop will take place at the Coast Mountain Bus Facilities and will be at no cost to participants.

Please contact [Lauren Rudko](#) at extension 113 for more information or to express your interest in attending.

Save the Date – Webinar to come!

Webinar 2: Transit experience – Alternative Fuels

After the success of its first webinar in 2018, CUTA's Maintenance and Vehicle Technology Sub-Committee is hosting a second webinar where four transit systems will be presenting on their own experiences with alternative fuels. Date to be confirmed in **April**. More information to come soon, stay tuned!

For further questions, please contact [Anita Bayoulou](#) at extension 103.

Accessible Transit Sub-committee Monthly Meeting

The Accessible Transit Sub-committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 18th @ 1PM – 2:30PM EDT**. This sub-committee meets monthly to discuss and share information regarding accessibility across Canada. Meetings are conducted online and resemble round table discussions. The committee is open to all CUTA members who wish to participate. Meetings are conducted in English only.

For more information or to join the meeting, please contact [Calvin Chia](#) at extension 112.

CUTA'S CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE AND THE FUTURE OF URBAN MOBILITY IN CANADA

A key pillar of CUTA's 2017-2019 Strategic Plan is to establish the organization as a Centre of Excellence (COE) on Transit and Integrated Urban Mobility (IUM), and to show thought-leadership in shaping and influencing the future of urban mobility in Canada. CUTA is working to achieve this through building a "one-stop shop" for transit and IUM analysis, benchmarking, best practices and tools.

While we work towards the launch of the COE in 2018, you can visit CUTA's website for updates on COE projects and resources, and read on below for some projects currently underway!

Center of Excellence Website

CUTA is working hard behind the scenes to prepare for the launch of the Center of Excellence (COE) website in May. The COE website will sit within CUTA's existing website but will provide added value to membership in the form of data visualization, links to partner resources, and curated resources for trending industry topics.

Please contact [Lauren Rudko](#) at extension 113 for more information.

Ridership Trends Project – Second Deliverable Under Review

The Ridership Trends Project is an in-depth study on current and future conventional ridership trends through research and consultation with transit systems in order to provide an understanding of the

correlation between causal factors and ridership in Canada, and to provide explanation(s) of ridership decline at a given transit system, as well as Census Service Area (CSA) and national level Ridership Methodology.

The second deliverable from the project has been delivered by the University of Toronto Transportation Research Institute and is currently under review by the project's Steering Committee. It contains the results of the survey sent out last month to transit systems, as well as preliminary statistical analysis for the development of a ridership model and analytical tool.

Please contact [Lauren Rudko](#) at extension 113 for more information.

Ridership Methodology Project – Survey Being Prepared

The objectives of this research project include in-depth identification of factors influencing current and future ridership trends through research and consultation with transit system members and affiliated organizations (i.e. municipalities, government agencies).

The first step in this project was the development of a survey to be used to capture how ridership is being recorded across the country. CUTA is in the process of creating an online version of the survey in preparation for distribution. This survey will be sent to all CUTA member transit systems later this month.

Please contact [Lauren Rudko](#) at extension 113 for more information.

Annual Data Collection

CUTA's Research and Technical Services team has commenced its annual data collection programs and is currently gathering data from our transit system members. On an annual basis, transit industry statistics are collected from CUTA's transit system members, which represent over 95% of Canadian transit ridership, and then published into reports used to support the industry through research and advocacy. The statistical main contacts for CUTA's transit system members should have received their annual surveys by now.

For more information or to receive your survey, please contact [Calvin Chia](#) at extension 112.

INDUSTRY EVENTS

EV2018VÉ: public transit, buses, trucks and more!

April 24-27, 2018 – The Westin Ottawa, ON

Join us at the **EV2018VÉ Conference & Trade Show**, the most respected gathering in the electric vehicle industry in Canada. EV2018VÉ is the national event for industry networking, business opportunities and competitive intelligence for anyone invested in electrified passenger & commercial applications for all modes of transportation.

Two technical sessions will entirely be dedicated to **public transit & trucks** with presenters such as Nova Bus and ABB. A panel on **integrated e-mobility** encompassing all modes of transportation, and a presentation on **MaaS** from Société de transport de Laval are also part of the program. [Check out the program](#) and [register today](#).

For more information visit [Electric Mobility Canada's website](#).

2-Hour Fire Rated Cable Solutions and Life Safety Symposium May 23, 2018 – Corporate Event Centre at CHSI, Mississauga, ON

On behalf of Cerco Cable, you are cordially invited to attend a half day workshop on Vitalink 2-Hour Fire Rated Cables for transit and infrastructure applications. Hear from the experts in transit from RSCC and Comtran on the latest Canadian standards, installation protocols & best practices, splicing, terminating, LSZH cable options and more. [Check out the program](#).

CUTA LEARNING

Introduction to Asset Management for Transit

Are you in need of an Asset Management Plan? We can help. [Click here](#) to learn about our Introduction to Asset Management for Transit course, and how you can register for a very affordable session near you.

[Transit Ambassador Core Modules Certification \(Edmonton, AB\)](#): Become a certified trainer and learn how to address the fundamental issues of customer service within the industry. 2 Spots left!

[Transit Ambassador Core Modules Certification \(Vaughan, ON\)](#): 2 Spots left!

[Transit Planning \(Ottawa, ON\)](#): An in-depth course covering Development Requirements, Service Standards, and Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Performance Monitoring. 5 Spots left!

STRADA Transit Operator Recruitment Tool

Are you in need of updating your hiring practices when it comes to bus operators and supervisors?

[STRADA is a reliable, integrated hiring solution](#) designed to increase the probability of selecting the best candidates for the position of bus/transit operator, to reduce staff time in the recruitment process and to reduce costs associated with recruitment as well as budget lost through training unsuccessful candidates. At just \$20 per candidate report, we encourage you to take advantage of this tool. Find out how STRADA can help improve your hiring process. Call us now.

For more information, call [Kevin Brown](#) at 416.365.9800 extension 121 or [Sarah Ingram](#) at extension 115.

Welcome to New Members

Paul Paolatto, London, ON

[Luxtronix Technologies Inc](#) – Matthew Kern, Edmonton, AB

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