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CUTA's Pre-Budget Recommendations

The Canadian Urban Transit Association released its annual pre-budget recommendations on August 3rd, 2018. [Driving Communities: Transit Investment that goes the extra mile](#) was submitted to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance as part of the consultations in advance of the 2019 budget.

CUTA made the following four recommendations to the Government of Canada on behalf of the transit industry.

1. Streamline the deployment of transit investments to ensure federal funds reach Canadian communities in a more timely and predictable manner.
2. Show leadership on Canadian economic competitiveness by partnering with provincial and municipal governments to draft a national Congestion Action Plan.
3. Provide financial incentives to upgrade to low-carbon vehicles by covering a portion of the incremental cost for procuring greener fleets in the transit sector.
4. Transport Canada should consult with stakeholders in the urban transit industry as they create regulations and infrastructure for autonomous vehicles (AVs).

For more information please contact [Jeff Mackey](#), Public Policy Coordinator at (613) 782-2454.

Only One Day Left to Submit to the Photo Competition

Hurry up! There's only one day left to submit to CUTA's 2018 Photography Competition. All entries must be submitted online by 11:59 PM EDT Wednesday, **August 15, 2018**. [Read the submission guidelines on our website!](#)

Finalists will be notified by August 22nd and winners will be announced on November 18, 2018 at CUTA's "Annual Conference and Transit Show 2018" Awards Ceremony in Toronto.

For more information please contact [Jeff Mackey](#), Public Policy Coordinator at (613) 782-2454.

Transit Awareness Days Policy Forum Schedule Announced

[The full schedule](#) for CUTA's free to attend Policy Forum is now available. The Policy Forum, which will take place from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on September 17, 2018 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, is part of CUTA's annual Transit Awareness Days program.

CUTA members are also encouraged to join us on September 18 for Transit Awareness Days on the Hill, where CUTA members meet directly with important decision makers on Parliament Hill with the goal of advancing urban mobility in Canadian communities. It's also great opportunity to develop professionally and to promote your transit system or business needs to local MPs or Senators. [Register now!](#)

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Treasury Board Consulting Stakeholders on Regulatory Requirements

The Government of Canada announced in Budget 2018 that it would pursue a “regulatory reform agenda”. As a result, the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat is coordinating a three-year regulatory review process, beginning with an examination of regulatory requirements and practices in the transportation and infrastructure sectors, including emerging technologies such as autonomous vehicles.

The purpose of the review is to find ways to promote rules that are able to evolve and leverage innovation in the economy. The government believes that regulations should be agile and adaptive enough to balance health, safety and security considerations without imposing barriers to innovation and competitiveness. Targeted reviews will identify bottlenecks to growth. The government is looking for input on the following questions:

1. *In your view, are there existing regulatory requirements or practices that impede economic development, competitiveness, or growth for your firm or sector? What are their impacts? How should the Government address these irritants?*
2. *Are there existing or emerging technologies, processes, or products in your firm or sector facing barriers because of federal regulations? What changes or tools should the Government consider to facilitate the development, integration, or approval of these technologies, processes, or products for Canadians?*
3. *Do you see opportunities for regulatory experimentation in your sector, and if so, what would this look like?*

Treasury Board is seeking comments from stakeholder groups by September 15, 2018. Submissions can be sent to regulatoryreviews-examensreglementaires@tbs-sct.gc.ca.

For more information please contact [Jeff Mackey](#), Public Policy Coordinator at (613) 782-2454.

Call for Participation for Workshop on Impairment in the Workplace

CSA Group is inviting industry stakeholders to participate in a Workshop on Management of Impairment in the Workplace. Participants are expected to provide input into the development of the Draft Standard framework to be considered for a new National Standard of Canada and identify key requirements with respect to issues that are important to them and their organization.

To attend the workshop please contact Andrea Holbeche at andrea.holbeche@csagroup.org. Expressions of interest will be accepted until August 31, 2018. Additionally, DriverCheck is hosting its first annual Fitness for Duty Summit on October 3-4, 2018 at the Milton Banquet & Conference Centre. The price of registration is \$420 plus taxes.

For more information please contact [Jeff Mackey](#), Public Policy Coordinator at (613) 782-2454.

Register and Save with the Early-Bird Price Until September 17th!

The [CUTA Annual Conference and Canadian Transit Show](#) in Toronto (November 18-21, 2018) will feature an extraordinary line-up of industry experts from across Canada. With a focus on Putting the Customer at the Heart of Transit, we will feature several topic tracks, including selling the idea of transit to a reluctant public, anticipating the evolving needs of customers, building a customer service culture, and improving customer service through operational and technical excellence.

We will also feature a refreshed RAILconnect stream, with both a conference track and theatre on the Transit Show floor. This stream will showcase rail systems from across Canada, along with partners highlighting the latest in technology and services. This year's Canadian Transit Show at the Metro

Toronto Convention Centre will be CUTA's largest tradeshow ever, featuring larger booths and more space for transit vehicles.

Join us at 2018 CUTA Annual Conference and [Register now!](#)

For more information, please visit the [Annual Conference](#) page or contact [Paulina Cadena](#) at extension 118. Join us on Twitter #CUTAyyz.

Call for Content - We Want to Hear from You!

CUTA is sourcing content from members to feature on our **communications channels in 2019** – this is a great opportunity to increase your organization's visibility. Help us to write the future of transit and integrated urban mobility together!

Some of the themes that we will explore in 2019 include:

- Environmental Sustainability and Resiliency
- Open Data
- Workforce Development
- Customer Experience
- Integrated Mobility
- Shared and Online Economy
- Funding and Fares

If you are interested in submitting content, send the subject and a short synopsis (of no more than 100 words) to [Johanne Palermo](#), Content Strategist, Publications.

We will contact you if we are able to include your submission in our 2019 editorial plan.

Deadline for submissions: **August 24, 2018**

Please note that we cannot guarantee publication. However, all submissions received will be considered and we may reach out for future print or online channels.

For questions, please contact [Johanne Palermo](#), Content Strategist, Publications at extension 120.