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Have your voice heard in Ottawa

CUTA members are invited to join our public affairs team on **September 18, 2018** for the annual Transit Awareness Day on Parliament Hill. This is an opportunity to meet elected officials to inform them about the transit industry and how to make the government's investment in transit as successful as possible.

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

CUTA reaches out to political parties ahead of next election

In the lead-up to the 2019 federal election, we will be attending major political events to raise awareness about transit issues, starting with the Conservative Party Convention in Halifax in August.

Our public affairs program is designed to strengthen transit policy direction and decision-making by maintaining an open and supportive dialogue between the transit industry, its stakeholders and decision-makers.

For more information, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at 613-552-2876.

CUTA adds its voice to the rural bus service conversation

We are closely following the impact of the recent announcement by a commercial operator to end rural inter-city bus service in Western Canada.

Our president and CEO Marco D'Angelo [wrote to](#) (*disponible en anglais seulement*) Transport Minister Marc Garneau last week to request that the public transit industry be consulted on this issue.

We believe that rural transportation helps foster social equity and inclusion for those who rely on it. We also believe that our expertise would add value to Transport Canada's consultations to find an effective solution.

For more information, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at 613-552-2876.

Register for the next CUTA Conference before September 17 and save!

The [CUTA Annual Conference and Canadian Transit Show](#) in Toronto (**November 18 to 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*, topics will include 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 a theatre on the transit show floor. This stream will showcase rail systems from across Canada, 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 biggest 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 contact [Marie-Noelle Tudieshe](#) at extension 116.

CUTA awards 2018 – deadline extended!

Every year, we are proud to recognize the efforts and excellence of outstanding individuals by presenting leadership awards in the following categories: Excellence, Ed Dowling (Distinguished Service), Heroism, and The W.G. Ross Lifetime Achievement Award. CUTA also recognizes corporate achievements in the following categories: Innovation, Environment and Sustainability, Marketing & Communications and Safety & Security.

If this sounds like someone you work with or your organization, we encourage you to visit [our website](#) to nominate them for a CUTA award **before September 28, 2018 at 5pm.**

For more information, please contact [Marie-Noelle Tudieshe](#) at extension 116.