

**22 October 2018**



**CUTA Annual Conference and Canadian Transit Show 2018**

Have you registered for the 2018 Annual CUTA Conference and Canadian Transit Show? We have an exciting line-up of sessions, keynote speakers and presenters! You don't want to miss this event in beautiful downtown Toronto. Please register on the [CUTA website](#) today.

Our hosts, Metrolinx and TTC, have put together some great technical tours, city tours and companion tours! You'll want to sign up early as there is limited space on these excellent tours. Details will be posted shortly on the CUTA website. Sign-up for these tours will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the conference registration desk.

[At the 2018 Canadian Transit Show](#) on **November 20**, there are only a few booth spaces remaining. For those already booked, please make sure you have submitted your booth staff names and please contact us if you have not already received your exhibitor's handbook with all the details for a successful show. For pre-registration for your guests and booth staff, please click [here](#).

Join us on opening day at the Canadian Transit Show for our networking breakfast on Saturday morning at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

*For further information, please contact [Paulina Cadena](#) at extension 118.*

**Don't miss RAILconnect at the CUTA Annual Conference and Canadian Transit Show**

Back by popular demand at the [Annual Conference in Toronto](#) (Nov. 18 to 21), CUTA is pleased to bring you RAILconnect. This specialized two-day event features an exciting list of speakers on technical rail topics.

On Monday morning, the RAILconnect stream will feature two rail-specific sessions showcasing rail projects and project teams from across the country. In the afternoon, there will be a tour of GO Transit's new Toronto East Rail Maintenance Facility. The following day, the RAILconnect Theatre on the floor of the transit show will feature presentations from Canada's rail systems, including LRT, subway and heavy rail.

Each presentation will be followed by a Q&A session and networking opportunities. The transit show will also feature rail industry partners with opportunities to connect, ask questions and learn more about the exciting direction of the industry in Canada and around the world.

First introduced in Montréal in 2015, RAILconnect is a great opportunity to meet industry professionals from Canada's transit systems as well as manufacturers, suppliers, partners and stakeholders. The unique event allows both private and public decision-makers and business leaders to set the pulse of rail in Canada.

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## **Cannabis becomes legal for recreational consumption in Canada**

CUTA issued a news release on **October 17** calling on the federal government to take a leadership role and to establish clear rules permitting Canadian transit systems to randomly test employees working in safety-sensitive positions, where necessary.

The main messages of our news release emphasize that passenger and public safety are Canadian transit systems' highest priorities, and that random testing would serve as an additional tool for systems to deter drug and alcohol impairment in the workplace. [Read more.](#)

*For more information, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at 514-207-7072.*

## **Canada reaches new free trade agreement with neighbours**

After 14 months of negotiations, the United States, Mexico and Canada announced that they have reached a new free trade agreement to replace NAFTA: The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

CUTA is still examining what effects this new trade deal will have on the Canadian transit industry. Our preliminary analysis shows that the procurement section of the USMCA has not changed substantively from the arrangement under NAFTA. However, protectionist measures by the US that exist outside of the USMCA, such as Buy America and steel and aluminum tariffs, remain in place.

*For more information, or if you would like to flag any trade concerns for the transit industry, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at 514-207-7072.*

## **REMINDER - Update your information for the CUTA Membership Directory 2019**

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to update your organization's information for the 2019 CUTA Membership Directory is Wednesday, **October 24, 2018**. Any updates made after this date may not be published in the printed directory.

If you have not already done so, please [click here](#) to update your information as soon as possible.

*For more information, please contact [membership@cutaactu.ca](mailto:membership@cutaactu.ca)*

## **Welcome to our new members**

Comtech Group Inc. - *Business - Consultant*

TAG Canada - *Business - Manufacturer/Supplier*

Ubitransport - *Business - Manufacturer/Supplier*

*Keep your information up to date at [membership@cutaactu.ca](mailto:membership@cutaactu.ca).*