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### **Have your voice heard!**

The federal government is doing a survey of what Canadians want the government to prioritize in its 2019 budget. This is a great opportunity for people who want to see better transit in our communities to have their voice heard. You can [fill out the survey here](#).

### **CUTA's Infrastructure Needs Report released**

CUTA has released its 2018–2028 Canadian Transit Infrastructure Needs Report. This year we updated the methodology to make it more relevant and useful for members and the public. The report examined funded and unfunded projects representing the infrastructure investments of Canadian transit systems for expansion and maintenance of a state of good repair. It also identified the type of infrastructure investments planned and required by member systems. In addition, the research outlook was expanded from 4 years to 10 and a predictive model was developed to better forecast needs. You can read the [full report](#) on CUTA's website.

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

### **FCM releases pre-budget recommendation on long-term transit funding**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has come forward with a proposal for the 2019 federal budget that would build on the government's Investing in Canada Plan transit commitments. The proposal would add 10 more years to the existing 10-year transit infrastructure plan and would be worth \$3.4 billion annually, or \$34 billion over the life of the program. Most of the funds would be distributed on an allocation basis, while a portion of the funds would be distributed based on merit.

You can [learn more](#) about the proposed program and other FCM advocacy initiatives.

### **SAVE THE DATE! CUTA Spring Symposium in St. John's, N.L.- May 14-16**

Hot on the heels of our successful Annual Conference and Transit Show in Toronto in November, we are well underway with planning our smaller regional spring event. The **CUTA Technology in Transit Symposium** will feature more networking opportunities and a whole suite of round tables, panel discussions and breakout sessions over a shorter, day-and-a-half format.

The event will run from **Tuesday May 14 to Thursday May 16** at the [St. John's Convention Centre](#) and is being graciously hosted by Metrobus and the St. John's Transit Commission. We will kick off with a welcome event on the evening of May 14 followed by a full program on May 15 and a half day on May 16. We will also feature a full slate of board and committee meetings on May 13 and 14.

Please save the date and plan to attend!

*For more information, please contact [Jason Allen](#).*

**Book your accommodations now for the CUTA Spring Symposium!**

### [Delta Hotels St. John's Conference Centre](#)

120 New Gower Street,  
St. John's, NL A1C 6K4  
709-739-6404

Delta Hotels St. John's is a waterfront hotel steps from some of St. John's hottest destinations, including Mile One Centre, George Street, and Cape Spear Lighthouse. Guest rooms are recently renovated and furnished with pillowtop mattresses, mini-refrigerators, flat-panel TVs and free Wi-Fi. Upgrade to a Club Level room for a premium experience and gain access to our private lounge with complimentary breakfast and hors d'oeuvres. The hotel also features cardio equipment and free weights in their fitness centre so you can get in a workout before swimming a few laps in the indoor pool.

Delegates can book discounted accommodation at the Delta Hotel starting today! Please **call 709-739-6404** and mention that you are booking under the CUTA room block. Your guestroom discounted rate is \$219.00 (taxes not included) for a Delta king room. Spaces book up quickly so make sure to book yours right away.

### **Sponsorship opportunities for 2019 Spring Symposium**

CUTA will be offering a range of promotional opportunities to showcase your business at our May 2019 event in St. John's.

If you sign up to be the exclusive sponsor of our popular event app, delegates will see your name and logo on every app page! Want to maximize your brand visibility at this great networking event? Sign up to sponsor the welcome reception, break or lunch. All of these are excellent opportunities for you to brand the networking portions of CUTA's Spring Symposium. If you would like to connect and discuss a custom sponsorship opportunity or package, just drop us a note.

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

### **Accessibility for people with invisible disabilities: workplaces & transit**

Don't miss this free webinar on **January 29** about barriers on public transit for people with invisible disabilities. [Sign up](#) today!

People with disabilities represent a wide array of individuals with different needs. This month's topic will focus on transportation and employment standards and bringing awareness and understanding of invisible disabilities, including the invisible symptoms of various neurological conditions, how they are typically perceived, and their impacts on activities of daily living, including on transit. Guest speaker Neli Gontier from Parkinson Canada will highlight their new guide, *At Ease*, which aims to improve accessibility in the workplace and in transit for people with invisible disabilities.

Join the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility on **January 29, 2019**, 2–3 p.m. for a discussion of this topic. Register [here](#)

*\*NOTE\* If you require an alternative format of the presentation or have any accessibility requests related to the content of the webinar, please contact [aoda.events@ontario.ca](mailto:aoda.events@ontario.ca).*

### **CUTA membership renewal 2019**

Thank you for the trust and support you place in our association. 2018 was a busy and exciting year at CUTA ([click here](#) for highlights) and we are looking forward to accomplishing great things together in 2019.

If you have not already done so, we invite you to renew your membership today. [Click here](#) to view, print, or pay your membership invoice, or please forward the invoice to the most appropriate person at your organization.

*If you have any questions about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact [membership@cutaactu.ca](mailto:membership@cutaactu.ca).*

### **Request for proposal for the Road to Electrification mobile application**

The project aims to produce a mobile phone app that simulates the introduction of electric fleets into transit operations, improving upon the web-based app built by the Maintenance and Vehicle Technology sub-committee last year.

The full RFP can be found [here](#). Proposals will be accepted until **February 4, 2019 16:30 EDT** and can be sent to [techservices@cutaactu.ca](mailto:techservices@cutaactu.ca).

We are also looking for interested members with knowledge of phone app development to join the Project Steering Committee.

*For more information, please contact [Peter Luo](#) at extension 113.*

### **2017 statistical publications**

CUTA is excited to announce the release of the 2017 annual statistical reports! 2017 was a significant year for CUTA's data collection for several reasons:

1. CUTA piloted new importing and reporting platforms in its specialized transit statistics data program to improve data collection, data quality, and capturing more statistical data.
2. BC Transit's statistical data is now published by municipality for both conventional and specialized transit statistics and includes municipalities reporting for the first time in 2017.
3. CUTA's conventional transit statistics are happy to report a notable increase in national ridership in Canada!
4. CUTA's statistical reports have undergone a name change to better differentiate the data reported in each of our 3 annual statistical reports:

Canadian Transit Fact Book -> Canadian Conventional Transit Statistics

Specialized Transit Services Fact Book -> Canadian Specialized Transit Statistics

Canadian Transit Fleet and On-board Equipment Fact Book -> Canadian Fleet and On-board Equipment Statistics

Indeed 2017 has been an eventful year for data collection at CUTA and we look forward to sharing more successes as we continue to improve our data program in 2019. A special thank you to our transit system members for their hard work collecting their statistics for CUTA.

*To purchase the publication, please submit a completed [order form](#) to CUTA. For more information, please contact [Calvin Chia](#) at extension 112.*

### **Toronto annual conference 2018 presentations**

Speaker presentation materials from CUTA's November 2018 annual conference are now available in our library. Sign in to CUTA's *members-only section* and select 'Library' in the navigation bar. By searching the keyword '18F' you will be able to find presentation slides.

For more information, please contact [Calvin Chia](#) at extension 112.

### **Summary of Canadian Transit Statistics**

The 2017 Summary of Canadian Transit Statistics is now available for free to all CUTA members in the *members-only section* of our website. This report publishes the operating and financial statistics of CUTA transit system members at a provincial and national level. To access this report, log in to CUTA's members-only section and navigate to the Statistics page in the navigation bar.

For more information, please contact [Calvin Chia](#) at extension 112.

### **Advertise in the CUTA Symposium issue of Urban Mobility Forum Magazine: Spring 2019**

[Advertising](#) opportunities for the next issue (Spring 2019) of Urban Mobility Forum magazine are now available. Please consult [Naylor's media kit](#) for more information. To advertise in the magazine, please contact [SaraCatherine Goodwin](#) at Naylor Association Solutions.

For more information on the content of the magazine, contact [Johanne Palermo](#).

### **Celebrating the contribution of public transit to the growth and evolution of Canadian communities since Confederation**

In case you missed it when it was released, check out the Canadian Transit Heritage Foundation's [booklet](#) full of historical photos showing the significance of public transit on the development of our country since Confederation.

Public transit has been an enabler of community development for Canadians since 1752, when the Halifax-Dartmouth ferry became the first scheduled public transit service in the country. The advent of horse-drawn omnibus services, followed by horse-drawn tramways in the mid-19th century, then electric tramways and later motor buses, rail rapid transit and integrated transit networks, are foundational in societal mobility across Canada.

### **Welcome to our newest members**

Kirtan Vyas – *Affiliate – Individual*

Mass Transit – Business – *Manufacturer/Supplier*

Texcan, A Sonepar Company – *Business – Manufacturer/Supplier*

Pollution Probe Foundation – *Affiliate – Association*

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