

October 15, 2019



**#CUTAyyc – Register today for CUTA’s 2019 Annual Conference and Transit Show!**

This event takes place **November 10 to 13 in Calgary**, Alberta. With sessions on fleet electrification, customer engagement, transit data and smart ticketing tech, you won’t want to miss out on how the transit industry is generating innovation. Take a look at the [detailed program](#).

This year we are also pleased to present the *International Rail Forum for North America* in collaboration with the International Association of Public Transport (UITP). The CUTA/UITP Rail Forum will include important discussions on bold new rail projects, LRT operational excellence and the digitalization of the transit industry. Speakers are coming to Calgary from around the world to participate in the Forum, including transit professionals from Poland, Germany, Australia and Saudi Arabia.

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

**#CUTAyyc – Safety and Security Roundtable & Working Group**

On Wednesday, **November 13**, there will be a full day of safety and security sessions. This will include two morning safety sessions and a full afternoon of security sessions in partnership with Transport Canada’s Surface Transportation team. This day of sessions is called the Safety & Security Roundtable and will cover topics including bus, rail, health, cybersecurity, infrastructure and more. CUTA members registered for the conference can attend the roundtable and/or the working group meeting on **November 14** at no additional fee but are asked to [register here](#).

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

**#CUTAyyc – Featuring Canada's largest transit and bus exhibition**

Interested in showcasing your latest products or tech? [Book your space](#) today at our 100,000 square foot Transit Show in Calgary. Booth and bus spaces are selling fast!

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**Discover CUTA’s Young Leaders Summit**

Be seen alongside your colleagues supporting the industry’s young leaders who are interested in regional transit, sustainable transportation issues and career opportunities. Become a Young Leaders Summit [sponsor today!](#)

The [Young Leaders Summit](#) takes place just prior to [CUTA's Annual Conference and Transit Show](#) in Calgary in November.

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

## **Canadian Infrastructure Report Card 2019 now out**

CUTA is a proud partner of the association coalition that produces the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (CIRC). The CIRC is an important tool for governments to inform evidence-based policymaking to support the upkeep and development of Canadian public infrastructure across different asset classes, including transit. The [2019 edition](#) is now out and shows that some assets are in need of urgent attention and investment to support repairs and/or replacements. For example, nearly 40% of roads and bridges are in fair, poor or very poor condition. Almost 80% of assets in this class are more than 20 years old.

The situation for public transit infrastructure is more nuanced. Page 45 onwards in the report covers transit and shows that 64% of rolling assets are in very good or good condition, compared to 47% of fixed assets and 50% of tracks and roads. When comparing the 2019 CIRC report card results with the 2016 edition, it is clear that there are a high proportion (38% of fixed assets and 19% of tracks/roads) for which the state of the asset is unknown. All in all, progress has been made since the 2016 report on the state of transit infrastructure in Canada, however we are not there yet. Continued advocacy is necessary to ensure that we lock in progress and push the boundaries even further. Federal funding programs like PTIF and ICIP will contribute to infrastructure improvements over time, and investments via the federal Gas Tax Fund and other mechanisms will likewise underpin a strong and resilient municipal infrastructure portfolio for years to come.

*For more information, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at extension 614.*

## **Priority transit campaign – the home stretch**

CUTA was in Montréal last week to host its second Transit Policy Forum. A full house of transit executives, urban planning experts and government representatives were on hand to learn more about the key transit and urban planning issues that are shaping public discourse ahead of the federal election. We heard from representatives of the five main political parties in Québec who presented their national policy platforms on transit. We also heard from experts in our industry who presented on how federal investments in transit help benefit service reliability and accessibility for the millions of Canadians who rely on public transportation day in, and day out.

We encourage CUTA members to follow our [Priority Transit campaign](#) in the final two weeks before election day. Video highlights from the Montréal Transit Policy Forum will soon be shared on CUTA's social media platforms. Engage with us on social and share our industry recommendations widely so that political parties deliver on their promises in the next legislature. Also check out our election newsletter and stay tuned for CUTA's analysis of the political party transit platforms next week!

*For more information, please contact [Nathaniel Wallace](#) at extension 615.*

## **CUTA Strategic Plan 2021-2023 – Request for Proposals**

CUTA is currently requesting proposals for its Strategic Plan 2021-2023. The objective of the project is to conduct an in-depth study on current and future conventional goals of CUTA's members to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to guide CUTA through 2021-2023. [View the request for proposal online.](#) Proposals will be accepted until **October 18, 2019**.

*For more information, please contact [Angela Murray](#), at extension 106.*

## **Membership referral incentive program**

Refer a new member to CUTA. If they have never been a CUTA member and they join because you refer them, you will receive a \$500 gift voucher, which can be redeemed for a CUTA learning event, conference registration, transit show booth, fact book, or towards your membership.

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**Welcome to our new members**

Portland Fuel Canada – Business – Manufacturer/Supplier

TSI Video – Business – Manufacturer/Supplier

Frauscher Sensor Technology USA. Inc. – Business – Manufacturer/Supplier

TipTapPay Micropayments Ltd. – Business – Manufacturer/Supplier

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