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Transit Infrastructure Needs are \$56-Billion for Next Five Years

The most recent update to CUTA's transit infrastructure needs has estimated the total requirements, over the five-year period 2014-2018 at \$56.6-billion, including both renewal and expansion requirements. The survey was divided into four categories, expenditures currently planned versus additional needs that could be met through new external funding, and expenditures for replacement or renewal, versus expenditures to respond to population growth or attract new ridership. Transit systems estimate they will need to invest \$40.7 billion on expansion between 2014 and 2018 to meet projected demand – a figure slightly surpassing the entire infrastructure needs from as recently as 2008-2012. Total infrastructure needs of Canadian transit systems have risen over time, as pressure increases to make significant ridership gains to impact transit modal share, but have reached a plateau since the 2010-2014 period. Over half of the total amount is in Canada's three largest metropolitan areas and 95% in cities with populations exceeding 400,000 people. Added pressure from an increasing population reflects one of the many challenges public transit systems are facing, especially in the larger urban centres and their surrounding suburbs. The survey had a response rate representing 98% of total Canada-wide transit operations, according to annual operating costs.

For more information, contact [Wendy Reuter](#) at extension 109.

CUTA Prominent at Urban Transit Infrastructure Conference

Late last month, CUTA delivered the opening address at the Canadian Institute's conference on Delivering Urban Transit Infrastructure in Toronto, where President & CEO **Michael Roschlau** presented a national portrait on transit infrastructure needs and trends, including an overview of 2014-2018 capital infrastructure requirements. The conference attracted over 100 senior public and private sector professionals, including remarks from PPP Canada, Partnerships BC and Infrastructure Ontario, as well as a closing address from the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

For more information, contact [Michael Roschlau](#) at extension 104.

CUTA represented at APTA Conference, Expo and Roadeo in Fort Worth

CUTA, through its reciprocal agreement with APTA, sent two representatives to the APTA Conference and Bus Roadeo in Fort Worth, Texas this May alongside many Canadian business and transit members as well. There were Canadian bus operators who took part in the Roadeo and in the learning events. There was lively interest at the Expo and committee meetings from American transit systems about CUTA Training Programs and Committee work.

While at the conference, our CUTA representatives spoke to APTA members about the effective programs our association offers to our members, such as [Transit Ambassador](#), [STRADA](#), [SmartDRIVER](#) which deliver results for Canadian transit systems and how our American partners could benefit from the same results. The feedback from the presentation was overwhelmingly well received and APTA members were excited to hear more.

Keeping Canada in the spotlight in Fort Worth, the [Société de Transport de Montréal](#) was recognized at APTA with an award for its work on security, showcasing that Canadian transit has moved the needle legislatively this year on bus operator assault and put this issue into the public consciousness.

Testimonials Wanted – Help CUTA Training deliver its message and mandate

If you've taken a CUTA Training and are willing to give us a testimonial about how it's helped you personally, professionally or at an organizational level, we'd like to hear from you. If you're using a CUTA product and have kept data on its impact to your transit system, would you consider a case study?

The CUTA Training department is asking you to volunteer. We are asking past participants of our learning events to talk about their experience in video testimonials at the [CUTA Annual Conference](#) in Winnipeg, MB.

To book your time contact [Lavinia Norris](#) at extension 127 or you can book your own time slot [here!](#)

2014 Canadian Transit Fact Book Contest Winner Announced!

Congratulations to Ms. Céline Lavoie who has won a complimentary hard copy of the 2014 Canadian Transit Fact Book. Ms. Lavoie of Société de transport d'Outaouais is one of the first 50 participants who submitted the 2014 Urban Transit statistics to CUTA before the May 22 deadline.

To find out more about the status of the Urban Transit Statistics, please visit [CUTA's 2015 Industry Data Schedule](#).