



### **Bundling saves you!**

Did you miss the early bird pricing for CUTA's annual Conference in Winnipeg? Not to worry, you can still save, attend the conference and [Transit Supervision Series – When Things Go Wrong](#) learning event with a special [bundle deal](#), saving you over \$500! There are only a few more places available, so [take advantage now](#), before the seats fill up.

Transit Supervision Series – When Things Go Wrong is a learning event intended for supervisors in the industry, teaching them to resolve employee conflicts, use creative problem solving skills, coach employees to their highest potential and apply mediation strategies to transit workplace conflicts.

*For more information regarding the upcoming professional development learning events and all of the Training Department's programs, please visit our [website](#) or contact [Kevin Brown](#) at extension 121.*

### **Ontario Association Elects New Chair and Executive**

At its Annual General Meeting last month, the Ontario Public Transit Association (OPTA) elected a new Board of Directors and Executive. The new Executive Committee consists of Chair **Kelly Paleczny** (London Transit), Vice Chair **Dave Sherlock** (St. Catharines Transit), Treasurer **Pat Delmore** (Transit Windsor) and Secretary **Alex Milojevic** (Brampton Transit). CUTA continues to be represented on the OPTA Board by President & CEO Michael Roschlau.

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

### **FCM Launches new Green Funds Process**

After extensive research and consultation with municipalities, their partners, and other sustainability stakeholders, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has renewed the Green Municipal Funds (GMF) funding offer to remain responsive and relevant to municipal sustainability needs. These updates went into effect on April 1, 2015 and include an updated competitive selection process for capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste and water sectors, updated eligibility criteria and funding limits for all funding streams and an updated application process, as well as new application forms and support tools for applicants. FCM is conducting a webinar on **Tuesday 12 May from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time** to explain how GMF can support a range of municipal sustainability initiatives, including plans, feasibility studies, pilot projects and capital projects.

*For more information, visit the [GMF website](#) or contact [Magali Leblanc](#) at (613) 907-6345.*

### **National Ridership and Funding Map updated**

Interested in seeing how your province's urban transit outlook compares to the rest of Canada? Look no further than our recently updated [interactive National Ridership and Funding Map](#). It's a great way to compare and contrast different approaches to transit from coast to coast.

The map will show you each province's level of transit ridership as well as the breakdown (federal/provincial/municipal/other) of capital investments in transit for that province. Using this tool, you are also able to gauge where operating revenues from transit come from and the main sources of capital and operating revenues for each province over the last ten years.

Find out how your province stacks up [here](#).

*For more information, please contact Alex Maheu at [maheu@cutaactu.ca](mailto:maheu@cutaactu.ca) or (613) 788-7985.*

## **Come see the Training Experts at APTA Fort Worth, TX**

[The training department](#) will be sharing their areas of expertise and representing CUTA in Fort Worth, Texas for the APTA Bus Rodeo. Come by our booth #313 and discover all the learning events CUTA has to offer you and your organization. You can also discover all the benefits APTA's sister association in Canada has to offer through our [membership](#) services and how Canada is working towards transit [advocacy](#).

## **Working on Lowering Bus Driver Assaults**

Los Angeles Metro is working on lowering their bus driver assaults by rolling out [Transit Ambassador](#) to all of their operators in Division 18. CUTA has recently travelled to Los Angeles and trained 5 of their trainers on [Transit Ambassador Core Modules](#) and added the advanced module "[Dangerous Situations](#)". With these modules they have found a concrete bases for good customer service and being able to diffuse a potentially dangerous situation.

## **Your photos featured at CUTA**

CUTA would like to invite you, our transit system members, to show off transit in your community by sharing your photos with us; we are always looking for great shots and may use them in our print publications and online.

If you would like to share your system's latest and greatest photos, we invite to you:

- Assemble all the great shots in a folder with the name of your transit system
- Ensure the photos you share with us are high resolution (print quality = 300 dpi)
- Name each photo file as follows "**transit system-description of photo-date.jpg**"
- Zip the folder
- Upload to the [CUTA DropBox](#) using "[communications@cutaactu.ca](mailto:communications@cutaactu.ca)" as the recipient email.

\*By submitting your photographs, you grant CUTA permission to use the photographs in any informational or marketing material in any medium; print or online.

*Please contact [IT.support@cutaactu.ca](mailto:IT.support@cutaactu.ca) if you have any questions or technical difficulty uploading your photos to the CUTA DropBox.*

## **Your company's achievements featured online in "People in Transit" and "Industry News" on [CUTA's homepage!](#)**

Stay up to date with developments in the Canadian transit industry by visiting the "[People in Transit](#)" and "[Industry News](#)" sections on CUTA's homepage at [www.cutaactu.ca](http://www.cutaactu.ca). If you would like to see your staff and company's achievements featured on the homepage of CUTA's website, please forward your articles (of no more than 200 words) and one photo to [communications@cutaactu.ca](mailto:communications@cutaactu.ca).

**Don't forget to share exciting member news through your Twitter and Facebook accounts and SUBSCRIBE to People in Transit and Industry News, conveniently from the CUTA website**

*\*Note that CUTA will only post articles from members in good standing. Articles that are advertorial in nature will not be posted on the CUTA website. CUTA reserves the right to edit or refuse to post articles submitted by email.*