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CUTA Annual Conference - Transforming Transit: The Next Generation (Halifax May 14-18)

Early Bird Registration for the [CUTA Annual Conference 2016](#) is Now Open

Everywhere you turn in the transit industry things are in transition: the technology, the customers, the communities, and more. As these transitions unfold, we look to the next generation of transit professionals and industry leaders to not only maintain our vibrant industry but to push it forward into the new world of integrated mobility.

With the quality educational program you've come to expect and a special focus on *emerging leadership*, this conference will challenge the status quo.

Be a part of the transition, join current and future leaders in transit this spring at CUTA's Annual Conference. [Register today and save \\$100!](#)

Book your Accommodations – CUTA Hotel Room Block Now Open!

For this year's Annual Conference, we have selected the [Marriott Halifax Harbourfront Hotel](#). This upscale harbourfront property offers stunning waterfront views, modern rooms and is within walking distance of many of Halifax's main attractions.

Delegates are encouraged to book early as the room block will fill up quickly!

For more information please visit the [Annual Conference page](#) on the [CUTA website](#) or contact [Paulina Cadena](#) at extension 118. Join us on Twitter [#CUTAhalifax](#)

Accessible Transit Discussion Board

CUTA's Accessible Transit Sub-Committee (ATC) has recently launched a new discussion board communication platform on CUTA's Member's Only Site (MOS) to discuss top of mind issues or questions. The discussion board is open to all ATC members and is already growing industry knowledge. The ATC is open to all CUTA members, regardless of membership type.

Please contact [Lauren Rudko](#) at extension 113 to learn more about the discussion board or to join the ATC.

Specialized Transit Industry Practices Project – Final Report Launch Webinar

The Specialized Transit Industry Practice Project is complete and will be launched on **Tuesday March 8th at 1pm (EDT)**, with a walk-through webinar by the project consultant. The project provides an overview of 15 operational areas that are critical to the accessible transit industry at this time. The study includes

a definitions glossary, quick-reference data tables, agency case studies, and individual strategies for each topic. The webinar will consist of an overview of the project, a walk-through of the document and a short Q&A session. All are welcome to join, please [register for the webinar here](#).

For more information please contact [Lauren Rudko](#) at extension 113.

Emerging Leaders in Transit Returning This Winter

Returning this winter, the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Ryerson University and the City of Toronto - City Planning Division have partnered together to host a weekly Emerging Leaders in Transit Lecture Series starting on Wednesday, February 24th.

This series is oriented to post-secondary students in the fields of planning, engineering, public policy and communications as well as young professionals with the following objectives:

- **To provide a lecture series filling in a gap** in urban planning education in Toronto on the topic of transit planning
- **Facilitate discussion, knowledge sharing, and career building** for young professionals who are considering entering a career in transportation, but are not sure where to start.
- **Inspire those who are curious**, or are interested in related fields, to consider public transit as a career or research topic area.

The session topics are intended to cover the “nuts and bolts” fundamentals of transit planning that are often not covered in most planning and engineering academic programs. Subject matter experts and speakers from the City of Toronto, Toronto Transit Commission, Metrolinx and the local professional consulting community have confirmed to present on a range of topics noted on the attached schedule of sessions.

The winter term topics include:

Access for All – Wednesday, February 24

Role of Public Consultation for Transit Projects – Wednesday, March 2

Role of the Private Sector in Transit Projects – Wednesday, March 9

Careers in Transit – Saturday, March 12

Modelling and Analysis – Wednesday, March 16

Most sessions are being held at the Ryerson School of Urban and Regional Planning at 105 Bond Street, Room 306 on Wednesdays starting at either 5:30 or 6pm (Please see schedule on the website).

The Careers in Transit Panel is on Saturday, March 12 at 11am at the George Vari Engineering Building (245 Church Street, 3rd Floor, Sears Atrium).

For further information and to register to attend a session you can visit the series website at www.emergingleadersintransit.com.

FINAL REMINDER - CUTA Membership 2016

CUTA would like to thank you for your support as a member. The past year serves to demonstrate what can be achieved through the collective representation of public transit. Your collaboration and

dedication to our common interests and values have been central to the success of the Association and the public transit industry as a whole. With membership growing every day, it is clear that the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) is the national forum for you to network with the transit industry in an effective and cost-efficient manner. Clearly, membership in CUTA now makes more sense than ever. It is the place to be in Canada's transit industry. As we prepare for the coming years, we are working to develop an even stronger support network among our members and stakeholders to implement the themes and strategic directions of Transit Vision 2040.

If you have not already paid your 2016 membership fee, we have made it really easy to pay for your [membership \(or print your invoice\)](#) to avoid any interruption in membership services. We look forward to the coming year, as we work with you to develop an even stronger support network among our members, to support you in your organization's goals, and work together towards Transit Vision 2040.

For more information, please contact [Winnie Tong](#), Acting Membership Coordinator.