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Environment Canada wants your input on how to address climate change

As the government puts together a plan to reduce GHG emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change, it is vital the transit industry contribute its expertise and insight to the public and policy makers.

Environment Canada has opened an online portal for people to contribute their ideas (<http://letstalkclimateaction.ca/ideas>) and we encourage our members to make their voices heard by submitting their ideas and concerns. If you would like any information to include in your submission to the portal, please reach out to CUTA's [Public Affairs Team](#) for guidance.

The website posts the submissions publically and you can find those having to do with transportation easily by searching the 'Transportation' tag or learn more about carbon pricing through the 'putting a price on carbon' theme.

For more information contact [Jeff Mackey](#).

Mobility Management Implementation Task Force Launched

The Mobility Management Implementation Task Force (MMITF) had their first meeting last week, under the leadership of Chair Laurent Chevrot (RTL). The Task Force will be continuing the work of the Integrated Mobility Task Force, armed with the definitions of *integrated mobility* and *mobility management* produced by the first Task Force. With a focus on the operationalizing of mobility management through the lenses of partnerships, land use planning and mobility demand management. With a two-phase mandate, the Task Force will first work on gathering best practices for the implementation of mobility management at the transit system level and then, in the second phase, oversee a pilot project mobility management implementation.

For more information regarding the Task Force, please contact [Lauren Rudko](#).

Infrastructure Minister clarifies how federal government will deal with P3 Canada

After the previous federal budget, the responsibility for Public-Private Partnerships Canada (P3 Canada) was transferred to Infrastructure Canada. While this signaled a different approach to P3s under this government, exactly how that approach would differ remained unknown for some months.

Recently Infrastructure Minister **Amarjeet Sohi** communicated to P3 Canada that they will play a key role in the development of Canadian infrastructure and that the agency was integrated into wider plans to allow for greater flexibility in the infrastructure project pipeline.

"On the right project, a P3 offers value for Canadians through cost - and time - certainty, as it transfers much of the risks associated with the provision of public infrastructure to the private sector anchored by the use of private financing," he said. "The Canadian experience has demonstrated the value that P3s can bring to large and complex infrastructure projects."

An in-depth article with Minister Sohi will feature in the upcoming edition of P3 Bulletin.

For more information, please contact [Jeff Mackey](#).

2016 Annual Conference Session Materials

Conference session presentations from CUTA's 2016 Annual Conference in Halifax are being incrementally added to our online library, found on the Member's Only Site. Currently, materials from sessions 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, and 12 are available online. To search for all 2016 Annual Conference materials, simply search "16A" (no quotations) as a keyword in the online library. We hope to have all session materials available in our library within one to two weeks, so stay tuned!

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

Save the Date: CUTA's 2016 Transit Awareness Days in Ottawa

Every year, CUTA members gather in Ottawa to deliver key transit messages to decision makers on **Parliament Hill**. With a brand new government in place and over 200 newly elected MPs, it is important for CUTA to establish its presence on the Hill and ensure that parliamentarians are made aware of transit related issues.

CUTA will be hosting a two-day event starting with a forum dedicated to urban mobility policy making on September 19, followed by the advocacy day with MPs on the 20th. The policy sessions would be designed to engage CUTA members, decision makers and other key stakeholders on important municipal, provincial and federal policies impacting the transit industry—topics will include everything from a discussion about system data being tied to funding, to learning about GHG reducing R&D, as well as alternative financing models for transit projects.

Monday, **September 19**, 2016 (full day) Transit Policy Forum

Tuesday, **September 20**, 2016 (full day) Transit Lobby Day

CUTA is finalizing special accommodation rates for its members which will be available soon.

For more information contact [Alex Maheu](#).

Conferences Updates

We've changed it up, for you – save these dates from 2016-2018!

In response to member feedback, CUTA will be transitioning to one flagship conference and transit show per year in 2018, complemented with additional value-packed learning and networking options to focus on topics and issues relevant to you, year-round. Mark your calendar with the CUTA events below and watch for additional announcements including call for contributions, sponsorship opportunities, registrations, vendor booth availability and more – coming soon.

CUTA Fall Conference and Transit Show

November 5-9, 2016 - Transit Show: November 8

Vancouver, British Columbia

UITP - Global Public Transport Summit: LEAD the TRANSITION

May 15-17, 2017 - Montréal, Québec

Transit & Urban Mobility Forum

November 4-5, 2017 - York Region, Ontario

CUTA Conference and Transit Show

November 17-21, 2018 - Toronto, Ontario

For more information, please contact the [Conferences Team](#).

Infrastructure Canada Shares details of Public Transit Infrastructure Fund

As part of their ongoing consultations for the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF), **Infrastructure Canada** attended CUTA's Annual Conference in Halifax. While there, they shared a very useful breakdown of how Phase 1 of PTIF will work and led a discussion on how Phase 2 of PTIF could best be developed. You can read their [slideshow presentation online here](#).

For more information on PTIF or federal funding please contact [Jeff Mackey](#).

Canadian Transit Forum Magazine: June 2016

The June issue of *Canadian Transit Forum* Magazine on Active Transportation is now available [online](#). For advertising in the magazine, please contact [Kim Davies](#) at Naylor.

For more information, contact [Johanne Palermo](#) at extension 120.

Natural Resources Canada looks to invest in alternative fuel systems

The Government of Canada is accepting project proposals for funding consideration under the Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative until July 8. In Budget 2016, Natural Resources Canada has been allocated \$16.4 million to support the deployment of up to 70 electric vehicle fast-charging stations, 6 natural gas and 2 hydrogen refuelling stations, along key transportation corridors. Visit NRCan's [website](#) and fill the online form in order to receive a copy of the applicant's package, which includes an applicant's guide and application.

The Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium (CUTRIC) is actively exploring the R&D component of the newly announced NRCan EVSE Fund as part of its demonstration trial with Pan-Ontario E-Bus stakeholders. Interested stakeholders are welcome to contact [Josipa Petronic](#) to determine how they can become a part of the initiative.

For more information contact [Jeff Mackey](#).

We're collaborating to bring you the best!

As mentioned above, the 2017 UITP Global Public Transport Summit "Lead the TRANSITION" will be taking place in Montréal from May 15-17th. CUTA will partner with UITP to present this biennial Summit, and cover the challenges of urban mobility worldwide by bringing together international stakeholders who face similar issues. And, if you joined us for our Fall Conference 2015, you'll already be familiar with our hosts, STM and AMT, who will again be welcoming us to beautiful Montréal.

What this means for CUTA:

- CUTA will not be holding a separate annual conference for 2017.
- CUTA Committee Meetings will still take place however, prior to the start of the Summit. These meetings will be Saturday May 13th and Sunday May 14th, 2017.

- During the Summit (May 15-17) there will be program content with a Canadian stream.
- The 2-day Trade Show will have a North American Pavilion.

**CUTA members receive special delegate rates for the whole Congress and special booth rates in the North American Pavilion. Registration and exhibitor information available soon!