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Improving transit a major theme in Ontario budget

The Ontario budget, which was released on February 25, contained strong transit commitments that could have a drastic and positive impact on the province's urban mobility.

The major announcement from budget day was that revenue generated from Ontario's soon-to-be implemented Cap-and-Trade system will be directed towards Greenhouse Gas reducing technologies like transit, home and business energy efficiency, green tech and innovation. Revenues are expected to reach between \$1.8-1.9 Billion annually starting in 2017-18.

The **Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium (CUTRIC)**, an organization CUTA helped found, also had a banner budget. The industry-led organization, which is dedicated to the generation of industry-academic collaborative R&D projects in transit, transportation and integrated mobility across Canada, received \$10 Million over four years through the Business Growth Initiative. Also included in budget was an expanded commitment through the Moving Ontario Forward Fund from \$29 Billion to \$31.5 Billion—with \$15 Billion being available for communities outside of the GTHA and \$16 Billion available for the GTHA.

For more information contact Jeff Mackey at mackey@cutaactu.ca.

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

Call for Sponsors

FIND STRENGTH IN PARTNERSHIP – Prime sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 Annual conference in Halifax are available. Support CUTA by sponsoring a networking event or a meal function and raise the profile of your business. Partnering with CUTA at a national conference is a prime opportunity to profile your company in front of Canada's transit decision makers and successors.

Align your company CSR mandate with CUTA Transit Vision 2040 initiatives by sponsoring an educational plenary session

Support your peers at the Individual and Corporate Leadership awards, given for significant contributions to the industry

Enhance CUTA initiatives by sponsoring various Workshops

For further information please contact [Paulina Cadena](#).

National Corporate Leadership Awards - Deadline for Nominations Extended!

If you missed the opportunity to submit a nomination for our Corporate Awards, you're not too late! All nominations are now due **March 16th by 5pm (EST)**.

Exceptional efforts and contributions deserve recognition. Learn more about the [awards categories](#) of Environment, Innovation, Marketing and Communications and Safety and Security and [make sure to](#)

[nominate](#) a CUTA Business Member or Transit System Member for their contribution to the transit industry overall.

For further information please contact [Jaimie Hildebrand](#).

Member Survey released and winner of Visa Gift Card announced

CUTA would like to thank all those who participated in its 2015 Member Survey last fall. This survey, conducted every three years, seeks to gauge the level of value CUTA members derive from their membership. This year the survey was re-imagined to provide better and more actionable information to staff and the CUTA executive.

We would also like to congratulate Alex Milojevic of Brampton Transit on winning a \$250 pre-paid VISA gift card. Alex was among the people who voluntarily added their name to the anonymous survey in exchange for being entered in the contest.

For those interested in learning more about the results, you can look at this [survey highlights slideshow](#) or watch [CUTA CEO Patrick Leclerc's presentation](#) on the survey results.

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

Cities and provinces are tackling legislative issues surrounding car sharing services

The landscape is changing fast with regards to car sharing regulations for companies like Uber and Lyft. For example, Edmonton has approved a new bylaw specifically designed to regulate ride-sharing services like Uber.

In Ontario, there is a Private Members Bill before the Legislature on the sharing economy that, if passed, would legitimize many ride-sharing services and other parts of the sharing economy. Additionally, Ontario's insurance regulator approved coverage for Uber drivers, allowing ride-sharing companies to pass one of the major hurdles in their fight for legitimacy: insuring their drivers.

In Quebec, the National Assembly will be launching a committee into the subject thanks to their new Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification. Also, Communauto, the car sharing company in Quebec and a CUTA member recently launched an aggressive offer in Montreal that could be viewed as direct competition with public transit in dense urban areas. The Auto-mobile illimité promo by Communauto allows people to have unlimited 30 minutes or less trips in Communauto cars for 40\$ per month including all charges such as gas and insurance.

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Who says fighting climate change doesn't pay?

The [Climate Change and Emissions Management Corporation \(CCEMC\)](#) and [Sustainable Development Technology Canada \(SDTC\)](#) are offering up to \$40 million of matching funds between four projects by Canadian innovators that produce energy efficiency and conservation; carbon dioxide utilization, methane reduction, or cleaner energy production and usage. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 8:00 PM EDT.

Eligible projects must advance pre-commercial technology for GHG reduction with a current Technology Readiness Level from 4-7, be run by a corporation operating in Canada with fewer than 500 employees, have a max project length of four years, be deployable within the province of Alberta and a consortium partner must provide cash and/or in-kind contributions.

To learn more, email applications@sdtc.ca .

Industry Professional Development and Training Update

[Transit Supervision When Things Go Wrong](#) and [Human Resources](#) will be held in Oshawa on March 21-24, 2016. There are still spaces available for those looking to complete their Transit Supervision Certification. If you are unable to attend or you have already completed these modules, we have other dates available for 2016.

Yorkville Conference Centre in the heart of Toronto will be our host again for our popular learning events, [Transit Scheduling and Runcutting Level I](#), and [Labour Relations and Collective Bargaining](#) during the month of April and May. Spaces are filling up and we look forward to meeting all the participants of these events soon.

For more information or to register use the [online registration form](#) or contact [Kevin Brown](#) at extension 121.

SmartDRIVER is calling out for participants

The training department has been approached by several properties in Ontario to have a training for [SmartDRIVER](#) in 2016. This will be an open enrolment event, so we are calling out for participants to join the training!

[Contact us](#) with your availability and number of people you would like trained on [SmartDRIVER](#).