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UITP AND APTA SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIP

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UITP and The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in order to strengthen their relationship and future cooperation.

In recognition of the common interests of **public transportation** industries in the United States of America, and internationally, both [APTA](#) and [UITP](#) will strive to work together on areas of **mutual benefit** to their memberships and, in so doing, maximize the **quality** and **value** of their **member services** in a variety of ways.

The agreement was signed in Nashville, Tennessee (25 September 2018) by APTA President and Chief Executive Officer **Paul Skoutelas** and UITP Secretary General **Mohamed Mezghani**.

"I am exceptionally pleased to reconfirm our commitment to collaboration between APTA and UITP. We have identified many areas for concrete exchange of best practices and know-how from electrification to addressing the evolving mobility environment. I look forward to developing shared activities which will be valuable to the US and international transit community."

Paul Skoutelas

APTA President and Chief Executive Officer

UITP and APTA will work together, where possible, to organise joint events on topics of common interest to the benefit of their respective and common members.

The associations will also work towards the organisation of Joint Training Programmes by identifying topics of training and other educational programmes of interest to the American public transport sector.

The first topics identified for cooperation are **electric buses** and **new mobility services**.



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"I am delighted to sign this new Memorandum of Understanding between UITP and APTA. The agreement will strengthen the bond between our two member-led associations, further highlighting not only APTA's vastly important presence in American urban life, but also UITP's global reach. I look forward to developing shared aims going forward."

Mohamed Mezghani
UITP Secretary General

UITP is pleased to announce this MoU with APTA at an important time for the association in North America.

The next edition of the **UITP Metropolitan Railways Assembly** will take place in conjunction with the third **International Rail Forum for North America** in Los Angeles (10-12 October 2018).

UITP will also **be hosting** the **Taxi Platform Meeting** and **New Mobility Services Learning Visit to Silicon Valley** in San Francisco (12 November 2018).

These activities are essential parts of UITP's efforts to involve North America in the discussion on the **future of public transit**.

For more information on UITP's activities in **North America** visit the [dedicated website](#).

NOTE TO EDITORS



The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. We have 1,500 member companies giving access to 16,000 contacts from 96 countries. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. Visit our website www.uitp.org Follow us on Twitter: [@UITPpress](#)



The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is an association representing public transportation providers, industry suppliers, governmental transportation organisations, universities and other transit related interests in North America. APTA's mission is to serve and lead its diverse membership through advocacy, innovation and information sharing to strengthen and expand public transportation. Visit their website: www.apta.com Follow them on Twitter: [@APTA_info](#)

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