

Many other forums and organizations in Canada contribute to sustainable transportation goals. The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) is a nonprofit association of transportation stakeholders in government, private industry, and educational institutions. It is a neutral forum for gathering or exchanging information and knowledge in support of technical guidelines and good practices. Its mission is to promote the provision of safe, effective, and environmentally and financially sustainable transportation services in support of Canada's social and economic goals.

The Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) is the association of providers of urban transit services, suppliers, and related organizations of Canada. Its mission is to promote the role of public transit as the solution to urban mobility in the achievement of sustainable transportation and to assist its members in the fulfillment of their mandates.

Given the nature of sustainable transportation issues, shared jurisdiction, and the range of private and public sector stakeholders involved in the transportation sector, working together is essential to finding the best path for Canada.

GLOBAL PROBLEMS: LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Planning for Sustainability

Canada has varied landscapes and climate, a diverse economy, and communities that range from small remote villages to large metropolitan centres. Given these differences, multiple approaches at different levels are needed to manage transportation issues. At the planning stages, governments, industry, and stakeholders must work together to help advance sustainable transportation.

In 1995, the Government of Canada passed legislation requiring each federal department to prepare sustainable development strategies through the lens of its own mandate. The legislation also established a Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development within the Office of the Auditor General of Canada to monitor and audit the implementation of federal departments' sustainable development strategies. Transport Canada's second sustainable development strategy has been prepared and will be tabled in Parliament in early 2001. The strategy is the department's plan for making better decisions together with key stakeholders in