



Joint CUTA-UITP Security Declaration on the Importance of Conducting Security Risk Assessment in Public Transit Systems

Mobility is a basic requirement for efficient and modern cities. No city today can function efficiently without a public transit system. Public transit is a recognised part of the solution towards achieving economic prosperity and liveable cities in the face of challenges such as climate change, congestion, as well as safety and security. However, in today's context of crime and terrorist threats, ensuring the safety and security of passengers is increasingly challenging.

The main challenge is building customer confidence that adequate measures are being taken to ensure their security as they use the system.

Conducting a Security Risk Assessment is currently an excellent method to assess security needs in a systematic and analytically clear way. It helps to identify weak points and prioritise areas where scarce resources should be concentrated.

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) and the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) provide information exchange opportunities to build awareness among their members of the importance of transit security.

UITP has recently completed a set of "*Guidelines for conducting risk assessment in public transport networks*" in the context of the European Project, COUNTERACT. UITP set up a Security Working Group in 2003, which is now a fully fledged Commission. It continues its commitment to support its members in security-related matters.

CUTA participates at a national level representing public transit with Transport Canada, and sits on a code of practice working group on the subject. CUTA has delivered a federally funded program for small transit systems to develop risk assessments, security plans and implementation plans.

UITP and CUTA encourage their members to conduct a security risk assessment and to update it regularly. In so doing, transit organisations are prompted to put security matters at the centre of their operations and manage security risks in a methodical and transparent manner.

Together, UITP and CUTA will continue to support each other and strengthen this cooperative partnership in the area of transit security.

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