

Press release – For Immediate Release

Panel of experts to discuss Road User Fees tonight in Ottawa
Event comes on the heels of Ottawa focused report to be released this afternoon

March 28, 2017 -- Six experts, including the author of a report on congestion pricing's potential in Ottawa, will speak tonight at a panel discussion about how road user fees can help create sustainable transportation and liveable cities.

WHAT: Panel discussion on *Road user fees: key to sustainable urban transportation*

WHEN: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:30pm - 9pm

WHERE: Marion Hall - Auditorium, University of Ottawa, 140 Louis Pasteur Ottawa, ON K1N 1A2 ([see map on page 2 due to construction in the area](#))

“Given that the City of Ottawa is proceeding with conducting an environmental assessment on a truck tunnel, which includes the possibility of it being a toll road, we felt it was timely for this conversation to be had,” said Trevor Haché. “Other Canadian cities, including [Calgary](#), [Edmonton](#), [Montreal](#), and [Vancouver](#), and the [province of Nova Scotia](#), are discussing similar ideas, and there is a wealth of international experience to draw on.”

Organized by the Healthy Transportation Coalition and community partners, **the event will include focus on a report (to be released later this afternoon) that studied different congestion pricing options in Ottawa.** Issues of fairness and equity will also be highlighted, as well as lessons learned from the City of Toronto's recent experience.

The event features the following guest speakers:

- Dale Beugin, Research Director, Canada's Ecofiscal Commission
- Graham Haines, Research Manager, Ryerson University City Building Institute
- David Chernushenko, City Councillor, Ottawa
- Vijay Gill, Assistant Vice President (North America), CPCS Transcom Ltd.
- Valérie Assoi, Steering Committee member, City for All Women Initiative
- Kristie Daniel, Program Director, Livable Cities, HealthBridge

There will be time reserved for questions from the audience which the six expert guest speakers will have a chance to respond to.

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Please note that the event venue (Marion Hall - Auditorium, University of Ottawa, 140 Louis Pasteur Ottawa, ON K1N 1A2) has a lot of construction happening nearby it, so please follow the red arrows to ensure you are able to get yourself to the building:

