



TRANSIT + COMMUNITY

TORONTO Sept. 14 – 17, 2026

SCHEDULE at a GLANCE

#MpactTO26



A preliminary look at titles and timing for plenaries, sessions, networking events, mobile workshops and pre-conference events at the 2026 Mpact Transit + Community conference in Toronto.

Arrive in Toronto in time for activities on Sunday, September 13. Plan to stay for mobile workshops on Thursday afternoon, September 17. Check out Mobile Workshop 01 on Monday morning for the option of starting your conference in Buffalo.

Conference Schedule



See descriptions and speakers for mobile workshops. Information about plenaries, sessions and networking events coming in July.

Register

mpactmobility.org/registernow

Book a Room

mpactmobility.org/bookaroom

Continuing Education Credits



Conference sessions, plenaries and mobile workshops are approved for continuing education credits from the **American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association**.

Members of the **Ontario Professional Planners Institute** and planning institutes in other provinces as well as members of the **Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)** may be eligible to claim continuing education credits. See mpactmobility.org/schedule for details.

Mobile Workshops & Pre-Conference Events

Space is limited; pre-registration required and separate fees apply. AICP CM credit info to come. Note: Arrive in Buffalo, NY, to join MW01 on Monday morning.

MW02 TOD: Taste-Oriented Development Along Line 5 Eglinton

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

US\$65 includes lunch

MW04 St Lawrence: Preservation and New Life in Toronto's Oldest Neighbourhood

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

US\$45

MW03 Pop-Up Possibilities: Activating Underutilized TTC Spaces

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

US\$45

PCMW01 A Sunday Bicycle Ride in Toronto

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

US\$125



Networking

Thank you

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Mobile Workshops Presenting Sponsor



Mpart Innovators PRESENTS
Pre-conference Picnic in Grange Park

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Destination Toronto

Pre-Conference Learning Opportunities

Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities: A CUTA Training

8:00 am – 5:00 pm | AICP CM 8.0
US\$150

TOD Tabletop with Mpack and FTA

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | AICP CM 1.5

Exhibitor Showcase: Case-studies and problem solving with MpackTO26 Exhibitors

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Exhibits in the Public Square

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Lower Concourse

Monday Mobile Workshops

Space is limited; pre-registration required and separate fees apply. AICP CM credit info to come.

MW01 Buffalo to Toronto: A Cross-border View of Light Rail Expansion and Development - Plus Niagara Falls!

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

US\$150 includes lunch and coach to Toronto

MW05 Active Transportation and Transit in Hamilton

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

US\$65 includes lunch

MW06 Multimodal TOCs in Toronto's Western Suburbs

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

US\$65 includes lunch

MW07 Preserving Community Along Finch West LRT

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

US\$65 includes lunch

MW08 Port Lands to Ravines: Climate-Ready, People-First Infrastructure in Toronto

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

US\$65

MW09 Riding The City: Toronto's Transit Network and Urban Corridors

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

US\$65 includes lunch

MW10 Toronto's Midtown in Transition

10:00 am – Noon

US\$45

MW11 TOD: Taste-Oriented Development Along Line 5 Eglinton

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

US\$65 includes lunch

MW12 Ookwemin Minising and Port Lands Flood Protection

12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

US\$45

MW13 Toronto Harbour and Skyline

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

US\$65

MW14 Making More Room for Transit: Evolving the TTC's Legacy Network

1:15 pm – 4:15 pm

US\$45

MW15 Ride the Region: Greater Toronto Transit Connectivity

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

US\$65

Welcome Reception Kick-Off

with thanks to



Sheraton Centre
Waterfall Garden

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm



Welcome Reception Choose Your Own Adventure

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

**Choose Your Own Adventure
Movie Night:** Exclusive
preview of *In the Driver's Seat*,
followed by *Urbanized*

**Choose Your Own Adventure
Toronto Photo
Scavenger Hunt**

*hosted by Young Professionals
in Transportation (YPT) Toronto*

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**Choose Your Own Adventure
Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays
vs. Detroit Tigers**

(pre-registration required)

US\$50 per ticket

**Choose Your Own Adventure
Hosted Dinners in Toronto**

*(sign up at registration
in Toronto)*



Tuesday, September 15

Continental Breakfast 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Public Square

Opening Plenary AICP CM 1.5

**The Future of Place:
Mobility and Development
at a Turning Point**
8:15 am – 10:00 am

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Exhibits in the Public Square

7:00 am – 6:30 pm
Lower Concourse

Also in the Public Square:
Visit the Spacing Store,
Deconstructing TOD display,
and the Mpact Innovators' Lounge



Refreshment Break 10:00 am – 10:30 am Sponsored by **ARUP**

Tuesday Morning Mobile Workshops

Space is limited; pre-registration required and separate fees apply.
AICP CM credit info to come.

**MW16 Getting Ahead of Transit
on The Queen's Quay East**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
US\$45

**MW18 Co-Creating the
Transit of Tomorrow**

11:00 am – 3:00 pm
US\$45 purchase lunch on workshop

MW17 Confronting the Sexist City

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
US\$45

**MW19 Mirvish Village
at Bloor & Bathurst**

Noon – 2:00 pm
US\$65 includes a slice of pizza!

Tuesday Morning Sessions AICP CM 1.5 10:30 am – Noon

**Going High: The Case for Elevated Transit
Guideway and Stations**

**Laying Foundations: Leveraging TOD for
Revenue and Ridership**

**Blueprint for Yes: Structuring a Winning
Local Funding Measure**

Fair Fares: Far More than Cost Recovery

**Beyond Signage: Wayfinding in
Complex Transit Networks**

**Mobility is Key: Unlocking Access
for Women, Youth and Seniors**

**Delivering Transformative Rail:
Promise and Peril from Vision to Implementation**



Tuesday, September 15

Downtime – Lunch on Your Own
Noon – 2:00 pm



Mpact Innovators PRESENTS Lunchtime Walking Tours

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm Meet in Lobby.

Walking Tour:
City Hall

Walking Tour:
The Legacy of Light
and Heavy Rail in
Downtown Toronto

Walking Tour:
YongeTOmorrow
and Young Today

Lunchtime Learning AICP CM 1.0

BRT Managers' Forum

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Tuesday Afternoon Mobile Workshops

Space is limited; pre-registration required and separate fees apply. AICP CM credit info to come.

**MW20 Transformative Transit and
TOD in Historic West Downtown**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

US\$45

**MW21 Chinatown Tomorrow:
Expanding Transit, Preserving
Community**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

US\$45

**MW22 University of Toronto:
A City within the City**

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

US\$45

**MW23 Regent Park: Large-Scale
Community Revitalization**

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

US\$45

Tuesday Early Afternoon Sessions AICP CM 1.5

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Unlocking the “Toronto Model”
for Transit-Oriented Communities**

**The Medium and the Transit Message:
Conversations that Empower**

**Next Generation TOD: Transit Agencies as
Mobility Providers and Community Builders**

**Transit Corridors as Connection:
Aligning People, Policies and Design**

Governance Solutions for Transit’s Fiscal Cliff

**Different Tracks, Same Destination:
Unlocking TOD Across North America**

Collaborative Planning for Climate Resiliency

Refreshment Break 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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Tuesday, September 15



Tuesday Late Afternoon Sessions AICP 1.0

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Workforce for a Zero-Emissions Future

Broadening the “Toronto Model” for Transit-Oriented Communities

Co-Creating Downtown Revitalization in Portland

How to Win Friends and Influence Commissioners: Data, Storytelling and Argument

Public Art Via Alternative Delivery Methods

So you have a mandate, now what? Implementing Transit Wins

Towers vs. Townhomes: Real Estate and TOD Across the 49th Parallel



Tuesday Wind Down & Exhibitor Reception

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Public Square
Lower Concourse**



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Poster Session

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Meet in Lobby.

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Wednesday, September 16

Networking

Mpact Innovators PRESENTS
Mindful Morning Movement

7:00 am – 8:00 am

*Continental Breakfast 7:30 am – 8:30 am
Public Square*

*Also in the Public Square: Visit the Spacing Store,
Deconstructing TOD display and the
Mpact Innovators' Lounge*



Wednesday Plenary AICP CM 1.5

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Driven by Purpose: Leadership
Stories at the Intersection of
People and Mobility**

Refreshment Break 10:00 am – 10:30 am

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Wednesday Morning Mobile Workshops

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separate fees apply. AICP CM credit info to come.*

**MW24 Union Station: Where
Heritage Meets Innovation**

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

US\$45

**MW25 Riding The City: Toronto's
Transit Network and Urban Corridors**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

US\$65 includes lunch

**MW26 The West Don Lands: A Complete
Community in Toronto's Eastern Waterfront**

10:00 am – 1:30 pm

US\$45 purchase lunch on workshop

**MW27 Toronto's Laneways: Grassroots
Placemaking for Vibrant Urban Spaces**

10:30 pm – 1:00 pm

US\$65 light snacks provided

Wednesday Morning Sessions AICP CM 1.5

**Zero Emissions Vehicles: Fleets,
Technology and Adaptation**

**The Thrill of Mega Events!
The Scorecard for Agencies**

**Delivering TOD in
Built-Out Markets**

10:30 am – Noon

**More Transit, Faster:
Tools for Speedier Project Delivery**

**Lot to Gain:
All about Park-N-Ride Conversions**

**Who Gets the Ground Floor?
The Making of Transit-Oriented Spaces**

**Spread Too Thin:
Doing More with Capital Funds**

Downtime – Lunch on Your Own

Noon – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, September 16



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Lunchtime Walking Tours 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm Meet in Lobby.

Walking Tour:

Underground & Overhead in Toronto's Financial District

Walking Tour:

Mallwalking Power Hour

Walking Tour:

Indigenous History & Architecture on the U of T Campus

Lunchtime Learning AICP CM 1.0

TOD Practitioners' Forum

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm



Wednesday Afternoon Mobile Workshops

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MW28 The Bentway: Life Below the Expressway

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

US\$45

MW29 Downtown West Side: The Well, CityPlace and the Bentway

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

US\$45

MW30 Two Kings, One Corridor: Growth Along North America's Busiest Streetcar Route

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

US\$45

MW31 Vaughan Metropolitan Centre: Transit-Centred Transformation in the Suburbs

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

US\$45

MW32 Life and Art Along Queen West

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

US\$45

Wednesday Early Afternoon Sessions AICP CM 1.5

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Platforms for Trust: Case Studies in Indigenous Engagement

Youth Engagement & the Future of Transportation and Cities

Connect, Co-Create, Capacity: Rethinking Community Partnerships

Transit without Barriers: An Interactive Accessibility Challenge

From Shelter to System: Designing Transit Spaces for Safety, Belonging and Access

TOD and Mobility Hubs: Planning Northern California's High Speed Rail Corridor

Up and Out: How TOD Gets Done in Western Canada



Wednesday Late Afternoon Sessions **AICP CM 1.5**

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Risk to Resilience: Rethinking Transportation Investment in a Changing Climate

Delivering on the Promise: The Lifecycle of Capital Projects

Design Excellence and the Passenger Experience

Evolution vs. Big Bang: How (Inter) Agency Structures Shape Transit Outcomes

Bus Network Redesigns: Wins, Pivots and Surprises

We've Been At This a While: Scale and Ambition in Transit Agency TOD Programs

Building Complete Communities around Transit Stations: Impacts and Unintended Consequences

Networking

Mpact LGBTQ+ Community and Friends Reception – All are Welcome!

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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The Mpact PK Slam

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The Concert Hall
888 Yonge Street

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Thursday, September 17

Continental Breakfast 7:30 am – 8:30 am
Public Square

7:00 am – Noon in the Public Square: Visit the Spacing Store, Deconstructing TOD display and the Mpact Innovators' Lounge

Thursday Morning Sessions AICP CM 1.5

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Start Small, Go Big: Lessons from Regional BRT Implementation

Community-Rooted TOD: Innovative Funding and Collaborative Planning

New Tools for Engagement: How AI, Sensors, Social & More Are Changing the Game

Improving Transit Safety and Ridership by Addressing Drug Use

More Than a Station: Designing Landmarks of Belonging

Growing Inclusive Teams: Recruitment, Mentorship, Empowerment

Thursday Afternoon Mobile Workshops

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MW33 Leslie Barns Streetcar Storage Facility

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

US\$45

MW34 High-rise Development in Low-rise Neighborhoods

2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

US\$45

MW35 Toronto's Crosstown: A Tale of Three Communities

2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

US\$45

Networking

Mpact Innovators PRESENTS

Morning Miles Through Toronto

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Thursday One-Hour Sessions AICP CM 1.0

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Rising Stars: Fresh Perspectives on the Transit Landscape

Reimagining Rural Mobility: The Small City Toolbox

A Bigger Circle: New Approaches to Serving Vulnerable Populations

Bold Visions: Building Collective Action for Transit-Oriented Communities

Playing the Long Game: Centering Community in Large Scale Redevelopment Projects

Three Cities, One Question: How Transit Shapes Urban Growth

Closing Plenary Lunch

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

AICP CM 1.5

Unpredictable by Design: How Messy Cities Inspire Better Urban Futures



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Careers in Transit

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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The **Mpact National Steering Committee (NSC)**, a dynamic cross-sector group drawn from Mpact Partner organizations, brings vast experience and collaborative energy to curating conference sessions, drawing on the 300+ proposals submitted in our Call for Speakers.

The **Local Host Committee** tells the local story, sharing their knowledge of people, projects and great places via Mobile Workshops, Pre-conference Events, the Welcome Reception and regional learning opportunities. They also help with fundraising and coordinate volunteers.

The **Mpact Innovators**, a national networking group formed to welcome the next generation of leaders and thinkers, brings fresh ideas throughout the conference, organizing walking tours, wellness activities, the Mpact PK Slam and more.

**Thank you
Mpact Champions for
supporting the next
generation of our work**



Mpact, founded in 1995 as Rail~Volution, is a national nonprofit organization focused on building transit-oriented communities. We connect and support a network of leaders, practitioners and advocates dedicated to engaging with communities to define what's possible and sharing practical, proven ways to get there.

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