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Ryerson CBI's "Hacking Surface Transit in Toronto" Explores Immediate Transit Solutions

TORONTO, ON – Across the city, Torontonians are facing transit challenges, from overcrowding, to deteriorating equipment, to a lack of reliable service. The provincial government's promised \$29 billion in capital projects to address the situation are a decade or more from being realized. This leaves us in a situation of looking for innovative, and immediate, solutions.

On July 30, the **Ryerson City Building Institute** is bringing together a panel of experts to discuss the potential of "hacking" existing surface transit routes to solve the GTA's near-term transit issues. The speakers are: **Barbara Gray**, General Manager, Transportation Services, City of Toronto; **Andrew Miller**, Associate Director, Mobility, Sidewalk Labs; **Raktim Mitra**, Associate Professor, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Ryerson University; and **Matti Siemiatycki**, Associate Professor and Director of School of Cities, University of Toronto.

"The City's King Street Transit Pilot was a huge win," said **Cherise Burda, Executive Director of the Ryerson City Building Institute**. "Now that we know there are quick, simple and relatively affordable solutions available along our surface routes, it's time to talk about scaling them up to provide relief to transit-starved and gridlocked Torontonians."

Happening at Ryerson University's Sears Atrium (245 Victoria Street, 3rd floor), *Hacking Surface Transit in Toronto* is the second in the Ryerson City Building Institute's new Urban Innovation Cafe discussion series, examining out-of-the-box solutions to urban challenges with academics, thought leaders and practitioners.

There is no cost to attend. Registration is required. More information is available at: <https://www.citybuildinginstitute.ca/innovation-cafe/>

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