

**Transport Minister of Canada, The Honourable Marc Garneau,  
to Speak at ITS World Congress in Montréal**

Minister Garneau to discuss *Transportation 2030*, his vision  
for the future of transportation in Canada

**Washington, D.C. — September XX, 2017** — The ITS World Congress 2017, produced by ITS America in conjunction with ITS Canada and co-organized by ITS Europe and ITS Asia-Pacific, is honoured to announce that Canada’s Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, will speak at the ITS World Congress in Montréal, Quebec on October 31.

Minister Garneau’s entire career has been in the public service. During his 15 years in the Royal Canadian Navy, Minister Garneau was selected from more than four thousand applicants to become the first Canadian astronaut to fly in space. He served as a crew member aboard three Space Shuttle missions, spending more than 675 hours in space.

Minister Garneau has also served as Vice President, and then later as President, of the Canadian Space Agency. He was appointed Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada’s highest civilian honour in 2003. In 2008, he was elected as Member of Parliament for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce–Westmount, Quebec, and reelected in 2011 and 2015. He was the Liberal House of Commons Leader in 2011. In 2015, Minister Garneau was named Minister of Transport by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

“We are honoured that Minister Garneau will join us and speak at the ITS World Congress in Montréal. He is an exceptional leader who understands infrastructure and intelligent transportation systems are critical to providing a high quality of life and economic growth for everyone. I know that everyone attending the World Congress is very excited to hear his address,” said David St. Amant, Interim President & CEO, ITS America.

In his position as Minister of Transport, he has emphasized the important role played by intelligent transportation in Canada and worked diligently to put forth his strategic vision for transportation in Canada, *Transportation 2030*.

“Minister Garneau is looking forward to the opportunity to share his vision and plan for Canada’s transportation system through *Transportation 2030* with the thought leaders and industry experts that will be gathered for the ITS World Congress event, said Chris Philp, Chair & CEO, ITS Canada. “His plan for *Transportation 2030* groups actions under five themes, covering all modes of transport and activities such as setting and enforcing regulations. This plan promotes a ‘whole system’ view to make sure that all parts of Canada’s transportation system work well together to support the country’s priorities and need for a safe and efficient system.”

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systems. Academics, researchers, policymakers, businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, implementers, and the media and thousands of people from the transport, automotive, telecommunications, and technology sectors will gain insights on how the industry is addressing the challenges facing mobile, connected societies today and in the future. Those interested in attending Procurement Day must be registered for the full ITS World Congress conference to attend this special event.

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