

# ITS CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

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Highlights of our *December Newsletter* include:

- FAA Says Santa Monica Airport Must Stay Open Until 2023
  - San Francisco Celebrates Pedestrian, Bike Infrastructure Improvements, Vows to Do More
  - Video Surveillance Cameras Proposed for Pasadena Transit Buses
  - California Transportation Commission Adopts 27 Projects, Valued at Nearly \$154 Million
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## **Top Story**

### **Federal Transportation Bill Allocates \$26 Billion to California**

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/nation/article/Congress-displays-rare-bipartisan-effort-on-6670996.php>

## **AVIATION**

### **FAA Says Santa Monica Airport Must Stay Open Until 2023**

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-airport-ruling-20151205-story.html>

### **LA City Council OKs Move Toward Returning Airport Control to Ontario**

Link to AP article

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/12/17/la-city-council-oks-move-toward-returning-airport-control-to-ontario/>

### **When Will Sacramento Get Light Rail to the Airport? Not Soon**

Link to Sacramento Bee article

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/transportation/article48553475.html>

### **Celebrities Will Evade Fans and Photographers at Los Angeles Airport Lounge**

Link to The New York Times article

[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/21/us/celebrities-will-evade-fans-and-photographers-at-los-angeles-airport-lounge.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/21/us/celebrities-will-evade-fans-and-photographers-at-los-angeles-airport-lounge.html?_r=0)

## **BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS**

### **San Francisco Celebrates Pedestrian, Bike Infrastructure Improvements, Vows to Do More**

Link to Bay City News article

<http://sfappeal.com/2015/11/sf-celebrates-pedestrian-bike-infrastructure-improvements-vows-to-do-more/>

### **Bike Lanes in LA's Mobility Plan Might be Removed, Planners Say**

Link to City News Service article

<http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20151125/bicycle-lanes-in-las-mobility-plan-might-be-removed-planners-say>

### **Santa Barbara Approves Wayfinding Signs Around Downtown**

Link to Noozhawk article

[http://www.noozhawk.com/article/santa\\_barbara\\_oks\\_signs\\_parking\\_pedestrian\\_signs\\_20151129](http://www.noozhawk.com/article/santa_barbara_oks_signs_parking_pedestrian_signs_20151129)

## **CAMERAS**

### **Video Surveillance Cameras Proposed for Pasadena Transit Buses**

Link to Pasadena Now article

<http://www.pasadenanow.com/main/video-surveillance-cameras-proposed-for-pasadena-transit-buses/#.VIRPmt-rQqw>

## **ELECTRONIC TOLLING**

### **C/CAG Studies 101 Toll Lanes**

Link to Daily Journal article

<http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/news/2015-11-27/agency-studies-101-toll-lanes-millions-sought-for-early-phases-of-bringing-carpool-toll-lanes-to-well-used-highway/1776425154248.html>

## **FUNDING**

### **California Transportation Commission Adopts 27 Projects, Valued at Nearly \$154 Million**

Link to Fresno Bee article

<http://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/article49402870.html>

### **San Diego Proposal Would Devote Sales Tax, Pension Savings to Infrastructure**

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/dec/02/kersey-infrastructure-sales-tax-ballot-measure/>

### **California Localities Anticipate How to Meet Infrastructure, Transportation Demands**

Link to Government Technology article

<http://www.govtech.com/state/California-Localities-Anticipate-How-to-Meet-Infrastructure-Transportation-Demands.html>

## **MARITIME**

### **Port of LA Rolled Back Measures to Cut Pollution – During Its 'Green' Expansion**

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-port-pollution-20151215-story.html>

## **OTHER**

### **San Francisco Readies Roads, Transit for Super Bowl Takeover**

Link to SFBAY article

<http://sfbay.ca/2015/12/02/sf-readies-roads-transit-for-super-bowl-takeover/>

### **Marin Assemblyman's Bill to Eliminate MTC Scorned by Board Members**

Link to Marin Independent Journal article

<http://www.marinij.com/general-news/20151122/marin-assemblymans-bill-to-eliminate-transportation-agency-scorned-by-board-members>

### **The Bay Area's Transportation Potential and the Role Tech Companies Can Play**

Link to Triple Pundit article

<http://www.triplepundit.com/special/tech-titans/the-bay-areas-transportation-potential-and-the-role-tech-companies-can-play/>

### **Caltrans Official for Disabled Access Accused of Taking Bribes**

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Caltrans-official-in-charge-of-disabled-access-6703675.php>

### **County Supervisor Ron Roberts Elected SANDAG Chairman**

Link to City News Service article

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2015/dec/18/supervisor-roberts-elected-sandag-chairman/>

### **Dispute Over 'Wayfinding Signs' Reflects Downtown Santa Ana Identity Crisis**

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/council-694591-downtown-business.html>

### **Winning Ideas Chosen in Caltrans' \$25,000 Find a New Way Innovation Contest**

Link to news release

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/paffairs/news/pressrel/2015/15pr129.htm>

### **Ford Joins with Girls Who Code in Silicon Valley to Educate the Next Generation of Women, Close STEM Gender Gap**

Link to news release

<https://media.ford.com/content/fordmedia/fna/us/en/news/2015/12/15/ford-joins-with-girls-who-code-to-close-stem-gender-gap.html>

## **PARKING**

### **How Self-Driving Cars Can Transform Los Angeles, Starting with Its Parking**

Link to Los Angeles Times commentary

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/livable-city/la-ol-automated-cars-mobility-plan-2035-parking-20151202-story.html>

## **PLANNING**

### **Analytics Poised to Take Guesswork Out of Transportation Planning**

Link to Future Structure article

<http://www.govtech.com/fs/Analytics-Poised-to-Take-Guesswork-Out-of-Transportation-Planning.html>

### **Los Angeles Conference Focuses on Future of Transportation Planning in California**

Link to news release

<http://www.lewis.ucla.edu/2015/12/ucla-partners-with-caltrans-to-deliver-california-transportation-planning-conference/>

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION / EDUCATION**

### **Bob Hope Airport Officials Mail Pamphlets Touting Replacement Terminal**

Link to Burbank Leader article

<http://www.latimes.com/socal/burbank-leader/news/tn-blr-replacement-terminal-pamphlets-20151216-story.html>

### **New Winter Edition of The Mile Marker Marks One Year for the Caltrans Performance Report**

Link to news release

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/paffairs/news/pressrel/2015/15pr130.htm>

## **RAILROADS**

### **Metrolink Train Cars That Derailed in Oxnard Had Flawed Parts, Confidential Report Finds**

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-adv-metrolink-report-20151216-story.html>

### **Carlsbad Considers a Tunnel for Trains**

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/dec/14/carlsbad-considers-a-tunnel-for-trains/>

### **CHSRA Gears Up for Fresno Bridge Demolition**

Link to Progressive Railroading article

[http://www.progressiverailroading.com/high\\_speed\\_rail/news/California-highspeed-rail-agency-gears-up-for-Fresno-bridge-demolition--46699](http://www.progressiverailroading.com/high_speed_rail/news/California-highspeed-rail-agency-gears-up-for-Fresno-bridge-demolition--46699)

## **ROADWAYS**

### **Study: One-Third of Nation's 30 Worst Traffic Bottlenecks Are In Los Angeles Area**

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-ln-worst-bottlenecks-traffic-los-angeles-20151123-story.html>

### **Bay Area Commute's 'Awful' Ride Now Stretches to Before 5 AM**

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Bay-Area-commute-analysis-Awful-ride-6647859.php?t=a34e9ddd93baa6eec6&cmpid=twitter-premium>

### **Long Neglected Road Maintenance is Now Urgent and Expensive**

Link to CALmatters article

<http://calmatters.org/articles/long-neglected-road-maintenance-is-now-urgent-and-expensive/>

### **La Quinta Grant to Improve Traffic Signals**

Link to Desert Sun article

<http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/traffic/2015/11/24/la-quinta-grant-signals/76217478/>

### **San Jose Underpass Transformed Into an Animated Light Show**

Link to San Jose Mercury News article

[http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci\\_29232455/illuminating-downtown-public-art-display-san-jose-opens](http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_29232455/illuminating-downtown-public-art-display-san-jose-opens)

### **TIGER Helping Fix Worst Freeway Interchange in California**

Link to USDOT's Fast Lane blog

<https://www.transportation.gov/fastlane/tiger-helping-fix-worst-freeway-interchange-california>

## **SAFETY / SECURITY**

### **US Launches Trial of Facial, Eye Scans at Otay Mesa Border Crossing**

Link to AP article

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/us-world/article/U-S-launches-trial-of-facial-eye-scans-on-6690107.php>

### **Chico Offered \$3.8 Million for Traffic Safety Improvements**

Link to Enterprise-Record article

<http://www.chicoer.com/general-news/20151125/chico-offered-38-million-for-traffic-safety-improvements>

### **Traffic Guru Creates Drop-Off Strategy for San Francisco Schools**

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/traffic-guru-creates-drop-off-strategy/>

## **TRANSIT**

### **Bus Late? Swyft, Moovit Harness Crowd to Predict San Francisco Muni Arrivals**

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/business/article/Bus-late-Swyft-Moovit-harness-crowd-to-predict-6671278.php>

### **SFMTA Could Pay Super Bowl Transit Costs**

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sfmta-could-pay-super-bowl-transit-costs/>

### **Plans Revealed for Solana Beach Transit Center Development**

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/nov/20/plans-revealed-for-transit-center-development/>

### **BART's Year-Old Oakland Airport Link a Hit, But Fees Spark Gripes**

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/BART-s-year-old-Oakland-airport-link-a-hit-but-6659132.php>

### **Modesto ACE Train Extension Might Not Leave the Station**

Link to Modest Bee article

<http://www.modbee.com/news/article49781930.html>

### **Is Anaheim Against or For the Streetcar Plan? Study Continues Amid Division in City**

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/anaheim-696114-streetcar-study.html>

### **Los Angeles Public Transit Woos Seniors as Baby Boomers Go Gray**

Link to KPCC Radio story

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2015/12/08/56000/la-public-transit-woos-seniors-as-baby-boomers-go/>

### **New Silver Line Express Offers One-Seat Ride from San Pedro to Downtown LA**

Link to Daily Breeze article

<http://www.dailybreeze.com/general-news/20151214/new-silver-line-express-offers-one-seat-ride-from-san-pedro-to-downtown-la>

### **Mountain Area Regional Transit Buses Getting Upgraded GPS**

Link to Big Bear Grizzly article

[http://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/news/mountain-transit-approves-tech-contract/article\\_b71a3666-930d-11e5-82e0-1b06f9fad0c9.html](http://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/news/mountain-transit-approves-tech-contract/article_b71a3666-930d-11e5-82e0-1b06f9fad0c9.html)

### **Orange County Proposes to Win Back Bus Riders with Shorter Waits and Fewer Bus Lines**

Link to KPCC Radio story

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2015/11/30/55888/oc-proposal-to-win-back-bus-riders-shorter-waits-b/>

### **Apple Maps Now Includes Transit Information for Los Angeles**

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-tn-apple-maps-transit-20151215-story.html>

### **San Luis Obispo Transit to Pass Out Ponchos on Rainy Days**

Link to Tribune article

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article49932135.html>

### **VTrans Awarded Transit Agency of the Year by California Transit Association**

Link to news release

[http://www.masstransitmag.com/press\\_release/12141579/vtrans-awarded-transit-agency-of-the-year-by-the-california-transit-association](http://www.masstransitmag.com/press_release/12141579/vtrans-awarded-transit-agency-of-the-year-by-the-california-transit-association)

### **BART Launches Escalator Availability Feature Online**

Link to news release

<https://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2015/news20151203>

### **Civic Resource Group and TransitScreen Selected to Modernize MTC's Transit Signage Across San Francisco Bay Area**

Link to news release

<http://www.civicresource.com/news25.html>

### **BART Installs First of Larger, Easier to Read Destination Signs**

Link to news release

<https://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2015/news20151214>

### **Solano Transportation Authority Launches New Mobility Call Center and Website**

Link to news release

<http://www.sta.ca.gov/docManager/1000005808/STA%20Launches%20New%20Solano%20Mobility%20Website%2012-18-15.pdf>

## **TRAVELER INFORMATION / TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT**

### **Pollution, Airspace, Traffic Concerns Stall NFL Stadium Bids as Final Decision Looms**

Link to Daily Breeze article

<http://www.dailybreeze.com/sports/20151128/pollution-airspace-traffic-concerns-stall-nfl-stadium-bids-as-final-decision-looms>

## **VEHICLES**

### **The Future of the Automobile is Being Reshaped in California**

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-california-auto-industry-20151118-story.html>

### **Ford to Test Self-Driving Cars on California Roads**

Link to USA Today article

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2015/12/15/ford-test-self-driving-cars-calif-roads/77352780/>

### **Google 'Gravely Disappointed' by Proposed California Restrictions on Driverless Cars**

Link to USA Today article

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/news/2015/12/16/google-disappointed-by-proposed-rules-from-california-dmv/77447672/>

### **Driverless Vehicles and the Future of Los Angeles Transportation**

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-commute-20151130-story.html>

### **The Future of Connected Cars in San Diego**

Link to Studio 61 blog

<http://www.cnet.com/paid-content/news/the-smart-future-of-connected-cars-in-san-diego/>

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