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Top Story

Vendors Testing Alternative Road Tax for California Might Offer Data to Drivers

Link to Government Technology article

<http://www.govtech.com/fs/Vendors-Testing-Alternative-Road-Tax-for-California-Might-Offer-Data-to-Drivers.html>

AVIATION

Long Beach Airport Director Resigns, Accepts Position in Oakland

Link to Press-Telegram article

<http://www.presstelegram.com/business/20160225/long-beach-airport-director-resigns-accepts-position-in-oakland>

BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS

Santa Monica Council Weighs in on Blueprint for Pedestrian Safety

Link to Santa Monica Lookout article

http://www.surfsantamonica.com/ssm_site/the_lookout/news/News-2016/February-2016/02_25_2016_Santa_Monica_Council_Weighs_in_on_Blueprint_for_Pedestrian_Safety.html

San Francisco Chinatown Pedestrian 'Scramble' Will Be Installed Where Senior Citizen Was Fatally Struck

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/chinatown-pedestrian-scramble-will-be-installed-where-senior-citizen-was-fatally-struck/>

New Traffic Signal Aims to Keep Pedestrians Safe in Downtown LA

Link to KCBS-TV story

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/03/01/new-traffic-signals-aim-to-keep-pedestrians-safe-in-downtown-la/>

Burbank City Council OKs Early Step in Bicycle Path Across Los Angeles River

Link to Burbank Leader article

<http://www.latimes.com/socal/burbank-leader/news/tn-gnp-me-bridges-20160225-story.html>

Long Beach Debuts New Bikesharing Program

Link to Press-Telegram article

<http://www.presstelegram.com/sports/20160310/long-beach-debuts-new-bike-sharing-program>

Napa Releases Plan to Improve the Walking Experience

Link to Napa Valley Register article

http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/napa-releases-plan-to-improve-the-walking-experience/article_5a2d64f7-c4c9-5d5b-a0eb-5807df7241c2.html

CARTOGRAPHY

TomTom Extends HD Map Coverage with California and Nevada

Link to news release

<http://corporate.tomtom.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=960887>

FUNDING

Gas Tax Going Down in California, But Not By Much

Link to AP article

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2016/02/24/gas-tax-going-down-in-california-but-not-by-much/>

225 California Transportation Projects in Trouble

Link to San Jose Mercury News article

http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_29596256/225-california-transportation-projects-trouble

Infrastructure Measure on June 7 San Diego Ballot

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/mar/08/rebuild-san-diego-infrastructure-ballot-measure/>

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION

San Francisco in Running for \$50 Million Grant to Technologically Improve Transportation

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-running-50m-grant-technologically-improve-transportation-network/>

OTHER

Los Altos Start-Up Makes Sense of Transportation Data

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-cutting-edge-urban-engines-20160228-story.html>

State Program Gives Poor a Break on Traffic Tickets

Link to AP article

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/State-program-gives-poor-a-break-on-traffic-6894552.php>

Los Angeles' Testing Ground for Transportation Efficiency

Link to Governing column

<http://www.governing.com/blogs/bfc/gov-los-angeles-transportation-efficiency-mobility-management.html>

SCR TTC Wins National and State Awards Back to Back

Link to news release

http://www.scrttc.com/images/stories/PDFs/press_releases/scr_ttc_press_release_win_national_state_awards.pdf

PLANNING

Mayor, Transportation Leaders Envision an LA of Self-Driving Cars and Hyperloop

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-transit-panel-20160229-story.html>

Therese McMillan, Acting FTA Administrator, to Become Chief Planning Officer of Los Angeles MTA

Link to Washington Post article

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/dr-gridlock/wp/2016/03/03/therese-w-mcmillan-acting-fta-administrator-leaves-to-take-a-job-in-los-angeles/>

San Diego Launches New Working Group to Address Climate Change

Link to City News Service article

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2016/feb/25/san-diego-launches-new-working-group-address-clima/>

RAILROADS

High-Speed Rail Wins Key Legal Victory

Link to Tribune News Service article

<http://www.governing.com/topics/transportation-infrastructure/tns-california-bullet-train-court.html>

Assembly Transportation Chairman Eyes High-Speed Rail Construction Sites

Link to Fresno Bee article

<http://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/high-speed-rail/article66751527.html>

High-Speed Rail Contract Inked for Kern County Stretch

Link to Fresno Bee article

<http://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/high-speed-rail/article63442437.html>

Should Rail Tracks Have Fence Sensors in Landslide Prone Niles Canyon?

Link to Contra Costa Times article

http://www.contracostatimes.com/breaking-news/ci_29613081/derailment-should-rail-tracks-have-fence-sensors-landslide

Report Finds Overwhelming Opposition to Crude-by-Rail Project in Central California

Link to Bay Area News Group article

http://www.contracostatimes.com/breaking-news/ci_29591453/phillips-66-rail-spur-project-calls-bringing-crude

Oceanside to Build Railroad 'Quiet Zone'

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/mar/07/oceanside-quiet-zone-fundign/>

ROADWAYS

Report: Los Angeles Area Can Claim Worst Traffic in America

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-la-worst-traffic-20160314-story.html>

New Report Reveals Extent of Bay Area's Intractable Traffic

Link to KGO-TV story

<http://abc7news.com/traffic/new-report-reveals-extent-of-intractable-bay-area-traffic-/1247816/>

California Auditor: Caltrans Road Work Open to Waste, Fraud, Abuse

Link to Sacramento Bee article

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article66711507.html>

Art Projects Are Popping Along Inland Empire Freeways

Link to Press-Enterprise article

<http://www.pe.com/articles/perris-796709-johs-projects.html>

Changes Proposed on San Francisco's Lombard Street (the Straight Part)

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Changes-proposed-on-SF-s-Lombard-Street-the-6889612.php>

Caltrans Launches New Stormwater Pollution Prevention Campaign to Help Reduce Highway Pollution Runoff

Link to news release

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SAFETY / SECURITY

San Diego's MTS Admits Credit Card Security Gaps

Link to KPBS Radio story

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2016/feb/29/mts-credit-card-security-pci-dss-san-diego-transit/>

San Jose Improves Traffic Safety with Data

Link to Data-Smart City Solutions article

<http://datasmart.ash.harvard.edu/news/article/san-jose-tackles-traffic-with-data-802>

Sacramento Looks at Strategy to Eliminate Traffic Deaths

Link to KXTV-TV story

<http://www.abc10.com/news/local/sacramento/sacramento-looks-at-strategy-to-eliminate-traffic-deaths/84131633>

TAXIS / RIDESHARING

Lyft May Share Data on Rides That Start and End at Metro Stations

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lyft-metro-los-angeles-20160222-story.html>

Uber Expanding its Carpool Service to Three Bay Area Cities

Link to The Verge article

<http://www.theverge.com/2016/3/2/11147038/uber-pool-bay-area-expansion-commute-california>

TRANSIT

Transbay Project Takes Out Loan from Goldman Sachs Due to Higher Costs

Link to San Francisco Business Times article

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/real-estate/2016/02/transbay-project-loan-goldman-sachs.html>

Transbay Panel Has Deal for Land Key to Financing Transit Center

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Transbay-panel-has-deal-for-land-key-to-financing-6882504.php>

Metro to Unveil Mass Transit Blueprint That Includes Tunnel Through Sepulveda Pass

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-ln-transit-projects-20160311-story.html>

Clipper Card Expands to Three Sonoma County Transit Systems

Link to Bay City News article

<http://kron4.com/2016/02/23/clipper-card-expanding-wednesday-to-3-sonoma-county-transit-systems/>

BART Extension Through South Bay Takes Step Forward

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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BART Offers 'Perks' In Bid to Spread Out Jammed Commute Crowds

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/BART-offers-perks-in-bid-to-spread-out-6868408.php>

BART Marks Completion of Inaugural 'Fleet of the Future' Rail Car

Link to Progressive Railroading article

<http://www.progressiverailroading.com/mechanical/news/BART-marks-completion-of-inaugural-Fleet-of-the-Future-rail-car--47627>

Tech Buses to Keep Rolling Another Year in San Francisco Under Deal

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Tech-buses-to-keep-rolling-another-year-in-SF-6850147.php>

Anaheim Releases Proposed Map for Streetcar that Would Link ARTIC to Disneyland

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/streetcar-706589-anaheim-city.html>

Emphasis on Smart Kind of Transit Will Boost OC Ridership

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/transit-705913-county-buses.html>

San Diego, Transit Board Members Call for Changes to MTS's Compass Card

Link to KNSD-TV story

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/City-Transit-Board-Members-Compass-Card-371472011.html>

Sacramento RT Approves Fare Hikes

Link to Metro article

<http://www.metro-magazine.com/management-operations/news/711252/sacramento-rt-approves-fare-hikes>

Metrolink Launches User-Friendly Mobile Site

Link to news release

<http://thesource.metro.net/2010/11/17/metrolink-launches-user-friendly-mobile-site/>

TRAVELER INFORMATION / TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Microsoft Exploring High-Tech Solutions to Reduce Silicon Valley's Traffic Gridlock

Link to KNTV-TV story

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/tech/Microsoft-Vision-Zero-Exploring-High-Tech-Solutions-to-Silicon-Valleys-Traffic-Gridlock-371750672.html>

In Fight Against Traffic, Palo Alto Finds Business Allies

Link to Palo Alto Weekly article

<http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2016/03/12/in-fight-against-traffic-palo-alto-finds-business-allies>

Facebook Pours \$1 Million into Study of Ways to Relieve Dumbarton Bridge Traffic

Link to Daily News article

http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_29589196/menlo-park-facebook-pours-1-million-into-study

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