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Beverly Hills Developing On-Demand, Autonomous Public Transit System

Link to TechSpot article

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AVIATION

Will Tijuana Airport Crossing Boost San Diego Tourism?

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/apr/07/tijuana-airport-border-crossing-boosts-san-diego/>

BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS

Orange County Transit Agency Has \$20 Million to Give Away for Bike- and Pedestrian-Friendly Projects

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/projects-709114-million-transit.html>

New Plan Seeks to Improve Bike and Pedestrian Safety in Downtown Los Angeles

Link to KNBC-TV story

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Caltrain Increases Bike Capacity on Some Trains

Link to KQED story

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Legendary San Francisco Bike Path to Enforce Speed Limit with Radar Guns

Link to Fox News story

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Bikeshare Expansion Will Add Hundreds of Bikes to Bay Area

Link to KRON-TV story

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Report: San Francisco Seeing Increase in Biking

Link to Bay City New article

<http://kron4.com/2016/04/15/report-san-francisco-seeing-increase-in-biking/>

California's Hiking Trails Just Got Safer Thanks to a Crowdsourced App

Link to CityLab article

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St. Helena Police Will Photograph Traffic in Crime-Fighting Pilot

Link to Napa Valley Register article

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San Francisco Mayor Blocks Effort to Raise Transit Impact Fee for Large Commercial Development

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/mayor-blocks-effort-raise-transit-impact-fee-large-commercial-development/>

Los Angeles Mayor Backs Taxes for Transportation

Link to AP article

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Nation/2016/04/14/In-region-choked-by-cars-LA-mayor-backs-taxes-for-transit-Residents-in-traffic-choked-region-urged-to-support-120B-proposal.html>

Transit Funding Emerges as Key Issue for SANDAG Tax Increase

Link to KPBS Radio story

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2016/mar/25/public-transit-funding-sandag-sales-tax-increase/>

San Diego Mayor Focuses Budget on Streets, Infrastructure

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

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San Fernando Valley Residents OK with 1¢ Transit Tax, MTA Poll Says

Link to Los Angeles Daily News article

<http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20160412/san-fernando-valley-residents-ok-with-1-cent-transit-tax-mta-poll-says>

What Economic Benefit Does LA Really Get from its Half-Cent Transportation Tax?

Link to KPCC Radio story

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OCTA Awards More than \$50 Million to Improve Traffic

Link to news release

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FREIGHT

BNSF Casts Doubt on Future of Southern California Intermodal Project

Link to Transport Topics article

<http://www.ttnews.com/articles/basetemplate.aspx?storyid=41589>

INFRASTRUCTURE

San Francisco Port Predicts \$5 Billion Bill for Seawall Fix

Link to Curbed San Francisco article

<http://sf.curbed.com/2016/4/11/11410242/port-seawall-5-billion>

MARITIME

Innovative Automation at Port of Los Angeles

Link to Port Technology article

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New App DrayQ Helps Truck Drivers at Ports Be More Efficient

Link to KGO-TV story

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Long Beach Conducts Port of the Future Study

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Caltrans Wants to Implode Remaining Piers of Old Bay Bridge

Link to KPIX-TV story

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Santa Clara's Multimodal Trip Planner Showcases the Power of the Cloud

Link to Government Technology article

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Traffic Amnesty Program Helps Some, Leaves Others Behind

Link to KQED story

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State, Alameda County Working to Improve Transportation

Link to Pleasanton Weekly article

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Connected Car Hackathon Generates Innovative Ideas to Address Bay Area's Transportation Challenges

Link to news release

<http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/connected-car-hackathon-generates-innovative-ideas-address-bay-areas>

Caltrans Heroes Honored with State's Highest Honor for Public Servants

Link to news release

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/paffairs/pr/2016/prs/16pr034.html>

PARKING

Los Angeles City Council Considers Parking App

Link to My News LA article

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PLANNING

Sacramento Unveils \$36 Billion Transportation Project To-Do List

Link to Sacramento Bee article

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/transportation/article68545002.html>

Berkeley City Council Talks Strategic Transportation Plan at Special Meeting

Link to Daily Californian article

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Los Angeles Mayor Discusses City's Transportation, Traffic Issues

Link to KABC-TV Eyewitness Newsmakers video

<http://abc7.com/news/mayor-eric-garcetti-discusses-las-transportation-traffic-issues/1255974/>

PUBLIC INFORMATION / EDUCATION

How SANDAG Worked the Media on Transportation Plan

Link to KPBS story

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RAILROADS

Assembly Transportation Chair: Can't Let High-Speed Rail Become 'Next Bay Bridge'

Link to Silicon Valley Business Journal article

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/news/2016/03/29/assembly-transportation-chair-cant-let-high-speed.html>

Calling Bullet Train a Sham, Fraud, Bakersfield City Council Goes on Record Against Interim Station Near Shafter

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Cal State Bakersfield Positions Itself as a 'National Training Center' for High-Speed Rail

Link to Bakersfield Californian article

<http://www.bakersfield.com/news/2016/04/02/cal-state-bakersfield-a-national-training-center-for-high-speed-rail.html>

High-Speed Rail Authority Inks Station Planning Agreement with San Jose

Link to Progressive Railroading article

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How Metro Plans to Reinvent Union Station from Transit Hub to Urban Destination

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Amtrak Adding Train to San Joaquin Corridor

Link to Visalia Times-Delta article

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/news/local/2016/04/12/amtrak-adds-trains-valley-bay-route/82952780/>

ROADWAYS

OCTA Approves Three Bidders for 405 Expansion

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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San Francisco Businesses Seeing Red Over New Transit-Only Lanes

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Integrated Corridor Management System for San Diego Area

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<http://www.10news.com/news/confusing-new-signs-to-help-with-i-15-traffic-041816>

San Francisco's Plan to Bury a Freeway

Link to The Atlantic article

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/05/san-franciscos-plan-to-bury-a-freeway/476418/>

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Driving While High? Lawmakers Want Police to Be Able to Check

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Vision Zero: Sacramento Traffic Crashes are Preventable

Link to KCRA-TV story

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Why is Los Angeles Fighting Distracted Driving with Distracting Digital Billboards?

Link to Co.Exist article

<http://www.fastcoexist.com/3058177/why-is-los-angeles-fighting-distracted-driving-with-distracting-digital-billboards>

Time for California to Answer the Call for Emergency Contact Legislation

Link to LinkedIn blog

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/time-california-answer-call-emergency-contact-roger-c-lanctot>

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'Lyft Carpool' Launches in San Francisco

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

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Los Angeles and San Francisco Want to Regulate Ride Services if State Won't

Link to KQED story

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Uber and Lyft Have Devastated LA's Taxi Industry, City Records Show

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Link to news release

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Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Link to LA Weekly article

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Metrolink Considers Fare Changes to Boost Ridership

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Transit Spending Expected to Boost SoCal Economy by \$81 Billion

Link to Los Angeles Daily News article

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San Francisco Steps Ups as Pelli Designed Transit Hub Costs Surge

Link to Bloomberg article

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-03-22/san-francisco-steps-up-as-pelli-designed-transit-hub-costs-surge>

\$260 Million Bailout in Works for Troubled San Francisco Transit Center Project

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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San Francisco Muni Plans 25¢ Surcharge for Riders Paying Cash

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Riders Give BART Surprisingly Good Grades Despite Problems

Link to KPIX-TV story

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Muni to Evaluate Public Transit Access for Underserved Communities

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/muni-evaluate-public-transit-access-underserved-communities/>

MTS Compass Card Was Insecure from the Beginning

Link to KPBS story

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Sonoma County Public Transit Introduces Clipper Card

Link to Sonoma West article

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Santa Monica, Awaiting the Expo Line's Launch, Re-imagines Itself as a Model of Mobility

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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BART to Fine 'Seat Hogs' on Crowded Mass Transit System

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Metrolink's Mobile Ticketing Now Available Systemwide

Link to news release

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Passenger Information Systems Get a Big Upgrade on New BART Trains

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San Diego MTS Board Approves New Mobile Ticketing Solution

Link to news release

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Google Donates \$250,000 to Sunnyvale for Traffic Light Software

Link to San Jose Mercury News article

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To Ease Traffic, LA Needs Much More Than Trains

Link to CityLab blog

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New 211 Program Provides Transportation Information and Assistance in Nevada County

Link to news release

<http://yubanet.com/regional/New-211-Program-Provides-Transportation-Information-and-Assistance.php#.VvujxRgrKqR>

VEHICLES

Nissan, Savari, UC Berkeley to Test V2X in Sunnyvale

Link to EE Times article

http://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc_id=1329300

How San Diego is Getting Ready for Self-Driving Cars

Link to Voice of San Diego article

<http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/land-use/how-san-diego-is-getting-ready-for-self-driving-cars/>

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Link to further information

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