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Top Story

San Francisco Makes Pitch to Be Home of Transportation of the Future

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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AVIATION

Report: LAX is an Economic Powerhouse in Southern California

Link to Daily Breeze article

<http://www.dailybreeze.com/business/20160421/report-lax-is-an-economic-powerhouse-in-southern-california>

Bob Hope Airport Will Be Branded 'Hollywood Burbank Airport'

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Santa Monica Can Sue for Airport Control, Appellate Court Rules

Link to Santa Monica Lookout article

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BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS

Opening of Second Pedestrian Crossing at San Ysidro Delayed

Link to KPBS Radio story

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2016/apr/20/second-pedestrian-crossing-san-ysidro-port-entry-b/>

Bay Area Bike Share Announces Station Locations in Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville

Link to Santa Cruz Sentinel article

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The Growing Movement for a US-Mexico Border Bike Lane

Link to CityLab article

<http://www.citylab.com/commute/2016/05/us-mexico-border-bike-lane/481515/>

San Mateo Launches Bikeshare System on Bike to Work Day

Link to KQED News story

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Your Workout Data Might Be Helping Cities Build Safer Streets

Link to NPR All Tech Considered story

<http://www.npr.org/sections/alltechconsidered/2016/05/07/476651753/your-workout-data-might-be-helping-cities-build-safer-streets>

CAMERAS

BART to Craft Policy on New License-Plate Tracking Cameras in Parking Lots

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/bart-craft-policy-new-license-plate-tracking-cameras-parking-lots/>

End of the Road for Marysville's Red-Light Cameras

Link to Appeal-Democrat article

http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/end-of-the-road-for-marysville-s-red-light-cameras/article_68770104-1d5c-11e6-966b-9f42672b1023.html

CARTOGRAPHY

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to Open 'Outpost' in Silicon Valley

Link to St. Louis Post-Dispatch article

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_469ca97f-eed0-5595-a0f0-914c6120e18e.html

ELECTRONIC TOLLING

Orange County Transportation Board Studying Toll Options for 405 Express Lanes, from \$2 to \$9

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/lanes-713561-express-toll.html>

FREIGHT

Port of Oakland Phone App Alerts Truckers to Waits at the Gate

Link to San Jose Mercury News article

http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_29908382/port-oakland-phone-app-tells-truckers-about-waits

FUNDING

Lots of Transportation Tax Measures Headed to November Ballot

Link to Sacramento Bee article

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/transportation/back-seat-driver/article77791632.html>

Deal Clears Way for \$3.6 Billion Sacramento Road, Transit Tax Measure

Link to Sacramento Bee article

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/transportation/article73452702.html>

New Report Shows Transportation Funding Problems in Sacramento

Link to KCRA-TV story

<http://www.kcra.com/news/new-report-shows-transportation-funding-problems-in-sacramento/39506506>

Los Angeles Faces Funding Shortage for Transportation Projects, Group Says

Link to KABC-TV story

<http://abc7.com/news/la-faces-funding-shortage-for-transportation-projects-group-says/1334611/>

Lack of Funds Found to Stall Key Bay Area Transportation Projects

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Study-Lack-of-funds-stalls-key-Bay-Area-7462594.php>

Here's Why State's Shoddy Roads Won't Get Fixed Any Time Soon

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-road-funding-problems-20160512-snap-story.html>

Ventura County Transportation Commission to Pursue Sales Tax Measure on November Ballot

Link to Ventura County Star article

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/special/paradise/ventura-county-transportation-commission-to-pursue-sales-tax-measure-3108d972-ca6c-4a80-e053-0100007-376765701.html>

Senator Bob Huff's Bill Would Allow Caltrans to Sell Ads on Changeable Message Signs

Link to story on KHTK-TV story

<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2016/04/22/state-senator-proposes-bill-to-allow-advertising-on-caltrans-signs/>

Transportation Sales Tax Hike to Go on Ballot in San Diego County

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/apr/29/sales-tax-transportation-sandag-ballot-measure/>

More Freeways or Mass Transit for San Diego Region?

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/apr/29/sandag-highways-public-transit-tax-levy-measure/>

San Fernando Valley Group Wants More Out of \$120 Billion Transit Sales Tax

Link to Los Angeles Daily News article

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Marin, Sonoma Agencies Battle Over \$18 Million

Link to Marin Independent Journal article

<http://www.marinij.com/article/NO/20160505/NEWS/160509884>

Fresno City Hall Looks to Cash In on Digital Billboards

Link to Fresno Bee article

<http://www.fresnobee.com/news/business/article76002567.html>

GPS / NAVIGATION

Stanford Engineer Brad Parkinson – 'Father of GPS' – Named Marconi Prize Winner

Link to Palo Alto Patch article

<http://patch.com/california/paloalto/stanford-engineer-father-gps-named-marconi-prize-winner>

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION

UC Berkeley, City of San Francisco Team Up for Smart City Challenge

Link to news release

<https://news.berkeley.edu/2016/05/04/uc-berkeley-san-francisco-team-up-to-tackle-urban-transportation-challenges/>

INFRASTRUCTURE

Long Beach Lays Out \$150 Million Infrastructure Investment Plan – If Sales Tax Passes

Link to Gazette's article

http://www.gazettes.com/news/long-beach-lays-out-million-infrastructure-investment-plan-if-sales/article_20f6f336-11b1-11e6-a7bd-63045b5d817e.html

MARITIME

Port of Long Beach Explores Cutting Truck Traffic, Boosting Rail

Link to Hellenic Shipping News article

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California Invests Millions in Cleaning Up Trucks Around Major Ports

Link to Trucks.com article

<https://www.trucks.com/2016/05/04/california-invests-millions-in-trucks/>

LA Port, Caltrans Improve Port Access Roads

Link to Furniture Today article

<http://www.furnituretoday.com/article/531667-la-ports-calif-dot-improve-port-access-roads>

Slower Growth Foreseen at Booming Port of Hueneme

Link to Ventura County Star article

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New Alameda Point Ferry Terminal Before Planning Board

Link to Marin Independent Journal article

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New Mission Bay Ferry Terminal Poised to Shape Neighborhood's Future Transit

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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In New Survey, LA County Businesses Say Transportation is Growing Problem

Link to City News Service article

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Advocates Hope Oakland's New DOT Will Transform City's Streets

Link to East Bay Times article

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Parkmerced Plans to Subsidize Residents' Use of Uber, Muni, BART

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Outdoor Kiosks Now Available in Los Angeles County for Traffic Ticket Payments

Link to CBS Los Angeles story

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/04/26/outdoor-kiosks-now-available-for-traffic-ticket-payments/>

Women at the SFMTA Take the Wheel in Shaping the City's Transportation

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/women-sfmta-take-wheel-shaping-citys-transportation/>

Company Donates Free Billboards to Los Angeles City Councilman as LA Weighs New Sign Regulations

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Aram Sahakian Appointed Interim Head of LA's Emergency Management Department

Link to Asbarez article

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CT Update

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PARKING

Parking Shortage Hurting New Rail Ridership

Link to KCBS-TV story

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/05/18/parking-shortage-hurting-new-rail-ridership/>

PLANNING

California Cities: Plan for Futuristic Transportation One Step at a Time

Link to FutureStructure article

<http://www.govtech.com/fs/California-Cities-Plan-for-Futuristic-Transportation-One-Step-at-a-Time.html>

Report: Bad Roads, Public Transit Top List of Bay Area's Most-Needed Transportation Projects

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San Francisco Looks to Better Manage Transportation Plans for New Development

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<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-looks-better-manage-transit-plans-new-development/>

Citywide Survey Identifies Priorities for Berkeley Transportation Projects

Link to Daily Californian article

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Association of Bay Area Governments Says It's Subject to a 'Hostile Takeover' by MTC

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Revamp Metropolitan Transportation Commission to Shift Focus on Reducing Traffic Jams

Link to Marin Independent Journal column

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PUBLIC INFORMATION / EDUCATION

Caltrans Memorial Honors 184 Fallen Highway Workers and Reminds Motorists to Be Work

Zone Alert

Link to news release

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RAILROADS

Caltrain Nets \$211 Million for Electrification Project

Link to Progressive Railroading article

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Key Construction Deadline for Bullet Train Pushed Back Four Years

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-bullet-train-warning-20160518-snap-story.html>

ROADWAYS

\$80 Million Buys a Smarter Freeway for East Bay Drivers

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Study Delves Into Traffic and Safety Issues on Pacific Coast Highway in Orange County

Link to Daily Pilot article

<http://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/tn-dpt-me-0428-pch-20160427-story.html>

Bay Area Transportation Gridlock Here to Stay, Most Residents Say

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Nevada County Traffic Sign Program to Reduce Wrecks, Officials Say

Link to The Union article

<http://www.theunion.com/news/21809964-113/nevada-county-traffic-sign-program-to-reduce-wrecks>

Two Coasts, Two Cities, Two Signs: The Story Behind the 'Ocean City, MD 3073' Sign

Link to Capital Public Radio story

<http://www.caprado.org/articles/2016/05/06/two-coasts,-two-cities,-two-signs-the-story-behind-the-ocean-city-md-3073-sign/>

USDOT Announces \$750,000 for Emergency Repairs to Federal Roads Throughout Northern California

Link to FHWA news release

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/fhwa1626.cfm>

SAFETY / SECURITY

Map Shows 'Tech Buses' Committed Over 800 Traffic Violations in San Francisco

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/tech-buses-shuttles-sf-traffic-violations-citation-7390839.php>

TAXIS / RIDESHARING

Uber Drivers in California Join with Teamsters Union to Fight for Better Benefits

Link to The Verge article

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TELEMATICS

Google's Waze Takes Aim at Hellish Silicon Valley Traffic

Link to SiliconBeat article

<http://www.siliconbeat.com/2016/05/16/googles-waze-takes-aim-hellish-silicon-valley-traffic/>

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

500th Traffic Incident Management Training Session Completed

Link to news release

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TRANSIT

San Francisco's Smart City Challenge Submission is Networked Transit Utopia

Link to CNET article

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\$260 Million Bailout Approved for Transbay Transit Center

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Muni Experiments with a Double-Stop Routine to Speed Things Up

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Expo Line Extends to Santa Monica May 20

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SMART Gets High Marks from Review Panel as Larkspur Rail Extension is Eyed

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<http://www.masstransitmag.com/news/12207969/smart-gets-high-marks-from-review-panel-as-larkspur-rail-extension-is-eyed>

Sacramento Streetcar Proponents Back with Pricier Plan

Link to Sacramento Bee article

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SacRT Kicks Off Systemwide Station Rehab Project

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Sacramento Regional Transit Paints Red Line at Rail Stations to Reduce Fare Evasion

Link to Sacramento Bee article

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Hundreds of LA Bus Shelters Go Unbuilt, Millions in Promised Revenue Evaporate Under City Contract

Link to KPCC Radio story

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2016/05/02/60085/hundreds-of-la-bus-shelters-go-unbuilt-millions-in/>

'@Caltrain Sucks': New Frontiers in Transit Agency Social Media

Link to KQED story

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What is 'Bus Rapid Transit' and Why Does Metro Want to Build It Across Los Angeles?

Link to LAist article

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Mineta Transportation Institute Assesses Transit Performance Measures in California

Link to news release

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TRAVELER INFORMATION / TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Caltrans Switches On Electric Freeway Signs to Ease North County Commute

Link to KPBS Evening Edition story

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2016/apr/21/caltrans-switch-electric-freeway-signs-ease-north-/>

Construction Delays Leave Commuters Questioning Santa Monica Traffic Notification System

Link to Santa Monica Mirror article

<http://www.smmirror.com/articles/News/Congestion-Leaves-Commuters-Questioning-Traffic-Notification-System/45513>

VEHICLES

Silicon Valley Startup to Test Self-Driving Cars in California

Link to The Hill article

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Automakers, Tech Experts Meet at Stanford to Discuss Future of Self-Driving Cars

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Baidu is Building a 100-Person Autonomous Car Team in Silicon Valley

Link to The Verge article

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