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New Transportation Funding Plan Calls for Gas Tax Hike of 17¢ Per Gallon

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<http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-sac-essential-politics-updates-new-transportation-funding-plan-calls-1471476415-htmlstory.html>

AVIATION

Sacramento Airport Installs Electric Car Charging Stations

Link to KCRA-TV story

<http://www.kcra.com/news/sacramento-international-airport-is-going-green/40798580>

FAA Upholds Ruling Requiring Santa Monica Airport to Remain Open Through 2023

Link to Santa Monica Daily Press article

<http://smdp.com/faa-upholds-2023-date-for-airport-operations/156693>

Burbank Airport Plan Goes to Voters

Link to San Fernando Valley Business Journal article

<http://www.sfvbj.com/news/2016/aug/02/burbank-airport-plan-goes-voters/>

LAX Gets \$4 Million Grant to Reduce Airport Ground Emissions

Link to MyNewsLA article

<http://mynews1a.com/government/2016/08/04/lax-gets-4m-grant-to-reduce-airport-ground-emissions/>

LAX Vet to Long Beach Airport Chief

Link to Orange County Business Journal article

<http://www.ocbj.com/news/2016/aug/01/long-beach-taps-lax-airport-boss/>

California Struggles to Lead the Way on Drone Regulation

Link to Los Angeles Times column

<http://www.latimes.com/business/hiltzik/la-fi-hiltzik-drones-20160807-snap-story.html>

BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS

San Francisco Mayor Issues Safe Streets Directive Following Criticism from Advocates

Link to KQED News story

<http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2016/08/04/san-francisco-mayor-issues-safe-streets-directive-following-criticism-from-advocates/>

Bikesharing and Electric Bikes May Play a Part in California's Zero Emissions Plan

Link to Bikocity article

<http://bikocity.com/bike-sharing-electric-bikes-may-play-part-californias-zero-emissions-plan/>

New Pedestrian Border Entrance is Unsafe and Unsightly, Critics Say

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-sd-border-walkway-20160729-snap-story.html>

New 'Wayfinding Signs' Encourage Pedestrians to Take a Stroll Around Glendale

Link to Glendale News-Press article

<http://www.latimes.com/socal/glendale-news-press/news/tn-gnp-me-wayfinding-20160721-story.html>

Santa Monica Wants to Turn Crosswalks Into Public Art

Link to KPCC Radio story

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2016/07/23/62896/santa-monica-wants-to-turn-crosswalks-into-public/>

CAMERAS

MTC Chairman Says BART Needs to Move Faster to Install Surveillance Cameras

Link to KQED News story

<https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2016/07/19/top-transit-official-bart-needs-to-move-faster-to-install-surveillance-cameras>

ELECTRONIC TOLLING

Orange County Toll Roads Are a Booming Business

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/percent-391975-ocprint-toll-million.html>

FUNDING

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Southland to Get \$23 Million in Transportation Grants

Link to City News Service article

<http://mynews1a.com/life/2016/07/29/southland-to-get-23m-in-transportation-grants/>

City of Oakland, BART Receive \$6.3 Million Grant from USDOT

Link to Daily Californian article

<http://www.dailycal.org/2016/08/02/city-oakland-bart-receive-6-3-million-grant-us-department-transportation/>

Half-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Goes on San Luis Obispo County Ballot

Link to Tribune article

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/politics-government/election/article90604707.html>

Marin Commuters to Benefit from \$18 Million Funding Deal After Political Dustup

Link to Marin Independent Journal article

<http://www.marinij.com/article/NO/20160727/NEWS/160729814>

San Diego County Taxpayers Association Backs Sales Tax Hike for Transportation Projects

Link to City News Service article

<http://fox5sandiego.com/2016/08/03/taxpayers-group-backs-sales-tax-hike-for-transportation-projects/>

Which Costs More for Drivers – Per-Mile Charge or Gas Tax?

Link to KPCC Radio story

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2016/08/05/63287/what-costs-more-per-mile-charges-or-gas-taxes-we-g/>

Sacramento County Leaders Hope Ballot Initiative Will Fund Road

Repairs

Link to KCRA-TV story

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GPS / NAVIGATION

GPS Sensors Could Cut Down Number of Los Angeles Street-Sweeping Tickets

Link to CBS Los Angeles story

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/08/11/gps-sensors-could-cut-down-number-of-la-street-sweeping-tickets/>

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION

Caltrans Gives a Video Tour of the I-80 SMART Corridor

Link to Caltrans News Flash

<https://youtu.be/UHBok3-RQ6o>

MARITIME

Inside the Port of Los Angeles' Cyber Command Center

Link to PC Magazine article

<http://www.pcmag.com/news/346779/inside-the-port-of-los-angeless-cyber-command-center>

Port of Los Angeles Partners with Two Colleges to Train Next Generation of Workers

Link to Daily Breeze article

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LADOT's First Artist-in-Residence Captures Agency's Evolution

Link to NextCity article

<https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/la-dot-artist-in-residence-department-culture-change>

Governor Signs MTC-Backed Bill Requiring Auto Dealers to Install Vehicle License Plates at Point of Sale

Link to news release

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/governor-signs-mtc-backed-bill->

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PLANNING

Bay Bridge Corridor: \$40 Million Suite of Programs to Provide Short-Term Traffic Relief

Link to San Jose Mercury News article

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_30176710/work-begins-solve-bay-areas-greatest-transportation-challenge

Streetsblog Talks with Jeff Tumlin About Oakland's Transportation Future

Link to Streetsblog SF interview

<http://sf.streetsblog.org/2016/08/18/streetsblog-talks-with-jeff-tumlin-about-oaklands-transportation-future/>

RAILROADS

State Rail Authority Will Seek a \$35 Million Increase for Key Project in Bullet Train Plan

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-bullet-train-cost-20160808-snap-story.html>

High-Speed Rail Chips in \$713 Million for Caltrain Electrification that Could Double Ridership

Link to Silicon Valley Business Journal article

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/news/2016/08/09/high-speed-rail-chips-in-713m-for-caltrain.html>

California to Levy Fee on Rail Cars Carrying Dangerous Chemicals

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-railroads-chemicals-20160722-snap-story.html>

California Rail Hazmat Fee Illegal, Railroads Say

Link to Bloomberg article

<http://www.bna.com/california-rail-hazmat-n73014445757/>

Port of Los Angeles and Railroad Appeal Court Decision that Blocked New Freight Yard

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-ln-harbor-appeal-20160802-snap-story.html>

Short Coaster Train Set Part of Positive Train Control Testing

Link to news release

<http://www.nctdnewscenter.org/news/short-coaster-train-set-part-of-positive-train-control-testing/>

ROADWAYS

Traffic Isn't the Only Headache for LA Drivers

Link to KCBS-TV story

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/08/16/traffic-isnt-the-only-headache-for-l-a-drivers/>

Sacramento's Rough Roads Costing Drivers

Link to KTXL-TV story

<http://fox40.com/2016/08/17/report-inadequate-transportation-system-costing-sacramento-drivers-thousands/>

California: A Case Study in HOV Lane EV Policy, and Future Possibilities

Link to CleanTechnica article

<https://cleantechnica.com/2016/08/14/california-case-study-hov-lane-ev-policy/>

SAFETY / SECURITY

Orange County Transportation Authority Kept Secret Cyber Attack that Cost \$600,000

Link to Voice of OC article

<https://voiceofoc.org/2016/08/transportation-authority-kept-secret-cyber-attack-that-cost-600000/>

Spurred by San Francisco Cyclist Deaths, Guerrilla Safe Streets Activists Take Action

Link to KQED Radio story

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LAPD to Crack Down on Traffic Violations to Help Make Intersections Safer

Link to CBS Los Angeles story

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AC Transit Launches 'TipNow-AC Transit' App

Link to news release

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TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

What's the Traffic Going to be Like When Sacramento's Golden 1 Center Opens?

Link to Sacramento Magazine article

<http://www.sacmag.com/Sacramento-Magazine/August-2016/Highway-to-Hell/>

TRANSIT

Almost \$391 Million in Cap-and-Trade Dollars Awarded to Public Transit Projects Across California

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Metro Subway Project Through Beverly Hills Can Continue, Judge Rules

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-beverly-hills-subway-20160815-snap-story.html>

Sacramento Streetcar Moves Forward with \$30 Million State Grant

Link to KXTV-TV story

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Sweeping Changes Ahead for Sacramento's Regional Transit System

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New Cars Delayed, but BART Says Future Fleet is Still on Track

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Bay Area Transit System to Subsidize Uber, Lyft Rides

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Metro Studies New Rapid 'Smart' Bus Corridor Between Pasadena and North Hollywood

Link to Pasadena News Now article

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San Francisco Transit Campaign Ups Access to City

Link to Next City article

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California Bill Would Ease Penalties on Young Transit Fare Evaders

Link to KOVR-TV story

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Opening of Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station Delayed Again, to November

Link to East Bay Times article

http://www.eastbaytimes.com/my-town/ci_30233781/fremont-warm-springs-bart-station-opening-delayed-again

VTA Awarded Nearly \$2.5 Million to Purchase Zero-Emission Buses

Link to KTVU-TV story

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Metrolink Unveils New Locomotives That Could Help Improve the Region's Air

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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Expo Line Doesn't Have Enough Rail Cars for Its Surging Ridership

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The Capital of Car Culture, Los Angeles Warms to Mass Transit

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Muni Takes Steps to Reduce Surge in Bus Crashes

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Sacramento Regional Transit Reshaping Operations, Image for Golden 1 Center Opening

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Not All New North Bay Train Workers Can Afford to Live There

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Santa Maria Council Approves Transit System Changes

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MTC Will No Longer Require Riders to Pay for Rides with Stolen Clipper Cards

Link to KGO-TV story

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Metro's Art-Filled Stations Enliven the Transportation Experience

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Six SoCal Colleges to Offer Discounted Metro Student Transit Pass

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Sacramento Transit Agency Tries Creative Plan to Attract Arena Fans

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MTS Installs First of 600 New Bus Shelters Slated for San Diego Communities

Link to news release

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VEHICLES

Self-Driving Trucks Tested on Concord Naval Grounds

Link to KPIX-TV story

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2016/08/04/self-driving-trucks-tested-on-concord-naval-grounds/>

Ford Doubling Silicon Valley Workforce in Push Toward Self-Driving Cars

Link to CNBC story

<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/08/16/ford-doubling-silicon-valley-workforce-in-push-toward-self-driving-cars.html>

San Diego Nonprofit Wins \$5.9 Million Grant for Trucking Electrification at Port

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<http://ngtnews.com/san-diego-nonprofit-wins-5-9m-grant-for-trucking-electrification/>

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