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Top Story

ITS California Conference Begins in Indian Wells

Link to Palm Desert Patch article

<http://patch.com/california/palmdesert/intelligent-transportation-society-california-conference-begins-indian-wells>

AVIATION

San Diego Airport's Multifunctional Beacon App Streamlines Flying

Link to Mobile Marketer article

<http://www.mobilemarketer.com/cms/sectors/travel/23456.html>

FAA Threatens Legal Action Against Santa Monica for Efforts to Close Airport

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-faa-letter-20160830-snap-story.html>

Veteran Director Lands at Hollywood Burbank Airport

Link to Los Angeles Times article

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BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS

Sacramento Rolls Out Master Plan for Bikes, Pedestrians and Mass Transit

Link to Capital Public Radio story

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San Diego Looks to Quickly Move High Numbers of Residents from Cars to Transit, Bikes and Sidewalks

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

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San Jose Officials Cite Tripled Attendance at Closed-Roads Event

Link to San Jose Mercury News article

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2016/09/18/san-jose-officials-cite-tripled-attendance-at-closed-roads-event/>

City of Berkeley Unveils Updates to Bicycle Plan

Link to Daily Californian article

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New 'Protected Intersection' for Bicycles is First in San Francisco, Fifth in Nation

Link to San Francisco Examiner article

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/new-protected-intersection-bicycles-first-sf-5th-nation/>

ELECTRONIC TOLLING

Golden Gate Bridge Toll Collection to See Dramatic Change

Link to Marin Independent Journal article

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FUNDING

Desperate for Transportation Funds, California Counties Turn to Ballot Box

Link to KAZU Radio story

<http://kazu.org/post/desperate-transportation-funds-monterey-county-and-others-turn-ballot-box#stream/0>

Measure M: Metro's Transit Sales Tax Measure Stays Alive After Lawsuit

Link to KPCC Radio story

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2016/09/06/64393/measure-m-metro-s-transit-sales-tax-measure-stays/>

Frustrated Transportation Groups Urge Legislature to Come Back in a Lame-Duck Session

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-sac-essential-politics-updates-frustrated-transportation-groups-urge-1473874799-htmlstory.html>

APTA Members Urge Los Angeles County Voters to OK Billions in Transit Investments

Link to AP article

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/sep/12/advocates-urge-voters-to-ok-billions-in-transit-in/>

Past Decisions Haunt BART as It Seeks Voter OK for \$3.5 Billion Bond

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

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Bay Bridge Rainy-Day Fund Runs Low, Leaving Toll-Payers on Hook

Link to San Francisco Chronicle article

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Bay-Bridge-emergency-fund-running-low-leaving-9211688.php>

California Receives \$293.1 Million Federal Bonus for Meeting Transportation Project Deadlines

Link to Better Roads article

<http://www.equipmentworld.com/california-receives-293-1-million-federal-bonus-for-meeting-transportation-project-deadlines/>

Vista Earmarks Nearly \$500,000 for Traffic Projects

Link to San Diego Union-Tribune article

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INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION

Connected Traffic Signal Systems Reduce Congestion and Costs for Sonoma County

Link to Roads & Bridges article

<http://www.roadsbridges.com/connected-traffic-signal-systems-reduce-congestion-and-costs-sonoma-county-calif>

MARITIME

Port of Los Angeles Gives a Lesson in Mega Ships

Link to Marketplace story

<https://www.marketplace.org/2016/08/23/business/los-angeles-port-panama-canal-mega-ship-shipping>

Governor Calls on State Ports to Cut Coal Exports

Link to Press Telegram article

<http://www.presstelegram.com/business/20160827/gov-jerry-brown-calls-on-california-ports-to-cut-coal-exports>

Cargo Containers from Bankrupt Hanjin Create Expensive Problem at Port

of Oakland

Link to KGO-TV story

<http://abc7news.com/business/cargo-containers-from-bankrupt-hanjin-to-create-expensive-problem-at-port-of-oakland/1511824/>

Port of Los Angeles Commits to Sustainability \$35.2 Million 'Green' Bonds

Link to MyNewsLA article

<http://mynews1a.com/business/2016/09/15/port-of-los-angeles-commits-to-sustainability-35-2-million-green-bonds/>

Port of Long Beach Top Executive Jon Slangerup Announces He's Leaving

Link to Long Beach Press-Telegram article

<http://www.presstelegram.com/business/20160908/port-of-long-beach-top-executive-jon-slangerup-announces-he-is-leaving>

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Privacy Groups Warn Changes to California Driverless Vehicle Bill Could Ease Driver-Data Protections

Link to East Bay Times article

http://www.eastbaytimes.com/breaking-news/ci_30277757/advocates-blast-removal-privacy-protections-from-driverless-vehicle

Hyperloop Track Construction in Quay Valley is Delayed

Link to The Verge article

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Bill Would Require State Courts to Decide Traffic Amnesty Claims Within 90 Days

Link to KQED News story

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Peninsula Companies Taking Employee Commutes Into Their Own Hands with New Programs

Link to San Francisco Business Times article

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Caltrans Grilled by State Auditor for Wasting Taxpayer Dollars

Link to KXTV-TV story

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City of San Francisco and UC Berkeley to Continue Collaborating on 'Smart Cities'

Link to news release

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PARKING

Parking for Rams Games Hits \$200 and Up – Good News for Mass Transit Backers

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-ln-rams-parking-20160918-snap-story.html>

Sacramento Partners with Global Parking Tech Leader to Design Innovative App

Link to news release

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/City-Manager/Media-Releases/City-Partners-with-Global-Parking-Tech-Leader-to-Design-Innovative-App>

PLANNING

SANDAG to Survey San Diego Households on Transportation Habits

Link to City News Service article

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Transportation Leaders Seek Clarity on Santa Cruz County Rail Corridor

Link to Santa Cruz Sentinel article

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20160901/NEWS/160909971>

RAILROADS

High-Speed Rail Critics Question First Route Segment, Which Will End in an Almond Orchard

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-bullet-hearing-20160829-snap-story.html>

ROADWAYS

Judge Rejects Environmental Approval of Highway 1 Expansion

Link to AP article

<http://kron4.com/2016/09/06/judge-rejects-environmental-approval-of-highway-1-expansion/>

California to Test Road Vibrations as an Energy Source

Link to FutureStructure article

<http://www.govtech.com/fs/California-to-Test-Road-Vibrations-as-an-Energy-Source.html>

Report: More Money Needed to Upgrade Bay Bridge's Eastern Span

Link to KGO-TV story

<http://abc7news.com/traffic/report-more-money-needed-to-upgrade-bay-bridges-eastern-span/1504751/>

Caltrans May Begin Selling 710 Freeway Extension Properties in September

Link to San Gabriel Valley Tribune article

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Officials Want to Take 100,000 Cars Off Los Angeles County's Streets in Five Years

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San Francisco Considers Toll for 'World's Crookedest Street'

Link to CityLab article

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SAFETY / SECURITY

California Researchers Keep Animals, People Safe on the Highway

Link to KGO-TV story

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Caltrans: Controversial Guardrails Will No Longer Be Used in California

Link to KNSD-TV story

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California's 'Most Hazardous' Rail Crossing Will Get a Major Overhaul

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Golden Gate Bridge Officials Debate Removing Toll Plaza Over Spike in Accidents

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LA Officials Team Up to Reverse Trend of Deadly Crashes

Link to KNBC-TV story

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My Mother's Killer Was Fined \$250

Link to Cosmopolitan article

<http://www.cosmopolitan.com/politics/a63892/distracted-driving-killed-mother/>

TAXIS / RIDESHARING

California is About to Overhaul Its Taxi Industry, Which Could Suck for Self-Driving Cars

Link to The Verge article

<http://www.theverge.com/2016/9/2/12759384/california-legislation-taxi-overhaul-uber-google-self-driving>

Uber Tests \$2 Flat Rate Fares and Edges Closer to Public Transit

Link to CNN Money story

<http://money.cnn.com/2016/08/25/technology/uber-plus/>

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

LA County Metro Freeway Service Patrol Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Link to City News Service article

<http://patch.com/california/malibu/l-county-metro-freeway-service-patrol-celebrates-25th-anniversary>

TRANSIT

East Bay's First Bus Rapid Transit System Breaks Ground on International Boulevard

Link to East Bay Times article

http://www.eastbaytimes.com/breaking-news/ci_30295527/east-bays-first-bus-rapid-transit-system-breaks

Sacramento Light Rail Agency Wants to Make Station 'Naming Rights' Deals

Link to Sacramento Bee article

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Sacramento Transit Agency Marks Decrease in Fare Evasions

Link to Progressive Railroading article

http://www.progressiverailroading.com/rail_industry_trends/news/Sacramento-transit-agency-marks-decrease-in-fare-evasions--49346

Sacramento Regional Transit Launches 'How to' Website for Arena Light-Rail Riders

Link to Sacramento Bee article

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article100748722.html>

Expo Line Trains Regularly Run Behind Schedule, Posing a Challenge for Metro

Link to Los Angeles Times article

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-expo-line-behind-schedule-20201010-snap-story.html>

LA's Expanding Menu of Transit Options is Challenging City's Auto-Urbanism

Link to Architect's Newspaper article

<http://archpaper.com/2016/08/la-transit-development-urbanism/>

Transportation Officials Revise OC Streetcar Funding Plan After Grant Falls Short

Link to Orange County Register article

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/million-726782-streetcar-funds.html>

Track Improvements Aimed to Make BART Commute Quieter

Link to KGO-TV story

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San Francisco Has Crazy Plan to Fight Pee Stink with Bacteria-Eating Enzymes

Link to The Verge article

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Muni Seeks to Fix Faulty Ridership Numbers

Link to SF Bay article

<https://sfbay.ca/2016/08/28/muni-seeks-to-fix-faulty-ridership-numbers/>

Despite Missing Grant, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency Shows Off Electric Bus

Link to Record Searchlight article

<http://www.redding.com/news/local/despite-missing-grant-transportation-officials-show-off-electric-bus-3b3a26d4-0d67-73ff-e053-0100007-391814571.html>

Foxx Praises Work on Future BART Sites in Santa Clara County

Link to Los Altos Patch article

<http://patch.com/california/losaltos/u-s-transportation-secretary-praises-work-future-bart-sites-santa-clara-county>

What is RIDS, and How Will It Protect BART Trains on San Jose Extension

Link to Silicon Valley Business Journal article

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/news/2016/09/16/what-is-rids-and-how-will-it-protect-bart-trains.html>

The Push for Density Around San Francisco Bay Area Transit Pushes Back Against Little Appetite for Housing Near Stations

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FTA Announces \$1 Billion to Expand Trolley Service in San Diego

Link to news release

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MTC, Bay Area Council Release First-Ever Shuttle Census

Link to news release

<http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/mtc-bay-area-council-release-first-ever-shuttle-census>

TRAVELER INFORMATION / TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

New I-80 Traffic Alert Signs Go Live

Link to KTVU-TV story

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/195719494-story>

City of Sacramento Joins Waze Connected Citizens Program

Link to news release

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/City-Manager/Media-Releases/City-of-Sacramento-Joins-Waze-Connected-Citizens-Program>

VEHICLES

California's Zero-Emission Vehicle Program is Stuck in Neutral

Link to Reuters article

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/californias-zero-emission-vehicle-program-050001812.html>

Automated Driving Conversation with Stanford Law's Bryant Walker Smith

Link to ITE Talks Transportation podcast

<https://transportationradio.wordpress.com/2016/08/23/automated-driving-conversation-with-bryant-walker-smith/>

Convergence Promotions and California PATH Form Connected Auto Alliance

Link to news release

<http://www.emsnow.com/npps/story.cfm?pg=story&id=59362>

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