



## ***METRANS on the Move:*** **our weekly newsletter by students**



### ***In the News***

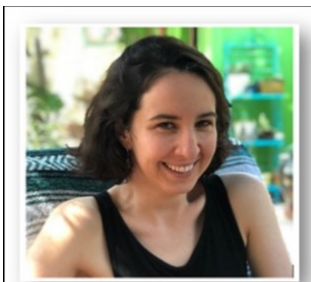
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#### **METRANS and USC ITE Host Metro CEO Stephanie N. Wiggins**

On Wednesday, November 3, METRANS and the USC Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Student Chapter hosted Stephanie N. Wiggins, CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), to share her professional experience in the transportation sector and to discuss the current state of and future plans for Metro.

Read more [here](#).



#### **UCLA's Julene Paul Awarded PSR Doctoral Student of the Year**

Julene Paul is this year's PSR student of the year. Julene is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies from Harvard University and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Rutgers.

Read more [here](#).



#### **A neglected California city reinvents itself with electric cars — and plots a road map for the nation**

HURON, Calif. — This Central Valley outpost is one of the most fertile places on Earth, attracting thousands of seasonal laborers to harvest lettuce and reaping windfalls for big agribusiness. But for most of Rey León's life, the city of Huron has been a transportation desert.

Read the Los Angeles Times feature [here](#).



## Eyes on the Street: Anti-Camping Rocks Block Ktown Sidewalk

On a residential block of Westmoreland Avenue in Koreatown, someone recently placed about two dozen large rocks. The rocks are blocking the public right-of-way, both street and sidewalk spaces, at a long-closed fenced-off back entrance to Shatto Park. In recent years, several unhoused persons resided in a couple of tents there.

Read the STREETSLOGLA feature [here](#).

## Webinars & Online Events

### WEBINAR: How to Build an Idle Reduction Culture

**Wednesday, February 2nd at 10:30 am PST, hosted by Mindful Mobility Tech Talks**

Automotive Fleet magazine has called Ron Zima the idle reduction behavior expert. Zima is also known as IDLE FREE Guy™, creator of industry's idle reduction behavior modification program, IDLE FREE for our kids® for Fleets. In his presentation, Ron will provide the behavioral roadmap to building a long term idle reduction fleet culture.

[More Info](#)

### ITS Davis Webinar: You can't drive what you can't charge: unique infrastructure policy needs for commercial electric vehicles & the critical role of utilities

**Friday, February 4th at 1:40 pm PST (hybrid), hosted by UC Davis**

In the policy arena, zero-emission vehicle sales mandates such as the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks rules are the heavy hitters and have received a great deal of well-deserved media attention. Yet, infrastructure policy is the much more complex and yet less "headline grabbing" policy area. The electric infrastructure required to support commercial battery electric vehicles (EVs) can be expensive and challenging to build, and yet, the benefits of commercial EVs for air quality and greenhouse gas emissions are unmatched.

[More Info](#)

### RIDE FREE ON TRANSIT EQUITY DAY

**Friday, February 4th, hosted by Metrolink**

We are inviting everyone to *Take A Seat – Any Seat* and ride Metrolink for free. That's because it's Transit Equity Day, which we celebrate on the birthday of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks. Metrolink is committed to providing safe, accessible and affordable transportation for everyone. All you have to do is simply arrive at the station and board the train (no ticket required) for system-wide Metrolink service. San Bernardino county public transportation providers (including OmniTrans, MBTA, Mountain Transit and Victor Valley Transit) are also offering free rides on Transit Equity Day.

[More Info](#)

### ICTPA's Celebration of the Lunar New Year 2022

**Saturday, February 5th at 2:00 pm PST (virtual), hosted by ICTPA-Southern California Chapter**

Join for a Great Keynote Speech & Celebration of the Lunar New Year!

[More Info](#)

### SAVE THE DATE! ITS Davis Webinar

**Friday, February 11th at 1:40 pm PST (hybrid), hosted by UC Davis**

Speaker: Camille Kirk, Director of Sustainability and Campus Sustainability Planner, UC Davis

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## **WEBINAR: Improving the Environmental Sustainability of Concrete through Material Efficiency**

**Wednesday, February 16th at 10:00 am PST, hosted by National Center for Sustainable Transportation**

Concrete is a key component of the built environment. However, the manufacture of cement-based materials, such as concrete, produces over 8% of worldwide anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions. Designing infrastructure in a manner that uses concrete more efficiently, and thus lowers consumption while meeting the same system demands, holds promise for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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## **WEBINAR: Pathways to Self-Sustaining EV Carsharing Programs**

**Wednesday, February 16th at 10:30 am PST, hosted by Mindful Mobility Tech Talks**

EV carsharing programs play an important role in achieving climate goals and reduced low income rates can enable an equitable transition to transportation electrification, but these programs often struggle financially in their formative years. This talk will provide insight into how income-based EV carsharing can be modeled to succeed through innovation, using existing utility program infrastructure and vehicle to grid integration.

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## **WEBINAR: TRB Virtual Career Fair**

**Thursday, February 17th at 9:00 am PST/12:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by TRB**

Attendees will have the opportunity to live chat directly with hiring managers, get instant feedback on their qualifications, and learn about job opportunities first hand. Job candidates will meet and network with dozens of prospective employers from a wide range of multimodal transportation-related disciplines, including engineering, consulting, operations, planning and more!

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## **ITS Davis Webinar: Data analytics for Warehousing Transportation Analysis**

**Friday, February 18th at 1:40 pm PST (hybrid), hosted by UC Davis**

"Demand for warehouse space is hitting record highs, and that doesn't appear to be abating anytime soon. Demand is up 22% year-over-year in 2021. Logistics and parcel delivery is driving this growth. The 1,800 individual future tenants that participated in a study need over 600 million square feet of space" [9th annual Industrial Tenant Demand Study, published by JLL Industrial].

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## **The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG): The 2022 Student Showcase**

**In all, a total of \$6,000 across four prizes will be awarded (two separate \$2,000 "Best in Show" prizes and two separate \$1,000 "Audience Award" prizes).**

Abstracts Due: Feb. 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (PST)

Final Projects Due: March 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (PST)

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## **ITS Davis Webinar: What Does Sustainable Freight Look Like for Caltrans?**

**Friday, February 25th at 1:40 pm PST (hybrid), hosted by UC Davis**

There have been numerous regulations, laws, and policies passed in the last few years that are moving California to a more sustainable freight system. Among these is a carbon-neutral state with 100% zero-emission trucks by 2045. Learn how a large state department of transportation has navigated and embraced these new challenges, what Caltrans can do to help California achieve a more sustainable freight ecosystem, and what questions Caltrans still needs help answering in determining its most efficient path to this sustainable future.

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**SAVE THE DATE!** PSR Emerging Scholars Transportation Research Symposium  
Friday, March 4th, hosted by the Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR)

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**PSR Webinar: Bike Share in the Sacramento Region: Lessons Learned and What's Next**

**Friday, March 4th at 1:40 pm PST (hybrid), hosted by UC Davis**

Join us for this ITS-Davis Seminar where you'll hear from Sabrina Bradbury, SACOG Senior Program Manager, about the latest on the region's bike share program and efforts to attract and manage both bike share and scooter share in communities around the region.

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**Proposals for "Green Transportation Summit & Expo 2022"**

**Due on March 31st**

The Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) is the West Coast's premier fleet modernization and sustainable transportation event. GTSE offers attendees an inside look at the latest in fleet technologies and innovation and provides informative sessions featuring a who's who of national and regional transportation leaders.

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**SAVE THE DATE! METTRANS/PSR Research Seminar Series**

**April 6th**

Dr. Paul Ong and his project colleagues presents transportation research, Mobility, Accessibility and Disadvantaged Neighborhoods....

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## *Pathways to Opportunity*

**2022 Summer Student Intern Program  
The City and County of SF**

Apply by 02/10/2022

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**Metro Internship Program (MIP)  
LA Metro**

Apply ASAP

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**Data Analyst - Cities and Urban Design  
Gensler**

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**KCAG Regional Planner I/II/III**

County of Kings

Apply by 02/18/2022

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