



METRANS on the Move: **our weekly newsletter written and produced by students**



In the News

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California seeks public input in crafting e-bike incentives

The state legislature earmarked \$10 million for CARB to create an Electric Bicycle Incentives Project to help low-income individuals replace car trips with motorized two-wheeled outings. This initiative is under CARB's Low Carbon Transportation Investments and Air Quality Improvement Program.

Read the SMARTCITIESDIVE feature [here](#).



2023 will bring Slow Streets and Open Streets programs to San Gabriel Valley

The mobility non-profit Active SGV will be installing temporary Slow Streets demonstrations around the San Gabriel Valley between now and November 2023. Numerous member cities of the SGV Council of Governments came forward to participate in the traffic calming pilot.

Read the STREETSLOGLA feature [here](#).



For 2-Wheel Commuters in LA, ‘Bikepooling’ Brings Safety in Numbers

On paper, Los Angeles looks like bike commuter country: The sprawling LA basin boasts glorious year-round riding weather and generous expanses of largely flat streetscape.

But only about 1% of LA commuters get to work by bicycle, according to the US Census Bureau, a figure that reflects the challenges that riders face in a freeway-laden city that’s been optimized for the automobile.

Read the Bloomberg CityLab feature [here](#).



July Truck Tonnage Posts 5.1% Annual Gain

Truck tonnage in July rose 5.1% year-over-year but slipped 1.1% when measured on a sequential monthly basis, according to American Trucking Associations. The ATA For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index equaled 116.2 compared with 117.5 in June. Through the first seven months of 2022, tonnage is up 3.4% compared with year-ago levels, ATA said Aug. 23. The July year-over-year result marks the 11th consecutive month of annual gains, the federation said.

Read the Transport Topics feature [here](#).

Webinars & Online Events

Freight Video Challenge

Monday, August 15th 5:00 pm - Wednesday, August 31st 11:55 pm, hosted by Center for International Trade and Transportation at CSU Long Beach

The Center for International Trade and Transportation at CSU Long Beach is working with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on the workforce development piece of a regional freight impact assessment study. One of the tasks is a social media challenge where you can share your vision for how the goods movement industry could benefit and/or challenge your communities! We’re looking for videos of no more than 40 seconds in length, filmed on a phone, and easily shared via a [submission form](#) linked below.

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TRB Webinar: Considering Quality of Life in Transportation Planning and Development

Thursday, August 25th at 9:30 am PDT/12:30 pm EDT, hosted by TRB

There is a direct relationship between transportation investments and community resilience, equity, and sustainability. TRB will host a webinar on Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern that will explore how transportation agencies and state departments of transportation (DOTs) have ensured that quality-of-life considerations are comprehensively incorporated into community planning and project development processes through guidebooks, procedures, best practice research, and training. Presenters will also highlight experiences with developing and refining resources designed to incorporate community resources and impacts into transportation decision-making and project planning processes.

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Rotary's Environmental Summit on Green Transportation & Clean Energy

Saturday, September 10th at 8:00 am PDT (in-person), hosted by Rotary

Rotary is uniquely placed to empower local communities around the world to implement climate solutions. Participants will hear from our keynote presenters and panelists, who will be discussing informative topics and call-to-action steps on:

- Present and future green transportation
- Clean energy solutions
- Developing healthy and sustainable communities
- Climate crisis mitigation
- Policy, technology, practice, and equity

There will also be refreshments, exhibits, and guided tours available.

Keynote Presenters:

- Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of U.S. Representative
- Nuria Fernandez, Federal Transit Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation

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METRANS Event: Port of Long Beach Harbor Tour 2022

Tuesday, September 13th at 1:00 pm PDT (in-person), hosted by METRANS

The tour is open on a first-come, first-serve basis to students affiliated with the Pacific Southwest Region UTC. The boat will depart from Dock #2, near the Aquarium of the Pacific, in Downtown Long Beach.

Please download and see [attached map here](#).

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Beyond Crypto: Blockchain for Urban Development

Thursday, September 15th at 12:00 pm PDT (online), hosted by MTI

Nonprofits in Oakland are planting trees to help with carbon sequestration to address climate change with the help of blockchain technology—a system in which a record of transactions are maintained across several computers linked in a peer-to-peer network. Blockchain provides an effective mechanism to codify process steps, enables any qualified individual or entity to easily participate in the delivery of those services, removes the need for single entity contracts, and also effectively tracks execution of those services. The process of selecting trees, getting permits to plant those trees in the right spot, planting the trees, and verification of proper planting all happen on the blockchain, and because activity is broken down and managed at discrete transaction level, anyone can participate in the effort as long as they follow the rules set out in the blockchain. This expert research investigates and develops specifications for using blockchain and distributed organizations to enable decentralized delivery and finance of urban infrastructure and the potentials of blockchain to empower everyone to improve transportation systems and their communities. Webinar will end with Q&A.

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Transport and the Triple Bottom Line Summit 2022: Transit Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

Friday, September 23rd at 10:00 am PDT (online), hosted by MTI

The Transport and the Triple Bottom Line Summit seeks to explore the concept of 'sustainable transport,' leaving attendees with a fuller understanding, and most importantly, a definition for the term. Panelists and speakers include an array of national experts, practitioners, and scholars on social equity and transport,

the environmental impact of transport, financial mechanisms for secure and continuous operations, as well as, decision-makers currently involved in California's notable public-private partnerships.

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WTS Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles Boat Tour

Thursday, September 29th at 5:00 pm PDT (in-person), hosted by WTS

Join WTS-LA, Port of Los Angeles, and Port of Long Beach in networking with the WTS-LA Directors at Large and other prominent industry leaders during an evening boat cruise through the ports. Cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres available. A cash-based raffle will be available for prizes!! Cash bar sponsorships are available for small businesses. Please contact Heather Anderson at vp_programs@wtsla.org for more information.

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Rail~Volution 2022 Miami

Sunday, October 30th (in-person), hosted by Rail~Volution

The Rail~Volution conference looks at the whole community built around transit and connected mobility options. Find out how peers are getting projects done – from transit to housing – with an eye to the implications for health, safety, equity, sustainability, access to opportunity and overall quality of life.

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Fast Facts

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The Evolution of Los Angeles Metro Rail Station Neighborhoods: Moves Edition

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