



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



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

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#### **Price MPP Student William Graswich Ready to Make More Big Contributions to METRANS**

With a background in political science and economic development, USC Price graduate student and returning METRANS student worker William Graswich is looking forward to another year of studying transportation policy in the second year of his Master of Public Policy degree program.

Read more [here](#).



#### **2022 40 Under 40: Lynn Feng**

As a believer in urban livability and sustainable development, Lynn Feng strives to leverage innovation in infrastructure and planning to connect people to opportunities and advance equity. She combines her experience in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to serve clients locally and globally on infrastructure projects, with a focus on urban and transportation planning.

Read the Mass Transit feature [here](#).



## Los Angeles voters get a chance to enhance streets for buses, bicycles and walkers

Voters in Los Angeles will have the chance to decide whether they want bus, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations included in every major road project. The Los Angeles City Council voted last week to put a ballot initiative before voters requiring mobility enhancements whenever a city street or block of a certain length is added, repaved or otherwise altered.

Read the SMARTCITIESDIVE feature [here](#).



## Metro Re-Approves Randolph as Rail-to-River Route After Dedicated Bike/Walk Path Plan Had to Be Scuttled

Cutting through and along the edges of Florence-Firestone, Huntington Park, Bell, Vernon, and Maywood, Randolph was the preferred route Metro had approved back in 2017. Soon after approval, however, the project collided with both the planned West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) rail line in Huntington Park and Union Pacific's unwillingness to abandon its defunct right-of-way (ROW).

Read the STREETSBLG LA 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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### 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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### **Webinar: Creating a More Equitable Transportation System Through Mobility on Demand (MOD)**

**Wednesday, September 14th at 10:30 am PDT/1:30 pm EDT, hosted by University Transportation Centers**

In this session you will hear from thought leaders about how new and transformative MOD trends are changing the landscape of transportation options available and helping to create a more equitable system for all users. In addition, Industry professionals will share their personal experiences working with cutting-edge technologies that are being developed and deployed to improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation system, highlight their challenges and successes in the field, and discuss how to prepare for entering the transportation workforce.

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### **The 34th ICTPA Annual Conference - Autonomous and Electric Vehicles: Shaping the Future Transportation Sector and ITS Applications**

**Thursday, September 15th & Friday, September 16th (online), hosted by ICTPA**

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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](mailto: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: Rents and Permits Edition

**Author:** Marlon Boarnet, Seva Rodnyansky,  
and Raphael Bostic

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Rent Control, Gentrification



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