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METRANS on the Move: our weekly newsletter by students

Hi readers, happy first week of November!!



In the News

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USC's Jessica Brown wins WTS-LA Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Brown has been selected to receive the 2021 WTS-LA \$8000 Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship. Jessica is an undergraduate at the University of Southern California, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Building Science.

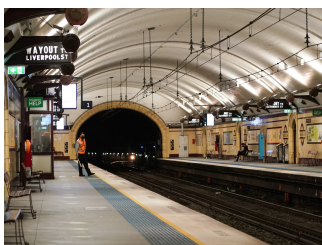
Read more [here](#).



Transportation Students tour Port of Hueneme and Distribution Center

Twelve USC students, led by USC ITE Advisor and Adjunct Associate Professor Eric Shen, had the opportunity to experience and a technical tour of the Port of Hueneme on Friday, October 22, 2021.

Read more [here](#).



Is hybrid work killing the monthly transit pass?

Nearly two years after the start of the pandemic, a picture of the new workweek is taking shape: Workers haven't abandoned the office entirely, but they are coming in less often. Public transportation agencies are trying out more flexible ticket options in response.

Read the QUARTZ feature [here](#).



Five-Year-Olds Can Now Ride Free on Metro!

On Oct. 28th, the Metro Board of Directors approved a fare policy change, allowing all five-year-olds to ride Metro buses and trains for free. In the past, Metro's fare prices had a loophole. One- to four-year-olds rode free, and students were eligible for discounted fares – but pre-kindergarten five-year-olds paid full fare.

Read the [STREETSBLOGLA](#) feature [here](#).

Webinars & Online Events

Fall 2021 Speaker Series: A National Study of Dockless Transportation

Wednesday, November 3rd at 12:00 pm PDT (hybrid), hosted by METRANS

Using public data on scooter use in Louisville, KY and Minneapolis, MN, this team of researchers created a cross-sectional land use model of dockless scooter trip generation. They then apply this model to identify areas with high propensity for scooter use in the State of California.

[More Info](#)

WTS-LA Legislative Webinar - CEQA Streamlining for Transportation Projects

Wednesday, November 3rd at 12:00 pm PDT (hybrid), hosted by WTS-LA

The housing crisis and the state's focus on curbing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing vehicle miles traveled have prompted the California Legislature to pass general and specific CEQA streamlining legislation aimed at facilitating transit-oriented development projects and regionally significant projects that meet stringent standards for emissions and vehicle miles traveled mitigation.

[More Info](#)

METRANS & USC ITE Speaker Series: Stephanie Wiggins, LA Metro CEO

Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm PDT (virtual), hosted by USC ITE & METRANS

Come hear Los Angeles Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins discuss her career path and current Metro projects. A lifelong trailblazer and champion of equity and inclusion, Ms. Wiggins is the first woman – and first African American woman – to lead Metro in the agency's history, which dates to 1993.

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A NEW PARADIGM FOR RAIL PLANNING, FUNDING, & IMPLEMENTATION

Thursday, November 4th at 11:00 am PDT (virtual), hosted by Northeast Corridor Commission

Join to learn more about C35, how it might be implemented, and the groundbreaking analytical approach used to allow project delivery sequencing to be driven by efficient use of track outages to maximize productivity and minimize service disruptions for customers.

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Reimagining Transportation: The Journey of Digital Transformation in Transportation

Wednesday, November 10th at 11:00 am PDT (virtual), hosted by ITS AMERICA

Learn from leaders at Google Cloud and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet how Kentucky and the Colorado DOT started their digital transformation journey, what they have achieved, and how they infused the culture of transformation along with the technology in their day to day operations.

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Fifth Annual UCI Graduate Colloquium on Innovation in Transportation

Wednesday, November 10th at 12:30 pm PDT (virtual), hosted by UCI Institute of Transportation Studies
Building a Better World Together with Equitable Mobility for All
Featured Speakers: *Stephanie Wiggins*, LA Metro CEO; *Lena Gonzalez*, Senate Transportation Chair; *Hasan Ikhmeta*, SCAG CEO

[More Info](#)

Women in Motion Webinar Series: Bicycle Infrastructure and Gender Safety Perceptions

Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 am PST/1:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by TRB Standing Committees

The gender gap in bicycling persists in countries and cities with low bicycling rates. Two hypotheses are commonly used to explain this phenomenon: first, that the disparity is a product of differences in gendered trip-making behavior, and second, that it is caused by differences in perceptions of bicycling safety between men and women.

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The Effect of COVID-19 on Transit Operations and Ridership

Tuesday, November 16th at 10:00 am PST/1:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by UMEC & Morgan State University

Dr. Mansoureh Jeihani, Dr. Celeste Chavis, Istik Bhuyan, and Dr. Samira Ahangari

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Investigating the Effect of Connected Vehicles Route Guidance on Mobility & Equity

Tuesday, November 16th 11:00 am PST/2:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by UMEC and Morgan State University

Dr. Mansoureh Jeihani, Alireza Ansaryiar, Dr. Anam Ardeshiri, Dr. Eazaz Sadeghvaziri

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MiteY Mentorship Program Exploring Workplace Issues

Thursday, November 18th at 3:00 pm PST (virtual), hosted by ITE Western District

The MiteY Mentorship program is a community-based mentoring program that is intended to provide consistent support and guidance for our young members. We will be hosting quarterly events that will bring together our mentors and mentees for networking and career guidance opportunities.

[More Info](#)

ITS-Davis Friday Seminar: How might people spend How Fully Automated Vehicles Will Shape an Individual's Use of Time

Friday, November 19th at 1:40 pm PST (hybrid), hosted by UC Davis ITS

Dr. Chandra R. Bhat is the Director of the Center for Transportation Research (CTR) and the Adnan Abou-Ayyash Centennial Professor in Transportation Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, teaching courses in transportation systems analysis and transportation planning.

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SAVE THE DATE! 2022 TRB Annual Meeting

January 9th-12th (in-person), hosted by TRB

Register by December 3 and save up to 25%

Expected to attract thousands of transportation professionals from around the world, the meeting program covers all transportation modes, and addresses topics of interest to policy makers . . .

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WEBINAR: TRAINS, BUSES, PEOPLE: AN OPINIONATED ATLAS OF US AND CANADIAN

TRANSIT

Wednesday, January 19th at 12:00 pm PST/3:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by Eno Center for Transportation

Christof Spieler will discuss the evolving conversation around transit in the past three years since the book originally published. He'll also briefly cover updates around fare policies, wayfinding, transit governance structures, customer experience, how to create inclusive transit systems that work for all riders.

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Fast Facts
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Making Bicycling Equitable: Lessons from Sociocultural Research (White Paper)

Authors: Sarah Reboloso McCullough, Adonia Lugo, Rebecca van Stokkum

Year: 2018

Keywords: Public transit, land use, and urban mobility, transportation planning, policy, and finance



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