



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



In the News

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Assemblymember Cristina Garcia Planning Legislation to Stop Freeway Expansion in Underserved Communities

Yesterday, the Los Angeles Times reported that State Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) is planning to introduce legislation to end freeway expansion in low-income communities already suffering from freeway harm.

Read the [STREETSBLOG LA](#) feature [here](#).



Note to store Owners: Not All Holiday Shoppers Drive

Last month, with the critical holiday shopping season looming, struggling retailers near San Francisco's Union Square turned to Mayor London Breed for help. Her response: free car parking in nearby municipal parking lots, which stands to cost the city an estimated \$700,000 to \$900,000 in lost revenue.

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

Winter holiday travel will be back with a vengeance, travel groups predict



AAA estimates more than 109 million Americans will travel over the long Christmas and New Year's week -- a number approaching the pre-pandemic record 119 million travelers of Christmas 2019.

Read the CNN feature [here](#).



What's L.A.'s best new transportation project of 2021? Vote now

There are a handful of big-ticket items which were scheduled to open in 2021, but for a variety of reasons have fallen short of that mark (looking at you Regional Connector and Crenshaw/LAX Lines).

Read the Urbanize LA feature [here](#).

Webinars & Online Events

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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SAVE THE DATE! Emerging Scholars Transportation Research Symposium

Thursday&Friday, March 3rd&4th, more details will be provided, hosted by University Transportation Center

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Fast Facts

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Get More Out of Variable Speed Limit Control: An Integrated Approach to Manage Traffic Corridors with Multiple Bottlenecks

Author: Michael Zhang,
Shenyang Cheng, Hang Gao
University of California

Year: 2020

Keywords: integrating freight and passenger systems, vehicles, and infrastructure



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