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In the News

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METRANS Student Worker Namjoo Park Has a Passion for Policy Research

Policy research has always been a passion for Namjoo Park, who came to USC from her home country of Korea this year to study in the Price School's Master of International Public Policy and Management (IPPAM) program. Park, who is from Busan, South Korea, attended Hanyang University in Seoul, where she took courses in the fields of economics, law, and philosophy in pursuit of a public policy degree.

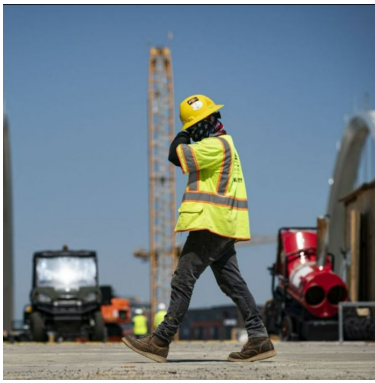
Read more [here](#).



High-speed Rail Line from LA to Las Vegas Could Begin Construction in 2023

California could see its second high-speed rail project begin construction next year, according to news reports. Brightline West looks to build an \$8 billion passenger rail corridor connecting Southern California and Las Vegas, mainly within the median of the Interstate 15 freeway. It would operate 180-mph electric trains.

Read the SMARTCITIESDIVE feature [here](#).



Federal Transportation Program Expands to Curb Crashes and Emissions

A decade-old federal initiative designed to speed up transportation infrastructure improvements at the state level is getting a revamp. The latest iteration of the Federal Highway Administration's Every Day Counts program is being expanded to emphasize traffic safety and emissions reduction, the FHWA announced Friday.

Read the Bloomberg feature [here](#).



NACTO: Micromobility is Booming; Municipal Regulations towards It Need to Evolve

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) released a new data snapshot that found micromobility use in the U.S. isn't a trend but a crucial part of transportation networks. NACTO's analysis determined at least half a billion trips have been taken on bike share, e-scooters and other micromobility systems since 2010.

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

Webinars & Online Events

Webinar: Micromobility Update: Taking Stock and Planning for the Future

Thursday, December 8th at 10:30 am PST/1:30 pm EST, hosted by Eno Center for Transportation

Shared electric bikes and scooters have sprung up in several cities across the United States with a promise to fill the existing gaps in urban mobility systems and to transform how people travel. Driven largely by private investments, they have been evolving constantly to meet the changing market needs and to adjust to the disruptions caused during the pandemic. Meanwhile, cities are innovating to develop governance, regulatory, and financial structures that can ensure that these new modes ultimately serve the needs of citizens in terms of improved accessibility, affordability, equity, and sustainability.

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Webinar: Expanding Microtransit Services and Improving the Rider Experience

Monday, December 12th at 10:00 am PST/1:00 pm EST, hosted by Transportation Research Board

Passengers and potential passengers have higher expectations for transit services given the increased number of mobility options available today. Microtransit can help meet those expectations while expanding the transit services currently offered. TRB will host a webinar that will explore how microtransit has been successfully implemented to improve the rider experience. Presenters will share ways to transform mobility and discuss public-private partnerships that can improve mobility.

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Webinar: Trends in Transit Ridership—Analysis, Causes, and Responses

Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 am PST/1:00 pm EST, hosted by Transportation Research Board

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, transit ridership in the United States was on the decline. While agencies put more services in place and populations increased, transit usage continued to decrease due to density, telework, gas prices, and other factors. TRB will host a webinar that will address the results of the recent

TCRP Research Report 231: Recent Decline in Public Transportation Ridership: Analysis, Causes, and Responses.

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Webinar: The Key to Building Great Communities: Listening for Understanding
Wednesday, December 14th at 11:00 am PST/2:00 pm EST, hosted by Eno Center for Transportation

When Lynn Peterson began working as a transportation engineer, she was taught to evaluate roadway projects based only on metrics related to driver safety, allowable speed for the highest number of cars, project schedule, and budget. Involving the community and collaborating with peers were never part of the discussion. Today, Peterson is a recognized leader in transportation planning and engineering, known for her approach that is rooted in racial equity, guided by a process of community engagement, and includes collaboration with other professionals. In *Roadways for People*, Lynn Peterson draws from her personal experience and interviews with leaders in the field to showcase new possibilities within transportation engineering and planning.

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Webinar: Measuring and Managing Fare Evasion
Thursday, December 15th at 10:00 am PST/1:00 pm EST, hosted by Transportation Research Board

Fare evasion has significant implications for the financial sustainability of transit systems. TRB will host a webinar that will explore the many facets of fare evasion and the recent past and emerging future of fare enforcement on transit systems. Presenters will discuss why and where fare evasion occurs, share proactive approaches to increase fare compliance, and how to respond to community and transit equity challenges.

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Webinar: Scenario Planning: Forecasting the Impact of CAV's and other Uncertainties

Thursday, December 15th at 11:00 am PST/2:00 pm EST, hosted by ITE Transportation Planning Council

Transportation is experiencing several profound transformations, from changes in travel behavior due to the global coronavirus pandemic, to technology advances in vehicle communication and automation. These transformations affect the environment, social equity, and the economy at varying degrees. This webinar will discuss changing travel patterns, increases in teleworking, connected and automated vehicles (CAV), micromobility, and shared mobility, which are examples that bring new challenges and options to passenger and freight travel alike.

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2022 APA Los Angeles Holiday Party

Thursday, December 15th at 5:30 pm (in-person), hosted by APA Los Angeles

This holiday season, APA Los Angeles is bringing you our best party of the year! Come celebrate with your planning colleagues. We'll have an array of appetizers and a limited open bar featuring cocktails, craft beers, and select wines. You do not need to be a member of APA to attend. Cheers to the holidays! There is a parking structure at the venue. Or take LBT bus 121 from the Downtown Long Beach Metro A Line Station.

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2023 Annual Conference

Monday, May 8th (in-person), hosted by Women's Transportation Seminar(WTS)

The 2023 WTS International Annual Conference: The Great Intersection, will be held on May 8-13, 2023, at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center, 220 Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Atlanta is a city known for its progress in equity.

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IAME Conference 2023

Sunday, Tuesday 5th (in-person), hosted by METTRANS

Join us at IAME 2023, the International Association of Maritime Economist Conference, to explore and learn about what is next for maritime. The conference will be hosted in Long Beach, California.

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