

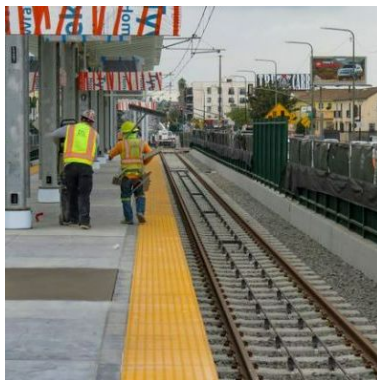


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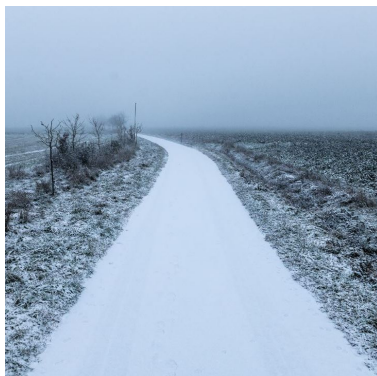
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These 5 Big Transit Projects Got Done Just as 2022 Came to an End

It can often take years, if not decades, to bring a major transit project to fruition in U.S. cities. New York's East Side Access project uses two rail tunnels built in 1972 under the East River intended for the Long Island Rail Road, but the city ran out of money, and the tubes remained empty until the project was revived three decades later.

Read the SMARTCITIESDIVE feature [here](#).



Self-Driving Cars Are a Natural Fit for Rural America

On a recent Friday evening, a white Toyota Sienna minivan with a cylindrical sensor mounted on its roof slowed to a stop in front of the only hospital in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, population 11,000. The door opened, and I took a seat behind the driver: a computer rack mounted in place of the passenger seat. Next to it was a friendly young operator who sits behind the steering wheel and ensures that this self-driving rideshare doesn't suddenly skid into a snowbank or a pedestrian.

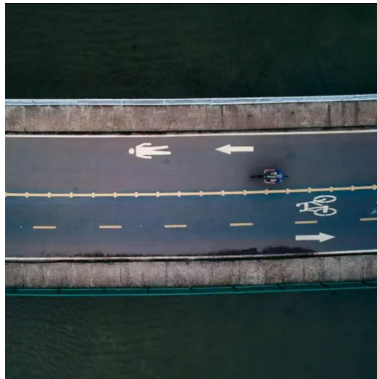
Read the Bloomberg feature [here](#).



White House Envoy Stephen Lyons Says Supply Chain Closing 2022 in Better Shape

White House Supply Chain Envoy Stephen Lyons says the nation's supply chain is ending 2022 in a much better position than a year ago. In 2021, there were concerns about shortages in stores and warehouses, rapidly rising prices to ship goods and thousands of containers stacking up at the nation's ports as railroads could not move items fast enough.

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



Federal Funding Bill Contains \$45M for New Active Transportation Program

The massive new federal funding bill making its way through Washington includes \$45 million in much-needed funds for active transportation projects — but it's still a tiny fraction of what American communities actually need.

Read the STREETS BLOG feature [here](#).

Webinars & Online Events

Working in Warehousing & Logistics

Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30 am PST/1:30 pm GMT (online), hosted by National Careers Service West Midlands

The handling, storage and movement of goods and materials is a vast and complex business. To keep pace with the needs of manufacturers and retailers, warehouse work is available at all levels, from jobs that require no qualifications for entry, to positions for university graduates. On our roads, thousands of vans and lorries take all sorts of products and raw materials to where they are needed - to factories, warehouses, and shops, or to shipping ports or airports for export. Just think of the products in supermarkets - they all need to be supplied regularly - sometimes daily from all over the world.

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MetroConnect How To Do Business With Metro Workshop

Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 am PST (online), hosted by Metro Connect

We are committed to helping you win business with Metro and we're committed to being your champions. How To Do Business With Metro Workshop is a two-hour orientation that provides information on Metro's Certification program, Small Business Program initiatives, Contract Look-Ahead schedules, and other useful information in effort to help you grow with us! Our aim is to increase opportunities for you by providing greater access and transparency, a level playing field, a more streamlined procurement process, and improved communications.

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Tech Trends for 2023 (and beyond!)

Tuesday, January 10th at 4:15 pm PST (online & in-person), hosted by The Austin Forum on Technology & Society

Jay Boisseau and Jay Williams are back for their annual discussion of the emerging and maturing technologies poised to have much greater impacts on industry and work, research and education, health, entertainment, transportation, and more in 2023 (and maybe a bit later, but still soon!). As always, they will share their views and other tech trends lists, present their top picks, discuss why tracking technologies in fast-changing times is important for innovating and out-competing, and provide guidance on how to get started with some of the technologies in your company, organization, or professional development.

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Info Session for Notice of Funding Opportunity: Central Region SBTRC **Wednesday, January 11th at 11:00 am PST (online), hosted by the U.S. Department of Transportation**

The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization established the Small Business Transportation Resource Centers as a network of grantees across the country, and these centers work closely with the transportation contracting community and other technical assistance providers to serve small and disadvantaged, transportation-related businesses. These centers provide technical assistance to small and disadvantaged businesses to build their capacity so they can become more competitive when bidding on U.S. DOT procurement opportunities and federally-funded contracts.

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Transforming Public Procurement Update **Friday, January 13th at 2:30 am PST/10:30 pm GMT (online), hosted by Cabinet Office**

The Procurement Bill is currently making its way through Parliament. Join the Transforming Public Procurement Programme team at the Cabinet Office for an update on Bill's progress, next steps and timelines, and details of the support that will be made available to help prepare for the new regime. You will have the opportunity to raise questions during a dedicated Q&A.

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Future Fuels: Climate Solutions in the Sky – and on the Ground **Thursday, January 19th at 9:00 pm PST/12:00 pm EST (online), hosted by Innovation Economy Council**

Aviation has a big emissions problem. Each year, the industry contributes about two percent of overall global emissions — and it's on course to get even worse. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that by 2050, planes will burn through 230 billion gallons of jet fuel annually, more than double of what's being used now. To reduce and reverse these damaging effects, airports around the world need to embrace innovative change. That means sourcing sustainable jet fuel, investing in EV-powered fleets, installing hydrogen and electric vehicle charging stations and upgrading internal grids and infrastructure.

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Webinar: Fare-Free Transit Policies and Programs—An Evaluation Framework **Thursday, January 24th at 9:30 am PST/12:30 pm EST, hosted by Transportation Research Board**

Many transit agencies are considering the implementation of partial or fare-free transit policy and may be unsure how to evaluate the costs and benefits of implementation. TRB will host a webinar that will present the pre-published TCRP Research Report 237: Fare-Free Transit Evaluation Framework. Presenters will highlight the development of an evaluation framework for fare-free transit. Presenters will also share two case studies from agencies and their lessons learned from implementing fare-free transit.

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2023 Annual Conference

Monday, May 10th (in-person), hosted by Women's Transportation Seminar(WTS)

WTS International's annual event will bring together transportation leaders and professionals to explore "The Great Intersection: Transportation & Equity". The 2023 conference will explore all modes of inclusive mobility, including surface and roads, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, freight, aviation, maritime, ports, micro-mobility, and other active modes of transportation, as well as personal and professional development.

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IAME Conference 2023

Sunday, September 5th (in-person), hosted by METRANS

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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