Happy Wednesday, reader!
Please remember to be kind to yourself and one another.

In the News

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U Hawaii MURP Student, John Canner, Studies Connections between Food Systems and Transportation

Meet John Canner, the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Master of Urban and Regional Planning student concentrating in Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure Planning.

Read more here.

PSR Practitioner Speaker Series: Wulf Grote Shares the Tempe Streetcar Project

“We are thrilled to kick off this Spring PSR practitioner speaker series together with AZ Trans, ITS, and ITE,” said METRANS Associate Director, Education and Professional Development, Victoria Deguzman.

Read more here.

How Telecommuting Changes Los Angeles

New research out of USC Marshall says better commutes, falling housing prices will benefit both new telecommuters and in-person workers in L.A.

Read the USC Marshall News feature here.
Calls for safer streets intensify amid 45% spike in pedestrian deaths

The number of people struck and killed by drivers has increased 45% nationwide over the past decade, according to Smart Growth America's Dangerous by Design report, which urges policymakers to curb the problem by making streets safer for all users in a bid to reduce vehicle speeds.

Read the Smart Cities Dive feature here.

Talking Transit: David Kim - Secretary of Transportation for the State of California

Kim chats with Paul Comfort about CalSTA’s new high-speed rail project, the future of zero-emission buses, and his thoughts on autonomous vehicles.

Listen to the Transit Unplugged podcast here.

Webinars & Online Events

YTP Los Angeles Presents Zero-Emission Buses - Aligning The Pieces from A to "ZEB"
Wednesday, March 10th at 5:30 pm PST

Analy Castillo, Ph.D., transit advisory consultant, will be speaking about Zero-Emission Buses (ZEB's) in California and ZEBDecide, the model she developed to predict bus performance under different zero-emission bus options that transit agencies across the state are using to plan their ZEB fleets.

More Info

METRANS, PSR, NCST Spring 2021 Speaker Series: Congestion Reduction via Personalized Incentives
Thursday, March 11th at 12:00 pm PST

In this webinar, we will discuss an alternative approach of offering positive incentives to drivers to take alternative routes. More specifically, we propose an algorithm to reduce traffic congestion and . . .

More Info

UCLA Urban Planning and UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies Perloff Lecture Series on Race in Transportation: Compton Cowboys and California Love
Thursday, March 11th at 12:30 pm PST


More Info

UTC Presents Telemobility Virtual Roundtable (TVR) 4: “eCommerce and Omnichannel Retail: Impact on Travel Demand”
Thursday, March 11th at 1:00 pm PST

The Telemobility University Transportation Center (UTC), a partnership of Northwestern, UC Berkeley, and UT Austin, is pleased to announce the fourth in a series of Telemobility Virtual Roundtables (TVR) . . .

More Info
C2M2 Distinguished Speaker Series Presents Do Mobility as a Service Systems Make Cities Smarter? – Evidence from Large Scale Trajectory Data  
**Friday, March 12th at 11:00 am PST**

C2M2 invites you to join us in welcoming Dr. Satish V. Ukkusuri, Purdue University, as a part of our C2M2 Distinguished Speaker Series.

**More Info**

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**METRANS and PSR Spring 2021 Speaker Series: Improving Shared-ride Mobility Service through Bi-criterion Path-finding**  
**Wednesday, March 17th at 12:00 pm PDT**

This webinar will detail the underlying operational problem, modeling approach, computational results, implications for mobility service providers and transportation planners/policymakers, and . . .

**More Info**

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**The MTI Research Snaps presents: Digital Butts In Seats: Creating Interesting, Engaging Virtual Events**  
**Thursday, March 18th at 10:00 am PDT**

Come learn the techniques that create exciting virtual events to keep your online community engaged.

**More Info**

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**Pritzker Forum on Global Cities - Pursuing Equity**  
**Thursday, March 18th at 2:00 pm PDT**

In the past, we have discussed inclusive urban economic frameworks, creating better cities for all, and confronting systemic racism and inequity.

**More Info**

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**C2SMART Webinar Series Understanding the Role of Microtransit in a Multi-modal Ecosystem**  
**Thursday, March 18th at 2:30 pm PDT**

Professor Joseph Chow, Deputy Director of C2SMART, and Research Professor and Co-PI, Rae Zimmerman, are joined by Saar Golde, chief Data Scientist at Via, a microtransit company which . . .

**More Info**

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**PACTRANS Doctoral Webinar Series: An Interdisciplinary Agent-based Evacuation Modeling Framework: Seeking Convergence of Social, Natural, and Engineered Systems to Improve Life Safety in the Cascadia Subduction Zone**  
**Friday, March 19th at 10:00 am PDT**

This research integrates social science, transportation engineering, and hazard science through an interdisciplinary agent-based modeling framework to improve life safety in the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

**More Info**

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**Summit Series of Innovation: Embracing Turbulence 2021 – Choosing the Mountain with David Ochi, CSU Dominguez Hills**  
**Friday, March 19th at 10:30 am PDT**
This is an opportunity to listen and learn from a select group of experienced industry professionals and to help get the tools you need to EMBRACE the turbulence.

**METRANS and PSR Spring 2021 Speaker Series: Understanding Mobility Changes in Response to COVID-19: A LA Case Study**
*Thursday, March 25th at 12:00 pm PDT*

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected people’s lives throughout the world. In the US, pandemic response has been largely left to state and local governments, resulting in a patchwork of policies.

**METRANS and PSR Spring 2021 Career Series: Using the Information Interview: A Powerful Tool in Job Search and in Life**
*Tuesday, March 30th at 12:00 pm PDT*

In this webinar, you will learn how to use this powerful information gathering and networking tool to build meaningful professional relationships and to uncover and secure the dream job or internship . . .

**METRANS Spring 2021 Career Series: The Discomfort of Criticism - Transforming Pain to Gain**
*Tuesday, April 6th at 12:00 pm PDT*

This workshop will explore the social, professional, and personal aspects of receiving and providing criticism, and offer specific strategies for receiving, reframing, and integrating feedback in . . .

**PSR, METRANS, and UC Davis ITS Presents University Transportation Center’s Congress 2021**
*Monday, April 12th at 12:30 pm PDT - Day 1 is open to the public*

The Pacific Southwest Region 9 (PSR) University Transportation Center’s Annual Congress gathers transportation stakeholders from throughout the region to share new research results, best practices . . .

**USDOT ITS Joint Program Office: All-Levels Academic Virtual Forum**
*Wednesday, April 21st at 10:00 am PDT*

The ITS PCB program invite you to join our upcoming All-Levels Academic Virtual Forum, where educators at universities, two-year colleges, and high schools, as well as practitioners and industry leaders will . . .
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