Happy Inauguration Day!

In the News

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METRANS Alumni Spotlight Series: ‘Metrans on the Move’ Editor-in-Chief Danielle Dirksen

After contributing to METRANS on the Move, as Editor-in-chief since Spring 2019, Danielle Dirksen has stepped down after graduating in the fall. Dirksen graduated with a BS in Urban Studies and Planning with a double minor in Environmental Studies and Occupational Science.

Read more [here](#).

Biden: $20B for ‘Hardest Hit’ Public Transit Agencies

President-elect Joe Biden unveiled a $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan on Jan. 14 that includes a $20 billion investment to “protect the future of transit.”

Read the Railway Age feature [here](#).

Impact of Traffic & Congestion on Urban Mobility

Vehicular traffic trends were turned on their heads as the world adjusted to the limitations of the pandemic. Cities traditionally plagued with gridlock saw virtually empty streets at the onset of the crisis, but as public health guidance fluctuates, so do the projected long-term impacts of COVID-19 on U.S. traffic.

Read the Smart Cities Dive feature [here](#).
Keep calm and float on: NAU civil engineering students Crowdfund their way to a concrete canoe

A group of civil engineering students at Northern Arizona University is determined to prove that with the right design and mixture, concrete is not only light, but can float.

Read the NAU News [here](https://mailchi.mp/usc/metrans-student-weekly-news-events-7abdl38n6e-1078024).

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**Webinars & Online Events**

**RASC January 2021 Webinar Lisa Levy Buch with Foothill Goldline**

**Thursday, January 21th at 12:00 pm PST**

Join RASC for their Webinar with Lisa Levy Buch, Chief Communications & Strategic Development Officer with Foothill Gold Line. This event is free for students.

[More Info](#)

**C2M2 Distinguished Speaker - Gurcan Comert - Identification and Delivery of Contextual and Critical Skills of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles through Problem-based Learning in Classroom and Research Experiences**

**Thursday, January 21th at 12:00 pm PST**

C2M2 invites you to join them in welcoming Gurcan Comert, Benedict College, as a part of our C2M2 Distinguished Speaker Series. Dr. Comert is an Associate Professor of Transportation Engineering in the Department of Computer Science, Physics, and Engineering at Benedict College and a C2M2 Associate Director.

[More Info](#)

**Integrating Emerging Technology into Disaster Management**

**Thursday, January 21th at 1:00 pm PST**

The National Disaster Preparedness Training Center is hosting its monthly 3rd Thursday Lecture Series. This month the focus is on Integrating Emerging Technology into Disaster Management. This virtual lecture will be presented by Mike Vorce and Dr. David Roueche.

[More Info](#)

**A Critical Conversation about the Pedestrian Safety Crisis in America**

**Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 am PST**

MVRPC is partnering Bike Miami Valley to present a critical conversation with planner, journalist and author Angie Schmitt on pedestrian safety trends nationwide and here in the Miami Valley Region.

[More Info](#)

**Eno Webinar: Introducing Platform-Based Approaches to Public Transit**

**Thursday, January 28th at 11:00 am PST**

In this webinar, you will learn how public transit agencies large and small have addressed challenges and prepared their organizations for the future with platform technology. We will also explore topics such as the potential benefits and challenges. . . The APA Central Section & FCOG present

[More Info](#)
2021 TRB Annual Meeting – A Virtual Event
Various dates throughout January 2021

The meeting program will cover all transportation modes, addressing topics of interest to policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions.

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