Dear reader,
I'm your new Newsletter Lead Hong-Sheng "Clark" Hsu and am looking forward to continuing our tradition of weekly news, events and opportunities coming to your inbox each week. Please join me in thanking the outgoing Lead Isidoro Serna for his dedicated service. He has set a high standard and I will do my best to meet it!

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In the News

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**USC's Zoey Li Wins WTS-LA Build Your Dreams Graduate Scholarship**

The WTS-LA Chapter Board of Directors has selected Zoey Li as the winner of the $5,000 Build Your Dreams Graduate Scholarship for her excellence in her studies and pursuit of the field of transportation. This distinguished scholarship is awarded to successful, driven, and passionate women entering the transportation industry.

Read more [here](#).

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**USC MS ECE Student, Elena Vindrola, wins WTS-LA Zephyr Rail Scholarship**

First year graduate student, Elena Vindrola, is the grateful recipient of the WTS LA Zephyr Rail $5,000 scholarship for women pursuing careers in the transportation sector. She is pursuing a Master of Science in Green Technologies) at the University of Southern California (USC), Viterbi School of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Read more [here](#).
Metro Plans to Close Loophole that Charges Five-Year-Olds Full Fare

Metro recently approved a fareless pilot, which will allow students (from participating districts) to ride free. The welcome fareless initiative will provide much-needed relief to youth and low-income families, but it does further highlight the absurdity of the current loophole.

Read the Streetsblog LA feature [here](https://mailchi.mp/usc/metrans-student-weekly-news-events-7abdl38n6e-1078224).

Santa Monica adding protected bikeway, safety measures near 17th St / SMC Station

Citing an increase in the number of cyclists and pedestrian activities since the arrival of the E Line in 2016, the City of Santa Monica is adding a protected bikeway and other safety infrastructure projects to the streets surrounding Metro's 17th St / SMC Station.

Read the Urbanize Los Angeles feature [here](https://mailchi.mp/usc/metrans-student-weekly-news-events-7abdl38n6e-1078224).

Webinars & Online Events

METRANS Fall 2021 Speaker Series: Economic Impacts of Cargo Handling Equipment Electrification at POLA/POLB

**Wednesday, October 27th at 12:00 pm PDT (hybrid), hosted by METRANS and the National Center for Sustainable Transportation**

In this study, we analyze the macroeconomic impacts of the electrification of CHE at Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach between 2020 and 2045.

[More Info](https://mailchi.mp/usc/metrans-student-weekly-news-events-7abdl38n6e-1078224)

METRANS & USC ITE Speaker Series: Stephanie Wiggins, LA Metro CEO

**Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm PDT (hybrid), hosted by USC ITE & METRANS**

Come hear Los Angeles Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins discuss her career path and current Metro projects. A lifelong trailblazer and champion of equity and inclusion, Ms. Wiggins is the first woman – and first African American woman – to lead Metro in the agency’s history, which dates to 1993.

[More Info](https://mailchi.mp/usc/metrans-student-weekly-news-events-7abdl38n6e-1078224)

A NEW PARADIGM FOR RAIL PLANNING, FUNDING, & IMPLEMENTATION

**Thursday, November 4th at 11:00 am PDT (virtual), hosted by Northeast Corridor Commission**

Join to learn more about C35, how it might be implemented, and the groundbreaking analytical approach used to allow project delivery sequencing to be driven by efficient use of track outages to maximize productivity and minimize service disruptions for customers.

[More Info](https://mailchi.mp/usc/metrans-student-weekly-news-events-7abdl38n6e-1078224)

Women in Motion Webinar Series: Bicycle Infrastructure and Gender Safety Perceptions

**Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 am PST/1:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by TRB Standing Committees**

The gender gap in bicycling persists in countries and cities with low bicycling rates. Two hypotheses are commonly used to explain this phenomenon: first, that the disparity is a product of differences in gendered trip-
making behavior, and second, that it is caused by differences in perceptions of bicycling safety between men and women.

**The Effect of COVID-19 on Transit Operations and Ridership**
*Tuesday, November 16th at 10:00 am PST/1:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by UMEC & Morgan State University*
*Dr. Mansoureh Jeihani, Dr. Celeste Chavis, Istik Bhuyan, and Dr. Samira Ahangari*

**Investigating the Effect of Connected Vehicles Route Guidance on Mobility & Equity**
*Tuesday, November 16th 11:00 am PST/2:00 pm EST (virtual), hosted by UMEC and Morgan State University*
*Dr. Mansoureh Jeihani, Alireza Ansaryiar, Dr. Anam Ardeshiri, Dr. Eazaz Sadeghvaziri*

**ITS-Davis Friday Seminar: How might people spend How Fully Automated Vehicles Will Shape an Individual’s Use of Time**
*Friday, November 19th at 1:40 pm PST (hybrid), hosted by UC Davis ITS*
*Dr. Chandra R. Bhat is the Director of the Center for Transportation Research (CTR) and the Adnan Abou-Ayyash Centennial Professor in Transportation Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, teaching courses in transportation systems analysis and transportation planning.*

**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 . . .*

**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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**Fast Facts**
*Created for Students, by Students*
Public Transit Safety Among University Students

**Authors:** Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, Madeline Brozen, Hao Ding, Miriam Pinski, Fariba Siddiq

**Year:** 2020

**Keywords:** public transit, land use, and urban mobility safety and security

Check this week’s featured Fast Facts [here](https://mailchi.mp/usc/metrans-student-weekly-news-events-7abdl38n6e-1078224).

Looking for more Fast Facts? Check out the Fast Facts Page on [metrans.org](http://metrans.org)!

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**Pathways to Opportunity**

**Transportation Planning Intern**
- **ARUP**
- Apply by ASAP
- See more info

**Craig Roberts Fellowship**
- **AZTrans**
- Apply by 03/01/2022
- See more info

**Transportation Planning Associate I and II**
- **Los Angeles Department of Transportation**
- Apply by 10/29/21
- See more info

**Freight Approval Engineer**
- **State Air Resources Board**
- United States
- Apply by 11/01/2021
- See more info

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