Happy Thursday! With COVID-19 cases spiking across the United States, it’s more important now than ever to wear your mask and social distance.

In the News

The articles in this newsletter are prepared or accomplished by others in their personal capacity. The opinions expressed are the author’s own and do not necessarily reflect the views of METRANS or its partners.

UCLA MURP Graduate Lupita Huerta: It All Started with a Bus Trip

“My experience riding this line inspired me to delve deeper into studying issues related to income inequality, and how transportation plays a role in the mobility of residents, both in the literal and figurative sense.”

Read more here.

Congratulations to Allison Fischer, 2020 WTS-LA Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship Winner

To err may be human, but researching those errors and learning how to prevent them is proving most divine for USC’s Allison Fischer.

Read the WTS-LA feature here.

Cruise deploys true robot cars in S.F. — no backup drivers behind wheel

Cruise, which has been testing for 5 years and logged about 2 million miles in San Francisco, hopes to offer robot taxi . . .

Read the SF Chronicle feature here.

Webinars & Online Events

OAPA Webinar – Anti-racist Planning Practice: An Indigenous Perspective

Wednesday, December 16th at 12 pm PST

Please join us for an afternoon of different panelists in a moderated round table discussion on anti-racist planning practice from an informed Indigenous perspective . . .

More Info
Eno Webinar: Transit Governance Reform: Examples From Baltimore, Minneapolis, and Boston  
Monday, December 16th at 1 pm PST

There is no one perfect model for public transit governance and finance in the United States. However, in several places, officials are reexamining how decisions about investments and operations . . .

More Info

Haulistix presents: Trucking Capacity Crunch: New Strategies for Transportation Procurement  
Friday, December 18th at 11 am PST

The pandemic driver shortage has left transportation managers struggling with carrier reliability and cost. Across the US, 25% of tenders are being rejected causing shippers to go deeper into their routing . . .

More Info

OCTEC/ITE SoCal 2020 Holiday Trivia Night  
Thursday, December 17th at 5 pm PST

Membership to OCTEC or ITE is not required to attend. All members of the transportation engineering community are welcome. Attendance will be limited to the first 40 registrations . . .

More Info

AASHTO Call for Papers: GIS for Transportation Symposium  
Submissions due by Tuesday, December 22th

The GIS-T Symposium would like to encourage GIS students, undergraduate and graduate, with an emphasis on transportation to submit their research to the GIS-T Symposium’s Student Paper Contest . . .

More Info

Pathways to Opportunity

Entry Level Transportation Consultant  
Steer  
Various  
Apply by 03/14/2021

See more info

Railroad Intern  
Wilson & Company  
San Bernardino, CA  
Apply ASAP

See more info

Program Director  
Urban Movement Labs  
Los Angeles, CA  
Apply ASAP

See more info

Junior Engineering Technician  
Caltrans  
Eureka, CA  
Apply by 12/18/2020

See more info

More Internships and Scholarships Here

More Job Opportunities Here

Newsletter Staff

Isidoro Serna • Incoming Newsletter Lead • iserna@usc.edu  
Marley Randazzo • Managing Director • marleyra@usc.edu  
Adina Beck • Staff Writer • akbeck@usc.edu  
Daniel Lamere • Staff Writer • lamere@usc.edu  
Hayley Rundle • Staff Writer • hrundle@usc.edu  
Nandhana Nixon • Social Media and Outreach • nandhana@usc.edu  
Namitha Nixon • Social Media and Outreach • namihan@usc.edu  
Dr. Victoria Deguzman • Advisor • victoriv@price.usc.edu