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our weekly newsletter by students

In the News

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Meet METRANS Digital Media Lead, Ben Ephraim

My name is Ben Ephraim. I am a second year Film and Television Production Major in the School of Cinematic Arts at USC. I have the privilege of leading the student Digital Media Team at METRANS. We produce video and photographs for the METRANS Consortium and its various subcenters.

Read more here.

METRANS and USC ITE Host LA Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins

On Wednesday, November 3rd, METRANS and the USC Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Student Chapter hosted Stephanie Wiggins, CEO of the LA Metro (Metro) transportation agency, to share her professional experience in the transportation sector and to discuss the current state of and future plans for Metro.

Read more here.
Bus priority lanes are being installed on Grand and Olive in DTLA

Downtown's latest set of bus priority lanes is primed to debut before the end of this year. Metro announced last week that construction would commence on November 6th. Installation of new peak-hour bus lanes commenced for new bus lanes and associated signage along Grand Avenue and Olive Street.

Read the URBANIZE Los Angeles feature here.

Biden Plan Funds New Bridges That Locals May Not Want

The most overburdened U.S. bridges are choke points that can hinder commerce. But proposals to fix them by building more and wider spans won't always meet a friendly local reception.

Read the Bloomberg CityLab feature here.

Webinars & Online Events

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

November Webinar with Whitney Rush
**Tuesday, November 16th 12:00 pm PST (virtual), hosted by RASC**
Whitney will be presenting an overview of SBCAG's Regional Tail Study completed this summer, which includes adding a startup commuter rail service between Ventura and Santa Babara counties.

Big Data & Transportation Workshop: Exploring Equity Implications of Traffic Collisions in Los Angeles with Griffin Kantz of Fehr & Peers
**Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30 pm PST (virtual), hosted by USC ITE**
Harnessing the Power of Big Data: Analysis & Shortcomings

Joint 13th Asia Pacific Transportation Development Conference and 33rd ICTPA Annual Conference
**Wednesday & Thursday, November 17th & 18th 4:30 pm PST (virtual), hosted by International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association**
17th: Dr. Man-Chung Tang, Prof. Xiaozhen Sheng, Mr. Bryan Pennington, Prof. Xumei Melanie Chen, Mr. Yifeng Mao,
Annual Scholarship and Awards Program
**Wednesday, November 17th at 5:00 pm PST (virtual), hosted by WTS-LA**
WTS-LA will hold its Annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner, virtually. You are invited as we honor the people who make it happen and those who carry on the legacy of our future.

MiteY Mentorship Program Exploring Workplace Issues
**Thursday, November 18th at 3:00 pm PST (virtual), hosted by ITE Western District**
The MiteY Mentorship program is a community-based mentoring program that is intended to provide consistent support and guidance for our young members. We will be hosting quarterly events that will bring together our mentors and mentees for networking and career guidance opportunities.

PSR, NCST and ITS-Davis Friday Seminar Present: 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.

Redesigning Transit Networks for the New Mobility Future
**Wednesday, December 8th at 11:00 am PST (virtual), hosted by Eno Center for Transportation**
In the past few years, with the rise in app-based transportation network companies (TNCs) and microtransit providers, bus network redesigns have begun to consider how these modes can complement bus service. Join us to uncover best practices from transit agencies across the country about how to conduct a bus network redesign and to learn how new mobility options can be integrated into the network redesign process.

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.

Fast Facts
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Long Beach Transit Strategic Sustainability Plan

Author: Hilda Blanco,
University of Southern California

Year: 2019

Keywords: transit, sustainability, public transportation, environment

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