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In the News

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What the Pandemic’s ‘Open Streets’ Really Revealed

Covid-inspired traffic restrictions and street changes have swept scores of U.S. cities since the start of the pandemic. But not all communities have welcomed them.

Read the Bloomberg CityLab feature here.

Transit-worker scarcity hits cities

Labor shortages are plaguing public transportation systems in nearly every big city, disrupting one of the critical support systems of modern urban life and complicating the recovery of an industry that has struggled mightily during the pandemic.

Read the Arkansas Democrat feature here.

Enjoy 5 Days of Free Admission to America’s National Parks in 2022

The National Park Service (NPS) is waiving entrance fees at park sites across the country on five days in 2022.

Read the Southern Living feature here.
Public Transit Systems Refocus on Their Core Riders

In the wake of the pandemic, officials are shifting bus and rail service toward lower-income neighborhoods, while some agencies are eliminating fares.

Read the WIRED feature here.

Here are six ride-hailing companies in Austin that aren't Uber or Lyft

Uber and Lyft dominate the rides-on-demand industry, but Austin has emerged as a battleground where lesser-known companies are fighting against the global juggernauts for a slice of the business.

Read the KUT90.5 feature here.

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**Webinars & Online Events**

2022 TRB Annual Meeting
January 9th-12th (in-person), hosted by TRB
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: What Does A Rollout Of Fuel Cell Electric Cars Look Like For Oregon And Washington?
Wednesday, January 12th at 1:00 pm PST (virtual), hosted by Mindful Mobility Tech Talks
As California and British Columbia roll out cars and hydrogen stations, how can OR and WA take advantage of the lessons learned and cost reductions from these efforts?

WEBINAR: LUSKIN SUMMIT 2022: RESEARCH IN ACTION
Wednesday, January 19th at 9:00 am PST (virtual), hosted by UCLA Luskin
An annual convening of elected officials, scholars, and civic and business leaders, the Luskin Summit is a research-informed, cross-sector conversation on the major public policy issues facing California. This year’s theme will be “Research in Action.”

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.
WEBINAR: Aviation and Climate Change Forum
Thursday, January 20th at 10:00 am PST, hosted by Saint Jose State University
Aviation's impact on climate change is significant, and without mitigation, this impact is expected to grow as the industry recovers from the global pandemic. Climate change has a corresponding, large impact on aviation; changing weather patterns can affect aircraft performance, infrastructure, and operations.

WEBINAR: Building a MVC injury system of linked data: Lessons learned & questions answered about pedestrian injuries
Wednesday, January 26th at 11:30 am PST/2:30 pm EST, hosted by CSCRS
The free online seminar will examine how linking motor vehicle crash (MVC) and healthcare data has the potential to generate a more comprehensive understanding of MVC injuries.

WEBINAR: Fuel Cell Electric Trucks In The Pacific Northwest
Wednesday, January 26th at 1:00 pm PST, hosted by Mindful Mobility Tech Talks
What actions and policies from government and private industry are needed to drive the rollout of trucks and heavy-duty hydrogen stations?

SAVE THE DATE! PSR Emerging Scholars Transportation Research Symposium
Thursday & Friday, March 3rd & 4th, hosted by the Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR)

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Automation, Electrification, and Shared Mobility in Freight

Author: Miguel Jaller,
University of California, Davis

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