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In the News

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Transforming Los Angeles Air Quality: A Journey Towards Cleaner Skies

In recent years, Los Angeles has made tremendous strides in improving its air quality, bringing a ray of hope to the city's residents. The implementation of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act has played an important role in this positive transformation.

Read more here.



Pasadena Becomes Second City In LA County To Offer E-Bike Rebates

Pasadena residents can receive \$500 or more for purchasing an E-Bike. It's the second program of its kind in Los Angeles County. Starting July 1, Pasadena residents can receive a \$500 rebate for a typical e-bike, \$750 for a cargo e-bike, and an additional \$250 on top if you are income qualified. Bikes must be purchased by residents, and within the city of Pasadena, to qualify.

Read the LAist feature here.



Metro Already Started Fare Capping, Before Official Start this Saturday

As of Saturday July 1, Metro will officially provide a great new feature for transit riders: fare capping. Instead of having to pay for daily or weekly passes up front, Metro riders can pay-as-you-go. Once a rider reaches a daily or weekly pass dollar value, subsequent rides are free.

Read the Streetsblog USA feature here.



Car Prices Are Starting to Ease to Pre-Pandemic Levels

The annual pace of new car sales likely rose to 15.6 million in June, from 13 million a year ago, according to the average forecast of seven market researchers. Cox Automotive raised its full-year forecast to 15 million, from 14.2 million in March, as deliveries to businesses and rental car companies, which evaporated during pandemic scarcity, rebounded.

Read the Transport Topic feature <u>here.</u>

Webinars & Online Events

Working in Warehousing & Logistics

Tuesday, July 11th at 5:30 am PDT(online), hosted by National Careers Service West Midlands

The handling, storage and movement of goods and materials is a vast and complex business. To keep pace with the needs of manufacturers and retailers, warehouse work is available at all levels, from jobs that require no qualifications for entry, to positions for university graduates. On our roads, thousands of vans and lorries take all sorts of products and raw materials to where they are needed - to factories, warehouses, and shops, or to shipping ports or airports for export. Just think of the products in supermarkets - they all need to be supplied regularly - sometimes daily from all over the world. Management of the movement of goods and materials along the supply chain, from the source of raw materials to a finished product delivered to the end-user, is called logistics, and is a complex business. Advances in computer technology and automation have made a difference to the way warehouses operate. Within a few hours of receiving an order, items can be gathered and delivered. The increase in online shopping means that single items need to be selected or 'picked' from the shelves and sent to individual customers, rather than dealing with bulk orders.

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Webinars: Transportation and Green Infrastructure Solutions: Tools for Addressing Climate Change

Tuesday, July 11th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by ITE Transportation and Health Committee

The way we plan and design our streets have significant impacts on ecosystem and human health. This webinar will provide strategies and tools for transportation strategies involving material choices and green infrastructure that can address the effects of climate change, reduce the urban heat island effect, and improve thermal comfort of pedestrians. In addition, this webinar explores the relationship between green infrastructure, stormwater management, and increased green space on ecosystem and human health. This webinar will also describe how these strategies can be prioritized for low-income communities and communities of color, who currently face greater health disparities resulting from historical transportation decisions.



Webinars: Women in ITE Bootcamp: Speed Networking for Professional Connections

Wednesday, July 19th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by ITE Women in ITE Committee

Have you ever walked into a meeting or course and not known anyone there? Does the thought of making small talk at social events or during breaks at conferences give you the shivers? If you answered yes, then this is the webinar for you! This webinar will help you overcome those fears and will allow you to practice asking icebreaker questions in a fun and safe environment. Hopefully, you'll even make some great new connections in the process! Participants will be divided into groups of 2-3 people and be provided with a set of potential questions to ask. Every 5 minutes, the groups will be shuffled so that you will have the opportunity to meet and connect with up to 30 different people by the end of the webinar.

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The Future of Supply Chain in E-commerce

Wednesday, July 19th at 11:00 am PDT(online), hosted by Alibaba.com USA

Join Alibaba.com and Ameann DeJohn in a comprehensive webinar exploring the future of supply chain in the e-commerce industry. Ameann DeJohn, a veteran of the beauty industry and part of the Media and Clinical Testing Lab, will share her expertise on the impact of evidence-based validation for beauty and nutraceutical brands on supply chain processes. In addition, a representative from Alibaba.com will delve into the workings of their Verified Supplier program, and its role in aiding businesses to navigate the complexities of e-commerce. This interactive session will offer a unique opportunity to understand the intersections of media, clinical testing, and supply chain management in today's digital age.

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Webinar: Smart Shipping Strategies: Unlocking Efficiency & Cost Savings in Logistics

Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm PDT, hosted by Kilimanjaro Consulting

Emerging freight management obstacles are challenging how modern organisations operate. Rising costs, capacity constraints, and regulatory changes are all factors that impact efficient shipping. Developing a smarter strategy can ease the impact of modern freight challenges and keep you ahead of the competition. Join us to hear how industry experts are embracing new logistics strategies to unlock improved efficiency and reduce costs. This webinar can help you unlock efficiency and save costs - no matter which region or market you're operating in. You will gain a better understanding of smart shipping strategies to increase customer satisfaction, automate processes, increase productivity, and do more with less.

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Webinar: Road Weather and Use Variable Speed Limits: Technology Applications for Rural Road Safety

Tuesday, August 1st at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by ITE & NRITS

The speakers in this webinar will share information on two current weather responsive variable speed limit applications, one in Arizona for dust conditions and one in Virginia for fog. In addition, speakers will cover research plans for integration of connected vehicle information and road weather information systems, and the automation of weather, traffic and pavement data as input to variable speed limit applications.

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Webinar: Speed Management in Australia and New Zealand

Thursday, August 3rd at 2:00 pm PDT, hosted by ITE Traffic Engineering Council.

Excessive or improper speed is a major road safety issue. Effective speed management is fundamental and critical to reducing speed-related road trauma. Speed limit setting is at the core of speed management. Speed limits need to be set at a safe and appropriate level, considering the function, design and safety of the road. This webinar concentrates on the Speed Management techniques applied in Australia and New Zealand. This webinar aims to present case study examples of good practice in speed management interventions and engagement with stakeholders and the community as part of effectively implementing these techniques.

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Webinar: TRID - Your Lifelong Learning Tool for Transportation Research Tuesday, August 22nd at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by TRB

TRID helps researchers locate solutions to problems, avoid duplication of work, save resources, and satisfies Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements to consult TRB's TRIS Databases to identify ongoing or previously completed research on a given topic. TRB will host a webinar that will help users understand what is in TRID and how to use its search functions. Learn ways to find the most relevant publications and other products from transportation research projects.

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IAME Conference 2023

Tuesday, September 5th - 8th (in-person), hosted by METRANS

The METRANS Transportation Consortium at the University of Southern California (USC) and California State University Long Beach (CSULB) is honored to be able to host the International Association of Maritime Economists Conference 2023 (IAME Conference 2023) to be held in Long Beach, California, September 5-8, 2023. Since its foundation in 1992, IAME has developed into an international association with over 300 individual members from every continent and more than 10 corporate members. The Association is officially linked to two leading academic journals within the field: Maritime Policy & Management and Maritime Economics & Logistics.

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