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**In the News**

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**Exploring New Horizons: IAME 2023 Conference Unveils Insights into Global Maritime Economics**

The 2023 International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) countdown is well underway, with just a few days left. This year's IAME Conference is centered around "New Realities in The Global Maritime Economy," a thoughtful response to the industry and global economic disruptions following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more [here](#).

**Armed With Traffic Cones, Protesters Are Immobilizing Driverless Cars**

Two people dressed in dark colors and wearing masks dart into a busy street on a hill in San Francisco. One of them hauls a big orange traffic cone. They sprint toward a driverless car and quickly set the cone on the hood. The vehicle's side lights burst on and start flashing orange. And then, it sits there immobile.

Read the LAist feature [here](#).
California Clean Vehicle Rebate Program Expands Statewide

The California Air Resources Board announced Monday a new statewide program to help low- and middle-income residents purchase or lease new or used zero-emission or plug-in hybrid vehicles. The new program will provide rebates up to $12,000 for those scrapping and replacing older, polluting vehicles, or up to $7,500 for those not scrapping a vehicle.

Read the SMARTCITIES DIVE feature here.

America Has the World’s Safest Air Travel But Sucks So Bad at Car Safety

In the last decade, two passengers have been killed in accidents on US commercial airlines. Over the same period, more than 365,000 Americans have been killed by cars. Yet it was the safety of the US air travel system that was the subject of a damning, genuinely terrifying New York Times investigation last weekend — detailing lapses in the oversight of flights that are leading to near-crashes multiple times a week.

Read the Vox feature here.

Webinars & Online Events

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.

More Info

Port of Long Beach Harbor Tour
Friday, September 8th (in-person), hosted by METRANS
Join METRANS on the final day of the International Association of Maritime Economics (IAME) conference for a unique opportunity to experience the Port of Long Beach on a 90-minute boat tour! This is a FREE event for students. METRANS will offer transportation accommodations from the USC campus to the POLB.

More Info

Global Supply Chain Management for Makers
Saturday, September 9th at 11:00 am PDT (online), hosted Squigglemom
Independent Makers and companies in the Maker Movement are invited to participate in discussions on
supply chain management as it pertains to Makers. Each event will feature one or more Makers and their stories as they grew from being tiny to being International Maker resources.

**Electric Vehicle Training Info Session - Transportation Electrification**  
*Wednesday, September 13th at 9:00 am PDT (online), hosted Soulful Synergy, LLC*  
Are you ready to drive change and be a leader in the electric vehicle (EV) revolution? Don't miss our Transportation Electrification Training Course Info Session, where you'll gain insights into the exciting world of EVs, learn about our cutting-edge curriculum, and explore how this transformative program can accelerate your career. Whether you're an automotive professional, energy enthusiast, or sustainability advocate, this session is your gateway to unlocking endless opportunities in the dynamic field of electric mobility.

**Webinar: The Combined Effects of Alcohol and THC on Impaired Driving**  
*Thursday, September 14th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted ITE Transportation Forensics and Risk Management Committee*  
The count of traffic-related fatalities has often been a key benchmark in the United States. After decades of reductions, the trend has been annual increases, with traffic fatalities in 2020 being 20 percent higher than traffic fatalities in 2011, with extremely similar Vehicle Miles Traveled. During this period, an increasing number of states and the entire country of Canada have legalized recreational use of marijuana. This webinar will explore Fatal Accident Reporting System data for the last 15 years, and then explore in depth one potential issue that can be leading to the change - the combined effects of alcohol and marijuana. The presentation on alcohol and marijuana will be presented by a toxicologist, who will focus on the impacts on drivers.

**Webinar: Maximizing the Power of the Research in Progress (RIP) Database**  
*Tuesday, September 19th at 9:00 am PDT, hosted TRB*  
The RIP database is a powerful and free tool for transportation professionals to stay updated on current transportation research projects. TRB will host a webinar that will describe the RIP database and how to use it. Live demonstrations will be used to show how to find existing records and create new records. To comply with U.S. DOT Public Access Plan and University Transportation Center grant requirements, projects that receive federal funding must be entered into the RIP database. This webinar was designed to help attendees meet this requirement.

**Webinar: Introduction to On-Demand Transit**  
*Thursday, September 21st at 12:00 pm PDT, hosted ITE MaaS/MOD Committee (CSC)*  
The ITE Mobility as a Service and Mobility on Demand (Maas/MOD) Standing Committee is hosting this webinar to provide an introduction to the world of on-demand transit. This introduction is for practitioners who work in the context of sustainable transportation but do not have direct experience with public transit planning. This webinar contains three presentations, starting with a high-level overview of on-demand transit and ending with a case study of an on-demand transit program.
Webinar: Systematic Inequality in the Airport Industry—Exploring the Racial Divide

Wednesday, September 27th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted TRB’s Airport Cooperative Research Program

In 2022, TRB’s Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) hosted a two-day event to expand participants’ understanding of the challenges posed by systemic racism in the aviation industry, why it matters, actions we can collectively take to create solutions, and future research ideas for ACRP on this subject. TRB will host a webinar that will serve as a follow-on to this event, providing participants with the opportunity to hear key takeaways and insights from some of the speakers.

Webinar: Tracking and Sharing Vision Zero Program Effectiveness

Thursday, September 28th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted ITE Safety Council

Vision Zero and related programs in the U.S. and Canada regularly report on progress in advancing program goals. Reports often include dashboards and other data portals that present historic and current trends in number of fatalities and serious injuries. Reports cite measures to advance safe systems, traffic calming, vehicle speed management, enforcement, public consultation, equity and vulnerable populations. The purpose of this webinar is to bring together transportation professionals and government officials to identify established practices in presenting results of ongoing VZ programs, approaches to provide maximum transparency in reporting both successes and setbacks, information needed to maintain program support and acceptance, and issues associated with obtaining reliable, applicable and timely data sources.

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