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BICYCLES

Santa Monica to Open Nation's Largest Bicycle Parking Station

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/the-largest-bicycle-parking-facility-in-the-united-states-will-open-friday-morning-in-downtown-santa-monica-dwarfing-similar.html>

ELECTRONIC TOLLING

Golden Gate Bridge to Upgrade Toll Equipment Before Transition to All-Electronic System

Link to article in *The Examiner*:

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/bay-area/2011/10/golden-gate-bridge-upgrade-toll-equipment-transition-all-electronic-system>

FUNDING

Alarming State Report Predicts \$294 Billion Shortfall for Transportation Over Next Decade

Link to article in the *San Jose Mercury News*:

http://www.mercurynews.com/traffic/ci_19273015

\$200 Billion San Diego Transportation Plan Approved

Link to article in *The San Diego Union-Tribune*:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/oct/28/200-billion-transportation-plan-approved/>

INFRASTRUCTURE

Twists and Turns on the Path to Rebuild Infrastructure

Link to article in *Capitol Weekly*:

http://www.capitolweekly.net/article.php?_c=104mw2lukcd9q47&1=1&xid=104m78lv7zqtpti&done=.104m7owdlnhusp&_credir=1320925214&_c=104mw2lukcd9q47

OTHER

Court: Cellphones Not OK to Use at Red Light

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/11/15/BAL91LV1C0.DTL>

Southern California Transportation Plan Set for December 1 Release

Link to article in *The Press-Enterprise*:

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/topics/topics-environment-headlines/20111103-southern-california-transportation-plan-set-for-dec.-1-release.ece>

Latest Edition of *rEgion* from SANDAG

Link to newsletter:

<http://www.sandag.org/enewsletter/default.htm>

PARKING

Smartcard for San Francisco Parking, Taxis and Maybe Muni in the Works

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

<http://blog.sfgate.com/cityinsider/2011/11/15/smart-card-for-sf-parking-taxis-and-maybe-muni-in-the-works>

Google Android App Added to San Francisco Parking Program

Link to Bay City News Service article:

http://www.insidebayarea.com/traffic/ci_19288940

Plans to Increase Parking Fees are Revving Up in San Francisco

Link to article in *The Examiner*:

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/transportation/2011/11/plans-increase-parking-fees-are-revving-san-francisco>

RAILROADS

Brown Will Ask Legislators to OK Billions for Bullet Train

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-bullet-brown-20111111,0,6770873.story>

Congress Cuts Future Funding for California's Bullet Train

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/us-senate-cuts-future-funding-for-californias-bullet-train-.html>

ROADWAYS

Study: New Tolls Reduce Bay Bridge Rush Hour Congestion

Link to article from the *Contra Costa Times*:

http://www.mercurynews.com/traffic/ci_19284637

FHWA Administrator Visits San Diego Area's I-15 Express Lanes Project

Link to news release:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/fhwa1159.htm>

FHWA Administrator Helps Break Ground on Colton Crossing

Link to news release:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/fhwa1160.htm>

SAFETY / SECURITY

More Californians Using Seat Belts, Officials Say

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/more-californians-using-seat-belts-officials-say.html>

Inside Amber Alert

Link to story on KPGE-TV:

http://www.cbs47.tv/content/special_features/special_series/story/CBS47-Special-Report-Inside-

[Amber-Alert/fYa9TZAQjEO8Bbp0KTqF3w.csp](http://www.napa-valley-register.com/Amber-Alert/fYa9TZAQjEO8Bbp0KTqF3w.csp)

TRANSIT

Napa County Transit Agency Rolls Out 'Where's My Bus?' Technology

Link to article in the *Napa Valley Register*:

http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/napa-county-transit-agency-rolls-out-where-s-my-bus/article_281505ca-fc69-11e0-bc6d-001cc4c002e0.html

Merced County Transit/TheBus to Use Real-Time Passenger Info and Vehicle Location Next Year

Link to article in the *Merced Sun-Star*:

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2011/11/07/2111803/thebus-to-use-real-time-passenger.html>

Clipper Card Use on BART Triples Over Last Year

Link to article in *The Examiner*:

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/bay-area/2011/10/clipper-card-use-bart-triples-over-last-year>

Bay Area Transit Agencies Urged to Coordinate Service

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/10/27/BA5R1LMMGH.DTL>

LA Transit Officials Increase Night Service on Three Rail Lines

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/la-metro-rail-night-service-increase.html>

BART May Look at Buses Instead of Trains to Extend Late Night Service

Link to article in the *Contra Costa Times*:

http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_19351093

New Law Allows Electronic Billboards on Buses in California

Five-year pilot program could bring additional revenue to Santa Monica.

Link to article in *The Argonaut*:

http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2011/10/20/news_-_features/top_stories/2.txt

BART's New Chief Takes Over at Tough Time

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/10/31/BAEO1LNCMC.DTL>

BART Likely to Wait on Parcel Tax for New Train Cars

Link to article from the *Contra Costa Times*:

http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_19329437

Poll Says Most Voters in Los Angeles Region Favor More Public Transit

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/poll-says-most-voters-in-la-region-favor-more-public-transit.html>

SMART Plans Outreach Campaign to Reach Taxpayers About Train Plan's Progress

Link to article in the *Marin Independent Journal*:

http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_19258434

SMART Authorizes Sale of \$191 Million in Construction Bonds

Link to article in *The Press Democrat*:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20111116/ARTICLES/111119597/1033/news?Title=SMART-OKs-sale-of-191-million-in-construction-bonds>

BART: Moving Toward a Brighter Future

Link to article in *Mass Transit*:

<http://masstransit.epubxp.com/issue/46648> (page 8)

Opting for Transit Over Car Saves San Diegans \$864 a Month

Link to article in *The San Diego Union-Tribune*:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/nov/18/optiming-transit-over-car-saves-san-diegans-864-mont/>

Nextrip Proving to be Popular in Los Angeles; Train Arrival Data May be Coming Next Year

Link to blog in *The Source*:

<http://thesource.metro.net/2011/11/09/realtime-train-arrival-data-may-be-available-soon-on-nextrip/>

TRAVELER INFORMATION / TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Caltrans Aims to Ease Congestion on El Camino Real with New Traffic Cameras, Signals

Link to article in *The Examiner*:

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/transportation/2011/11/caltrans-aims-ease-congestion-el-camino-real-new-traffic-cameras-signal>

Waze Helps Silicon Valley Commuters Fight Traffic

Link to article in the *San Jose Mercury News*:

http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_19259067

Record Call Volume for Bay Area 511

Upward trend attributed to ID decals placed at bus stops, increase in calls for real-time transit departure info.

Link to news release:

http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel535.htm

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