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BICYCLES

Pleasanton Receives National Transportation Award for Bicycle Detection Device

Link to news release:

<http://itsa.org/component/content/article/1-general/1377-intersector-bicycle-detection-device-helps-improve-safety-for-cyclists->

FUNDING

Despite Busy Construction Schedule, Caltrans Director Dougherty Sees California Transportation Funding Uncertainty

Link to news release:

http://news.transportation.org/press_release.aspx?Action=ViewNews&NewsID=421

MARITIME

Port of Redwood City Prepares for Renovation

Link to story on KNTV-TV:

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Port-of-Redwood-City-Prepares-for-Renovation-136540128.html>

New Port of West Sacramento Crane Will Help Reduce Truck Traffic

Link to story on Capital Public Radio:

<http://www.capradio.org/articles/2012/01/03/new-port-crane-will-help-reduce-truck-traffic>

OTHER

Chairman Mica Shares His Vision on Federal Transportation Policy and to Get People and Goods Moving in Southern California

Link to interview from Mobility 21:

http://wfc2.wiredforchange.com/o/8721/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=11708

Boxer: More Transportation Money Needed in Inland Empire

Link to story on KPSP-TV:

<http://www.kpsplocal2.com/news/local/story/Boxer-More-Transportation-Money-Needed-in-Inland/zmlBm7ce3kOpcdawOtniqQ.csp>

New Rideshare Sites Around Bay Area Rely on Facebook

Link to article in the *Contra Costa Times*:

http://www.contracostatimes.com/bay-area-news/ci_19602990

PARKING

San Francisco's New Parking Program Reduces Ticketing Anxiety

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/01/05/BAPV1MKV8H.DTL>

SFpark Study Shows 14% Fewer Citations, 27% More Meter Payments with New Meters and Longer Time Limits

Link to news release:

<http://sfpark.org/2012/01/06/sfmeta-sfpark-study-shows-14-fewer-citations-27-more-meter-payments-with-new-meters-and-longer-time-limits/>

RAILROADS

High-Speed Rail CEO, Chairman Resign

Link to article in *The Oakland Tribune*:

http://www.insidebayarea.com/california/ci_19732569

Governor Defends High-Speed Rail from GOP Criticism

Link to article in *The Hill*:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/transportation-report/railroads/204925-calif-gov-jerry-brown-defends-high-speed-rail>

Doubts Cast on Cost Estimates for High-Speed Rail Alternatives

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-bullet-exaggeration-20120117,0,4293248.story>

Plan to Use Amtrak as Fallback for High-Speed Rail in California Criticized

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-bullet-train-20111227,0,2904247.story>

A Daily Passenger Train Between LA and the Coachella Valley?

Link to story on KPCC Radio:

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2012/01/03/30626/study-explore-possibility-passenger-train-between/>

Bakersfield Wants to Build Train Station Parking Garage

Link to article in the *Bakersfield Californian*:

<http://www.bakersfield.com/news/local/x1275887683/Government-roundup-City-wants-to-build-train-station-parking-garage>

ROADWAYS

SANDAG Officially Takes Over South Bay Toll Road

Link to article in *U-T San Diego*:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/dec/21/sandag-officially-takes-over-south-bay-toll-road/>

\$2 Million in Federal Aid Will Help Fix 60 Freeway Damaged in Tanker Fire

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/12/60-freeway-damaged-overpass.html>

Repairing 60 Freeway Overpass Could Cost More than \$5 Million

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-1222-60-freeway-20111223,0,6896014.story>

Bay Bridge Closing Could Trim Six Months Off Construction Schedule

Link to article in the *San Jose Mercury News*:
http://www.mercurynews.com/traffic/ci_19763843

Carlsbad Traffic Signals to Become State-of-the-Art

Link to article in *The Coast News*:
<http://thecoastnews.com/2012/01/carlsbad-traffic-signals-to-become-state-of-the-art/>

Golden Gate Bridge's 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/01/10/MNKT1MMTVC.DTL>

TRANSIT

Federal Officials Recommend Full Funding for BART Extension to San Jose

Link to article in the *San Jose Mercury News*:
http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19707761

Los Angeles Mayor Discusses Transit Funding with China

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-mayor-china-20120120,0,391978.story>

Bay Area Clipper Card Users Top 1 Million

Link to article in *The Examiner*:
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/transportation/2011/12/bay-area-clipper-card-users-top-1-million>

BART Planners Start Work on New Transit Vision

Link to AP article:
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/12/26/state/n175511S62.DTL>

Los Angeles County Voters May be Asked to Extend Transit Sales Tax

Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-measure-r-20120106,0,3723908.story>

VTA Bus Stop Upgrades Finish Ahead of Schedule

Link to article from the *Cupertino Courier*:
http://www.mercurynews.com/cupertino/ci_19643113

San Francisco Considers How to Boost Muni Ridership

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/01/04/BAFL1MKGD5.DTL>

San Francisco Mayor Says Central Subway Funds Get Federal OK

Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/01/19/BARD1MR391.DTL>

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District Announces Plans for Additional Stations

Link to article in *The Press Democrat*:
<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20120105/ARTICLES/120109778/1042/opinion?Title=SMA RT-announces-plan-for-additional-Santa-Rosa-station>

Development of a Mode Choice Model for Bus Rapid Transit in Santa Clara County

Link to article in the *Journal of Public Transportation*:
http://www.nctr.usf.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Chen_reprinted.pdf

San Francisco America's Cup Plan Calls for Transit Boost

Link to blog in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

<http://blog.sfgate.com/americascup/2012/01/19/s-f-americas-cup-plan-calls-for-transit-boost/>

Cubic's Bay Area Transit Customer Tops One Million Contactless Smartcards

Link to news release:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/cubics-bay-area-transit-customer-tops-one-million-contactless-smart-cards-2012-01-19>

VEHICLES

Santa Clara University Law School Holds Conference on Self-Driving Cars

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

http://www.mercurynews.com/cars/ci_19775593

Cleaner Air in Los Angeles Ports Comes at a Cost to Truckers

Link to story on NPR's *Morning Edition*:

<http://www.npr.org/2012/01/18/145338359/cleaner-air-in-l-a-ports-comes-at-a-cost-to-truckers>

Self-Service Kiosks at the California DMV

Link to column in *U-T San Diego*:

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/jan/19/self-service-terminals-speed-registration-renewals/>

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