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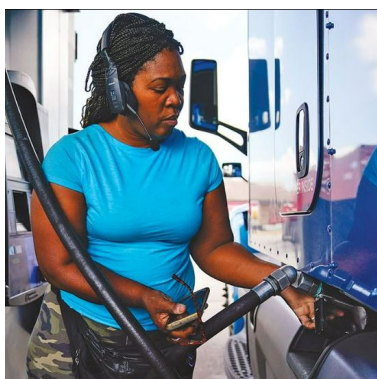
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CARB's Scoping Plan for Climate Action Calls for Much Less Driving

Yesterday the California Air Resources Board adopted its 2022 "Scoping Plan," which outlines the policies and strategies that multiple state agencies will be expected to deploy in the coming years to fight climate change. One is that, as adopted, the scoping plan doubled the goals for reductions in driving (VMT, or vehicle miles traveled) over what it originally called for in the draft plan released in May.

Read the **STREETSBLOG** feature [here](#).



Recruitment Normalizes After Freight Surge Slows

Recruitment trends in trucking began returning to more normalized levels after a frenzied start to the year that was very much influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic. "Freight was plentiful, we were still seeing the remnants of the equipment shortage in the first couple of quarters," said Scott Dismuke, vice president of operations at the Professional Driver Agency.

Read the **Transport Topic** feature [here](#).



DOT to Provide \$1.5 Billion for Hard-to-Fund Transportation Projects

The department will provide the funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity discretionary grant program, known as RAISE, allowing local and state governments to get financial support for transportation projects that other DOT programs usually do not fund. The department will consider several factors, including environmental sustainability and economic competitiveness, when making funding decisions.

Read the **SMARTCITIESDIVE** feature [here](#).



Metra Board of Directors approves \$33.9 million contract to make three Metra Electric stations accessible

The Metra Board of Directors approved a \$33.9 million contract to completely rebuild and make accessible three stations on the Metra Electric Line on the South Side of Chicago – the 79th, 87th and 103rd Street stations. The work is part of the Metra Electric Community Initiative, a multiyear, multimillion-dollar plan to transform 13 stations on the line.

Read the **Mass Transit** feature [here](#).

Webinars & Online Events

Webinar: Placeholder - BIM in the US Transportation Industry

Saturday, December 31st at 8:00 am PST, hosted by BIM for Infrastructure Subcommittee

This virtual webinar is the sixth in a series that explores opportunities and challenges presented by the shift to Digital Delivery and Digital Twins throughout the project lifecycle in the Transportation Industry in the United States. This virtual webinar focus area is Contractor Perspectives of Digital Delivery Projects with Model as the Legal Document.

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Working in Warehousing & Logistics

Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30 am PST/1:30 pm GMT (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.

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SCAG Sustainability Awards

Tuesday, January 10th at 11:59 pm PST (in-person), hosted by SCAG

SCAG is now accepting nominations for projects (including plans and programs) that use innovative planning to improve the mobility, livability, prosperity, and sustainability of our region. The SCAG Sustainability Awards Program is open to governmental agencies, non-governmental agencies, community based organizations, non-profits, universities, etc. For projects that span multiple agencies, sectors, and geographies, applicants are encouraged to submit a joint entry. Projects which previously won a SCAG Sustainability Award, including honorable mentions and awards of merit, are ineligible to apply again.

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Eno's Leadership Awards Reception

Wednesday, January 11th at 3:00 pm PST/6:00 pm EST, hosted by Eno Center for

Transportation Eno's Leadership Awards Reception is one of Washington's premier transportation events and this year is special because it is also a celebration of our Centennial. The event attracts current and former local and federal officials, top private sector leaders, and multimodal association leadership.

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Transforming Public Procurement Update

Friday, January 13th at 2:30 am PST/10:30 pm GMT (online), hosted by Cabinet Office

The Procurement Bill is currently making its way through Parliament. Join the Transforming Public Procurement Programme team at the Cabinet Office for an update on Bill's progress, next steps and timelines, and details of the support that will be made available to help prepare for the new regime. You will have the opportunity to raise questions during a dedicated Q&A.

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Webinar: Fare-Free Transit Policies and Programs—An Evaluation Framework

Thursday, January 24th at 9:30 am PST/12:30 pm EST, hosted by Transportation Research Board

Many transit agencies are considering the implementation of partial or fare-free transit policy and may be unsure how to evaluate the costs and benefits of implementation. TRB will host a webinar that will present the pre-published TCRP Research Report 237: Fare-Free Transit Evaluation Framework. Presenters will highlight the development of an evaluation framework for fare-free transit. Presenters will also share two case studies from agencies and their lessons learned from implementing fare-free transit.

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Construction Conversations with Gwinnett Transportation

Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 am PST/12:00 pm EST (in-person), hosted by Gwinnett

Transportation

Learn about the research, design, development, and maintenance of our County roads. Join Gwinnett Transportation for Construction Conversations, a free open forum that highlights the successful completion of construction projects within Gwinnett.

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2023 Annual Conference

Monday, May 10th (in-person), hosted by Women's Transportation Seminar(WTS)

WTS International's annual event will bring together transportation leaders and professionals to explore "The Great Intersection: Transportation & Equity". The 2023 conference will explore all modes of inclusive mobility, including surface and roads, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, freight, aviation, maritime,

ports, micro-mobility, and other active modes of transportation, as well as personal and professional development.

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IAME Conference 2023

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

Join us at IAME 2023, the International Association of Maritime Economist Conference, to explore and learn about what is next for maritime. The conference will be hosted in Long Beach, California.

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Fast Facts

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Analysis of Activity-travel Patterns and Tour Formation of Transit Users

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