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METRANS on the Move: Our Weekly Newsletter for Students



Welcome to this week's issue of METRANS on the Move! This newsletter is a team effort to foster knowledge and opportunities related to transportation. If you have suggestions for content – events, scholarships, jobs, and more – that you'd like to see included, just reach out to our new Publisher, Danielle Dirksen, at ddirksen@usc.edu or any of our student staff listed at the end of the newsletter. Enjoy this week's issue, and click the button below to subscribe!

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In the News

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METRANS Perspectives: The USC Mobility Lab By: Micha Kempe, USC Class of 2019

Living in Los Angeles, there has always been an obligation to drive a personal vehicle to travel around the city. Although the Los Angeles Metro has a vast and robust service network, much of the public transportation is segmented and time-consuming. Many Millennials and Generation Xers feel that it is expensive to maintain a vehicle, so they choose to travel using alternative modes of transportation. I have the same mentality when it comes to personal vehicles. In this day and age, it is easy to hail a vehicle using your smartphone and get rides from others.

[Read more here.](#)



Uber Copter's \$200 Flights Launch In NYC On July 9th

Uber's autonomous flying taxis aren't ready to take flight yet, but according to a report in the New York Times, it will offer air transit starting July 9th. Uber Copter will be available in New York City first, to Uber Rewards members who've obtained Platinum and Diamond status. Unsurprisingly, the rides will have dynamic pricing that changes based on demand.

[Read more here.](#)



Defying The Odds: From Foster Care To Cap And Gown

As tens of thousands of University of California students cross the stage in graduation ceremonies this weekend, they will have much to celebrate in terms of goals accomplished, effort invested, knowledge gained. But this special moment will carry even greater significance for about 350 members of the Class of 2019 who were formerly in the foster care system.

[Read more here.](#)

Despite Alt. Transit Options, U.S. Drivers Spend 12% More Time In Cars



With an average of 1.37 cars owned per American adult, the personal automobile remains a staple of American transportation. Despite many new alternative forms of transit, the average American has seen a 12% increase in time spent in their car per week from October 2018 to March 2019.

Read more [here](#).

Get Involved

USC Computer Science Department in Partnership with DiDi: Symposium on Smart Transportation Wednesday, June 19, 2019 PST 12 pm - 3:30 pm PST University Club at University of Southern California

Come hear presentations from USC Viterbi professors and DiDi researchers. Speakers include:

Dr. Kevin Knight, Chief Scientist for Natural Language Processing, DiDi AI Labs

Dr. Nanyun Peng, Research Assistant Professor, USC Computer Science

Dr. Amittai Axelrod, Staff NLP Scientist, DiDi AI Labs

Dr. Bistra Dilkina, Assistant Professor, USC Computer Science

Dr. Jieping Ye, VP of DiDi, Head of AI Labs

Dr. Yan Liu, Associate Professor, USC Computer Science

Lunch will be provided and reservations are required, accessible [here](#). For the event flyer and speaker info, click the link below.

More Info

METRANS PSR has a limited number of sponsored spots for complimentary attendance to this event. Please email Victoria Deguzman at victoriv@price.usc.edu to secure your spot.

UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies: Transportation Camp Los Angeles 2019 Saturday, July 13, 2019 9 am - 5 pm Pacific UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs 337 Charles E Young Drive East, Los Angeles, CA 90095

TransportationCamp LA is an open venue for sharing and learning about the region's transportation issues and successes, open to advocates, professionals, community members, and everyone passionate about mobility in Los Angeles and Southern California. TransportationCamp LA aims to be an open, forward-thinking event that brings together people of all facets of the transportation world.

TransportationCamp is not a formal conference - rather, as an unconference, it is driven entirely by attendees' interests and experiences. At TransportationCamp, there is no set agenda prior to the event. Sessions are determined at the beginning of the day and are drawn from proposals and ideas that attendees submit. A session can be any format: a presentation, an open discussion, a demonstration, a panel, or even a group exercise or game.

TransportationCamp covers urban transportation issues in all their forms, including economic, social, public health, and environmental impacts. Session topics in the previous TransportationCamp LA ranged from "Measuring Great Streets," to "Beyond Cars: Suburban Mobility," to "Equity & Inclusion in the Innovation Economy" and change every year to reflect the latest research and questions of the moment. Have thoughts on the proliferation of scooters and shared mobility devices across LA, or the Metro's Twenty-Eight by '28 transportation projects? Get your own session started just with an oversized Post-It note.

More Info

Metro Art Moves: Union Station Art & Architecture Tour Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:30 am -12:30 pm PST Union Station Los Angeles 800 N Alameda St, Los Angeles, California 90012

Discover art, architecture and spaces not generally open to the public in an exclusive free tour of Union Station Los Angeles.

Begins at the information booth inside the Alameda Street entrance to historic Union Station. The tours are free. No reservations required.

Led by Metro Art Los Angeles Docents, the tour covers Union Station art, architecture and spaces not generally open to the public, including the Historic Ticketing Hall. Additionally, the tours explore artworks located in the Gold Line Portal, Union Station East and inside the Metro Headquarters Building.

Metro Art Moves is a free series of regularly scheduled and special tours of artwork in the Metro Rail system. Regular tours are led by trained Metro Art Docent Council volunteers and provide insights into the artworks, artists and art-making processes.

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**FuturePorts 2019 Annual Conference Strong Ports = Strong California:
Making Waves: California's Role in Innovation and the Global Economy
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 8 am - 2 pm Pacific
Hotel Maya | Long Beach, CA**

Our signature annual event, Strong Ports=Strong California will focus on the drivers of port development in southern California as well as explore the challenges facing our industry. Topics could include upcoming capital projects throughout the SoCal supply chain, the impacts of new regulations, balancing the costs of implementing elements of green port plans with improving air quality, how tariffs are impacting port operations and what the future of terminals looks like.

This event attracts hundreds for an informative day filled with networking, presentations, and exhibit hall. Attendees include port leadership, elected officials, transportation agency project managers and executives, environmental consultants, warehousing and logistics companies, labor, terminal operators, beneficial cargo owners, shippers, community leaders, contractors, and more.

[More Info](#)

Scholarships & Academic Opportunities

**Intersections of Displacement: Transportation, and the LGBTQ+ community in Seattle
June 25, 2019
Gay City (517 E. Pike St. Seattle, WA 98122)**

This event is the first of its kind hosted by both the Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) Seattle & Transportation Choices Coalition, an intentional space for the LGBTQ+ community to talk about transit/transportation. Join us for a community panel during Pride/Ride Transit Month to talk about the intersections of gentrification, transportation, and the LGBTQ+ Seattle community.

YPT is a national organization that aims to provide professional development opportunities, fellowship and networking events for young professionals. YPT is designed for everyone that is involved in the transportation sector, including transportation and land use planners, engineers, architects, landscape architects, advocates, and policy makers both in the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

[More Info](#)

**State of the Map US 2019 Scholarship
Applications Due: July 1, 2019**

The annual State of the Map US conference is meant to build community and develop connections across boundaries. Increasing participation starts with improving accessibility, and that is why this year we are working hard to increase our scholarship offerings and decrease participation costs for all of those are interested in attending.

If you are contributing to the OpenStreetMap community and financial help will make the difference whether or not you can come to State of the Map US, apply for a scholarship! No matter where you live, what your interests, or how long you have been involved: we welcome your application!

For more information, click the link below or apply [here](#).

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**WTS-OC 2019-20 Scholarships
Applications Due: September 6, 2019 by 5 pm Pacific**

Women's Transportation Seminar is an international organization with more than 5,000 members. WTS is committed to excellence in the transportation industry and provides opportunities for members to advance their careers through the exchange of information, ideas and experiences.

To encourage women pursuing careers in transportation, the Orange County Chapter of WTS offers multiple graduate, undergraduate, community college and high school scholarships to girls and women in Southern California. In 2018, WTS-OC awarded 11 scholarships totaling \$51,500. The number of scholarships and amounts for the 2019-20 academic year will be determined following a review of the applications received.

Specific criteria for each scholarship can be found within the application itself. Applications may be submitted online or downloaded and submitted via email.

[More Info](#)

**6th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation
September 10-13, 2019
The Beckman Center, Irvine, CA**

TRB is sponsoring the 6th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation (WIIT 2019) on September 10-13, 2019 in Irvine, California. This conference explores women's perspectives, challenges, achievements, and opportunities with respect to travel and transportation.

This conference also provides an update on the progress and challenges in relation to women and mobility; explores how gender equality practices in transportation are increasing business and economics development; exchanges ideas on how public agencies can incorporate good gender equality policies and practices with approaches to oversee efforts and measure performance; and examines methods to address safety and security of women who are employed with or using transportation systems.

For more information, click the link below or register [here](#).

More Info

**Antwerp Summer University 2019:
Antwerp Summer School on Urban Logistics
September 19-23, 2019
University of Antwerp, Belgium**

Summer school on planning and managing the urban transport in urban areas under a dynamic context as today logistics: key for city sustainable development. An intensive immersion into the world of urban logistics, based on an introductory module covering all aspects of urban logistics (week 1) and an optional assignment preparation week (week 2) focusing on innovation and sustainability in the Industry in all its facets.

For more information, click the link below or apply [here](#).

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**2019 Mobility 21 Southern California Transportation Summit: Beyond the Limits
Friday, September 27, 2019 7:30 am - 4:30 pm Pacific
Disneyland Hotel
1150 Magic Way, Anaheim, CA 92802**

Save the date for Mobility 21's 2019 Summit! Mobility 21, Southern California's premier transportation coalition, is currently seeking sponsorships for their upcoming annual conference. Registration information is coming soon.

For more information, visit Mobility 21's website [here](#).

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**Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Sustainable Urban Freight
Open through September 2019**

We are happy to announce the re-run of the successful Sustainable Urban Freight Transport MOOC on edX as of 4th December 2018. This time the MOOC is presented as a self-paced course, students and professionals can access the free course till September 2019.

The MOOC is the result of a collaboration between 8 partners of the global COE-SUFS network. It provides a unique cross-cultural introduction to city logistics, as experienced around the world (Netherlands, Japan, India, UK, Australia, South-Africa and Sweden).

For more information, contact Tharsis Teoh at t.g.h.teoh@tudelft.nl or click the link below.

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Internships & Jobs

This Week's Featured Opportunities

**Transit Advisory Analyst / Transit Advisory Consultant
Stantec**



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Job Title	Agency/Firm	Deadline
Transportation Specialist (Traffic Operations) (# 7481)	District Department of Transportation Washington, DC	18-Jun-19

Transportation Engineering Technician (# JC-159561)	Caltrans	19-Jun-19
	San Bernardino, CA	
Junior Civil Engineer (# 19-L20-A)	County of Santa Clara	19-Jun-19
	San Jose, CA	
Transportation Engineer (Civil) (# JC-155721)	Caltrans	21-Jun-19
	Shasta, CA	
Administrator-Long-Range Transportation Planning (# 04974)	City of Indianapolis and Marion County	21-Jun-19
	Indianapolis, IN	
Senior Civil Engineer (# 2019-0010)	City of Novato	21-Jun-19
	Novato, CA	
Senior Traffic Engineer (# 319957)	Chicago Department of Transportation	21-Jun-19
	Chicago, IL	

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