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In the News

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L.A. Metro Board Votes to Extend Drug-Free Metro Campaign Program 90 Days

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (L.A. Metro) Board voted to extend the agency's Drug-Free Metro Campaign program for another 90 days. The agency is seeing a decrease in reports of drug-related complaints after launching the 30-day pilot as a new approach to reduce illegal drug use on L.A. Metro in February.

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



Transit Is Great — But It's Not a Public Good

In December, the District of Columbia's city council made headlines when it approved \$128 million per year to make bus trips free to all riders, regardless of income. DC Councilmember Charles Allen, who was the lead force behind the proposal, explained his rationale at a press conference: "Public transit is a public good," he said.

Read the Bloomberg feature [here](#).



All-electric Bus Fleet is Southern California Transit Agency's Goal

The Anaheim Transportation Network wants to be one of the first transit agencies in California to go all-electric with its bus fleet. It's already halfway there and will be placing an order for 25 more electric buses this year, pending the initial allocation of funding from the California Transportation Commission, said Diana Kotler, ATN's executive director, in an interview. When those are delivered, about 90% of its fleet will be electric, she said.

Read the SMARTCITIES DIVE feature [here](#).



EPA OKs California Rules Phasing Out New Diesel Trucks

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has granted California environmental regulators waivers to officially move forward with the agency's aggressive plans to transition diesel trucks to electric vehicles and expand the length of truck warranties.

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

Webinars & Online Events

Webinar: Planning and Assessing Ferry System Capacity

Tuesday, April 11th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by TRB's Transit Cooperative Research Program.

Ferry transportation services have the potential to play an even greater role in many municipal and regional transportation systems. These services can boost transit capacity to transportation networks and serve as a lifeline for many geographically-isolated communities. TRB will host a webinar that will provide an overview of the pre-published TCRP Report 238: Quantitative Procedures for Designing and Operating Ferry Services. The report presents guidance for scheduled and fixed-route transit services and facilities that serve passengers and vehicles. Presenters will define the capacity of a ferry system and its challenges and provide quantitative procedures for designing and operating ferry services.

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Webinar: Zero Auto Ownership (ZAO)

Thursday, April 13th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by ITE Transportation Planning Council/Sustainability Standing Committee

The original Zero Auto Ownership (ZAO) brief was published in May 2022, marking Phase 1 of the study. The brief served as a way to provide general background information about ZAO trends and potential positive impacts of ZAOs related to sustainability. The study hypothesized that equity and climate change benefits could be better evaluated if measures such as ZAO were assessed at a city, regional or corridor planning level.

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Procurement, Supply and Logistics Career Talk

Tuesday, April 18th at 12:00 am PDT (online), hosted by AcademyGlobal

Challenge your assumptions about a career in Procurement, Supply and Logistics/ Discover exciting new

opportunities to have a positive impact through your career/ Take steps to fast track your career in procurement, logistics and supply chain. Sponsored by AcademyGlobal, this event will be moderated by Sarah Collins FCIPS, Head of Procurement, Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Our panelists will include Catherine Lou, Vice Chair at WILAT Global and Senior Lecturer in Supply Chain, Victoria University, Monica Velez, Senior Manager at Accenture, Glenn Johnston, Director, Procurement & Business Support at Infrastructure NSW and Tony Richter, Executive Search Partner at Bastian Consulting.

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2023 ITE WA Transportation Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 18th at 4:30 pm PDT (online), hosted by ITE Washington

Transportation Trivia Night provides a great opportunity for industry seasoned professionals, young professionals, and students to interact and engage in friendly competition. The event will be virtual but still lots of fun and is free to everyone. You may plan a team ahead of time or join a team during the event (teams of up to 5 people). There will be prizes for the winning team so bring your thinking cap!

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Webinar: Building The Career You Want: One Step At A Time

Wednesday, April 19th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by the Women in ITE Committee

In the post-pandemic workplace, women leaders are leaving their companies and switching jobs faster than ever before. A 2022 McKinsey and LeanIn.org report found that for every director-level woman being promoted to the next level, two women directors are leaving. The study found that the “broken rung” remains unfixed – women are not being promoted at the first step to manager: for every 100 men promoted from an entry-level role to a management role, only 87 women and 82 women of color received the same opportunity. This disparity only widens at increasing levels of seniority. This panel event will feature three senior leaders in the transportation profession, who will share their experience building the careers they want, at each stage of their lives. There will be opportunities for Q&A and interactive discussion.

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Webinar: Speed Safety Camera is a Proven Safety Countermeasure

Tuesday, April 25th at 11:00 am PDT, hosted by ITE Vision Zero Committee

USDOT released its National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) in January 2022, adopting the Safe System Approach (SSA). The NRSS and SSA focus around five complementary objectives: Safer People, Safer Roads, Safer Vehicles, Safer Speeds and Post-Crash Care. Achieving safe speeds requires a multi-faceted approach that leverages road design and other infrastructure interventions, speed limit setting, education, and enforcement. Roadway design and other infrastructure factors play a significant role in managing speeds and can deter excessive speeding behaviors from occurring in the first place. Speeding can also be addressed and discouraged through education and enforcement. Speed Safety Cameras, a FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure, if deployed equitably and applied appropriately to roads with the greatest risk of harm due to speeding, can provide significant safety benefits and save lives.

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TransitCon 2023

Sunday, April 30th at 8:30 am PDT/ 11:30 am EDT (online), hosted by TransitCon

Featuring a diverse lineup of 20+ speakers, including our keynote speaker Alicia Trost (Chief Communications Officer for BART), TransitCon 2023 offers insights on the latest trends and innovations in transportation and urban planning. Diverse, engaging sessions on transportation and urbanism/

Networking and collaboration opportunities/ Inspiring keynote by BART's Alicia Trost/ Interactive workshops and panels/ Accessible, virtual event platform

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Webinar: Promoting Complete Street Policies with Traffic Signal Timing Practices

Tuesday, May 2nd at 12:00 pm PDT, hosted by ITE Complete Streets Council

Adoption of Complete Streets (CS) policies and practices is accelerating due to a growing national emphasis on providing a safe, comfortable, and equitable travel experience for all road users. In response, a few proactive agencies have reimagined their traffic signal timing practices to reduce vehicle speeds, reduce cycle lengths, and enhance comfort levels for alternative modes. Despite this, most major signal timing guidance documents, policies, tools, traffic impact studies, and research efforts continue to focus on reducing delays and improving level of service (LOS) for single-occupant vehicles. As evidence of this, an upcoming National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) project seeks to expand multimodal user guidance in the Signal Timing Manual (STM – second edition), but does not recognize or mention CS.

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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.

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Fast Facts

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Balancing Accountability and Flexibility in California's Local Option Sales Taxes

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