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In the News

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Transportation innovation and coastal charm: Touring the Port of San Diego and SANDAG

On Friday, April 7th, nine Viterbi, Sol Price and Keck students and members of the University of Southern California Institute of Transportation Engineers chapter (USC ITE) embarked on a technical trip to San Diego, California. We toured the Port of San Diego, learned about the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) regional mobility initiatives, and enjoyed San Diego's exceptional nature and culture.

Read more [here](#).



LA Metro Says It's Turning Down The Volume On Classical Music At Westlake-MacArthur Park Station

Los Angeles Metro officials said Friday they've turned down the classical music that has been playing at Westlake/MacArthur Park Station. "Since this is a pilot, we have adjusted the level of music. We have listened to the community and what they have said, and so we are looking for that right level of music in order to make it do what it was intended to do," Gina Osborn told LAist.

Read the LAist feature [here](#).



L.A., Long Beach Ports Close for Second Day on Labor Shortage

The largest container gateway into the U.S. remained closed April 7 as a shortage of dockworker labor that halted operations April 6 goes into a second day. “ILWU Local 13 withheld labor again for this morning’s shift. The action by the Union has effectively shut down the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach,” the Pacific Maritime Association said in a statement.

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



Walmart to Install EV Chargers at Thousands of Stores by 2030

“We can offer customers and members the convenience of being able to pick up essentials for their families or grab a bite to eat while they charge,” Vishal Kapadia, senior vice president, Energy Transformation for Walmart, said in the press release, noting that the company will extend its everyday low price strategy to EV charging.

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

Webinars & Online Events

Logistics Technician Information Session - Cohort #3

Thursday, April 13th at 1:00 pm PDT (online), hosted by OCC Economic and Workforce Development

From the automotive industry to e-commerce, logistics professionals are more critical than ever, with supply chains and fulfillment companies delivering goods across the world in record volumes. Oakland Community College, in partnership with Oakland County Michigan Works! and PepsiCo Foundation, is offering a 136-hour training that prepares individuals for front-line material handling and supply chain logistics jobs in fulfillment centers, warehouses, and distribution centers.

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Virtual TDC-MIT Summit 2023

Monday, April 17th at 9:00 am PDT/ 12:00 pm EDT, hosted by TDC & MIT

This year’s summit, which will be held virtually, features keynote presentations as well as panel discussions addressing this year’s theme of “Dreaming Big: The Way Forward”. The summit panels feature industry leaders from the public, private and non-profit sectors and cover topics including but not limited to transit electrification efforts, microtransit, transportation equity, and transit ridership in a post-pandemic world. This will be a chance for everyone with interests related to the future of cities and transportation to hear from leaders in the field and to be able to interact with them around these areas. There will also be trivia games with transportation-themed prizes and time to network with many like-minded individuals and speakers.

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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: How the Next Generation of the Transportation Workforce Can Utilize Emerging Technology

Thursday, April 20th at 10:30 am PDT, hosted by UTC

Just as technology has shaped our daily lives, emerging technologies present new and varied opportunities to improve mobility and transform the future of transportation. In this session, you will hear from industry professionals about how to prepare for entering the transportation workforce, and the cutting-edge technologies that are being developed and deployed to improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation system, making new options available, and helping to create a more equitable system for all users. Join our expert panel and find out how you can be a part of the next generation of high-tech solutions.

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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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Advancing a Seamless Transit System in the Bay Area and California

Friday, April 28th at 1:40 pm PDT (in-person), hosted by ITS-Davis' partnership

The mission of Seamless Bay Area, a non-profit advocacy group founded in 2018 by transit riders and professionals, is to establish a world-class, integrated, equitable, and high-ridership transit system that improves the quality of life for all in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Bay Area has 27 transit agencies, each with uncoordinated service, fare policies, identities, and long-term planning – this creates major barriers to access and contributes to service that is not competitive to driving for many types of trips. While transit ridership was stagnant prior the pandemic, making in up just 5% of all trips in the region, compared to over 70% in cars, the pandemic has thrust Bay Area transit into an urgent financial crisis – loss of ridership and fare revenue now threatens the future of public transit in the region. The key to transit's survival – and ability to become a world-class system with much higher levels of ridership than before the pandemic – relies on advancing governance and funding reforms together, that can deliver a more connected, reliable system.

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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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7th Annual Older Adult Transportation Expo

Thursday, May 18th at 9:00 am PDT (in-person), hosted by On the Move Riders Program

Join Metro's On the Move Riders Program for the 7th Annual Older Adult Transportation Expo. Whether you are new to public transportation or a seasoned traveler, there will be opportunities to learn for everyone! Join us for a day of learning as we highlight new programs and services designed to allow you to travel on public transportation with ease. Come be inspired to connect with new parts of our system and region.

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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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Long Beach Transit Strategic Sustainability Plan

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