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[Will the Next Rail Bill Make Trains Competitive With Highways and ...](#)

Streetsblog Capitol Hill (blog)-Jul 2, 2013

Top subcommittee Democrat Corrine Brown of Florida gets it. "If we're going to focus on national rail policy, we ought to be discussing the impact of constantly cutting federal support for Amtrak while demanding more and more reforms," she said. "How can Amtrak improve long-distance routes without funding? How can we expect Amtrak to reduce trip time when we fail to make the infrastructure investments that are needed to implement these reductions?"

[Amtrak's Sisyphean struggle to run on time](#)

RailwayAge Magazine- Jul 7, 2013

Freight railroads contend the user fees paid by Amtrak do not fully cover the costs of providing that access, much less justify absolute priority over freight trains.

Amtrak passenger train delays were traced, largely, to host freight railroad dispatching practices that allegedly violated the statutory preference mandate. But freight railroads say that, in some instances, Amtrak demands preference even when its own departures are late, and "preference" must be redefined with an eye on keeping the freight rail network fluid.

[A small minority shouldn't block public works projects](#)

latimes Jul 3, 2013

Assembly legislation would allow a 55% voter approval of local infrastructure bonds, rather than requiring two-thirds. It's already sparking fireworks.

[O.C. tollway could default without refinance plan](#)

latimes.com Jul 4, 2013

Fifty-one miles of toll roads are operated by the Transportation Corridor Agencies in Orange County. Ridership and revenue for the corridor have fallen substantially below forecasts at a time when debt payments have been rising.

[PennDOT says it will fund Amtrak's Pittsburgh-Harrisburg line](#)

Tribune-Review- Jul 3, 2013

Pennsylvania will uphold a \$3.8 million commitment to Amtrak to help keep passenger rail service running between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, ..

[Excessive heat may cause travel delays](#)

ABC30.com- Jul 3, 2013

FRESNO, Calif. (KFSN) -- Traveling by train this holiday? Don't be surprised if you're delayed because of the heat. Federal regulations require that Amtrak slows down in excessive heat.

[2 years after Amtrak crash, new action in Nevada](#)

Reno Gazette Journal- Jul 6, 2013

A truck approaches the crossing where last year another truck, coming from the opposite direction, slammed into an Amtrak train on U.S. 95.

[State eyes east Sacramento sites for possible new railyard ...](#)

Sacramento Bee- Jul 5, 2013

Sacramento has spent decades cleaning up and finding new uses for two historic city railyards. Now the state of California wants to build a new one in the urban core.

[Amtrak offers peek as new train engine undergoes tests](#)

The News Journal- Jul 3, 2013

Early Tuesday, the first of Amtrak's new electric locomotives to reach the East Coast rolled into Wilmington, where it will undergo test runs on the Northeast Corridor for three to four months.

[The Jim Henson Company And Amtrak Partner On 'PAJANIMALS ...](#)

Broadway World-Jul 1, 2013

Pack your pajamas and prepare for a chance to win a fun, family train trip courtesy of Amtrak and The Jim Henson Company, a leader in family entertainment for over 50 years, as part of the "PAJANIMALS Pack Your Pajamas Sweepstakes."

[Salt Lake City: A Red State Capital Builds Ambitious Transit](#)

Streetfilms Jul 2, 2013

And as Streetsblog's Angie Schmitt pointed out last month, "It's the only city in the country building light rail, bus rapid transit, streetcars and commuter rail at the same time."

Since the late 1990s, SLC certainly has embarked on a very ambitious program of transit construction. In 2006, residents voted to invest more and expedite the implementation of the system. This May the city opened its newest light rail line, to the airport, and in December the Sugar House streetcar is scheduled to open.

[NEW LAX FLYAWAY BUS SERVICE AT EXPO/LA BREA BEGINS JULY 1](#)

lawa.org Jun 27, 2013

The new LAX FlyAway® bus service between the Metro Rail Exposition Line rail station at La Brea Avenue and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) begins July 1, airport officials reminded the public this week.

[Metrolink and OCTA highlight connectivity to OC Fair](#)

Inland Empire News-Jul 3, 2013

LOS ANGELES- - (INT) - Metrolink launched its OC Fair wrapped car Wednesday as the OC Fair held a road show at the Irvine Metrolink ...

[Bike trail connecting Burbank to Metrolink station gets funds](#)

Burbank Leader-Jul 2, 2013

A new bike lane to connect the downtown Metrolink station with the Lake-Alameda bike path will cost \$4.4 million, but when it's completed in 2016, officials say it will fill a missing link for commuters.

[City closes escrow on Greenway Trail extension](#)

Whittier Daily News Jul 4, 2013

The city of Whittier is close to an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to purchase a 15-foot wide easement to extend the Greenway Trail (**bike path**) east from Mills Avenue

[Bridges to be replaced: Caltrain project in North Cental San Mateo ...](#)

San Mateo Daily Journal- Jul 4, 2013

Four aging railroad bridges in San Mateo that had their foundations rebuilt in 2011 will be replaced and lifted up to four feet to meet Caltrain's future needs, including electrification...

The four bridges were built in 1903 and are old, small and seismically unsafe.

[Man Fatally Struck on Caltrain Tracks in Atherton](#)

Patch.com- Jul 5, 2013

A man was fatally struck on the Caltrain tracks near the agency's Atherton station Friday morning, a