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Meeting of June 4, 2025

Correspondence as of June 3, 2025

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TriMet Board adopts \$1.98 billion FY26 budget; Updates from government of Ontario, fare collection

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TriMet Board adopts \$1.98 billion FY26 budget

The budget includes \$789.1 million in total divisional operating costs and \$165.3 million for capital projects to address maintenance of an aging transit system and increase reliability for riders.

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By Brandon Lewis

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ARTM introduces new transportation fee to finance Montreal metro's blue line extension

The launch of the C\$7.6 billion Blue Line extension in 2029 will contribute to neighborhood consolidation and strengthen Montreal's attractiveness.

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SporTran opens new multi-modal transit hub in Shreveport

The hub is a community-first mobility center that blends rider access, workforce development and future-forward infrastructure.

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project

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MN: Republicans seek to gut federal funding for three Minnesota transit projects

GA: Could Macon actually be a stop on a passenger rail to Atlanta? What we know

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By Ray Melleady

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May 23, 2025

Re: Support for Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) workforce development initiative - CTW Innovative Clean Transit Academy – Bay Area Education Caucus

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) workforce development initiative led by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. We understand this initiative partners with California Transit Works! (CTW) to create a new "Innovative Clean Transit Academy – Bay Area Education Caucus."

SamTrans is transitioning its diesel bus fleet to meet the goal of a 100% zero emission fleet by 2034 and is investing in battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell buses to do its part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, fight climate change, and keep our air clean and communities healthy. California requires all public transit agencies with buses to transition to a 100% zero emission bus fleet by 2040.

Our frontline workers will need to be trained on how to operate and maintain these new Zero Emission buses, which operate differently than traditional buses and require different skillsets for both operators and maintenance personnel. SamTrans currently has 350 bus operators, and this training is an integral part of our safety culture, ensuring that every operator is fully familiar with new equipment and prepared to deliver safe and reliable service. By prioritizing operator readiness, we reinforce our commitment to both safety and performance across our transit system.

SamTrans fully supports the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) workforce development initiative grant application given that it aligns with our agency's efforts to transition to a zero emissions fleet and support our workforce in this transition.

Please contact Government and Community Affairs Officer, Amy Linehan, at LinehanA@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Chan", written over a faint, larger blue ink signature.

April Chan
General Manager/CEO

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors

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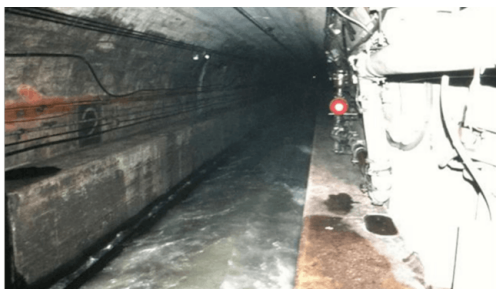
From Wheel Rail Seminars

WRI 2025 Rail Transit Conference is devoted to examining wheel/rail and vehicle/track interaction on light rail and subway operations. The conference will be held in Seattle, WA from



August 26-28, 2025. Sample topics to include; Track damage mechanisms and remediation, Addressing Studs, Squats and other forms of RCF through Rail Grinding, Noise outcomes from grinding and milling and much more.

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Amtrak kicks off first long-term track outage for East River Tunnel Rehabilitation Project

The project will restore the two tunnel tubes damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

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L.A. Metro releases benefits, construction timeline for potential Sepulveda Transit Corridor project

If the project is built, travel times between the Van Nuys Metrolink Station to the L.A. Metro Expo Line could be cut in half.

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Denver RTD lifts final light-rail speed restriction

This was the last of 31 speed restrictions that were put in place last year on the D, E, H and R lines.

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CHSRA completes two high-speed rail separation projects

By Brandon Lewis

The Belmont Avenue Grade Separation and the Central Avenue Grade Separation projects are now open to the public and are the third and fourth structures to be completed in 2025.



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LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency selects Zephyr Rail for Ortega Siding Project

Zephyr Rail will lead project management, civil and track design, and UAV mapping services.

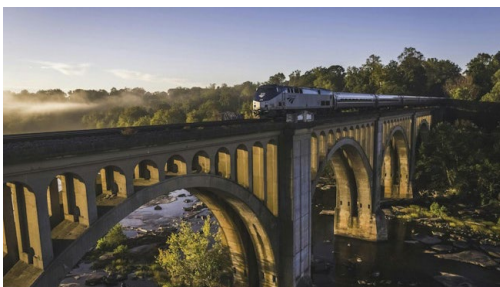
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SFMTA awards WSP-PGH Wong Joint Venture program management contract for train control upgrades project

The Train Control Upgrade Project will design and install a new CBTC system for Muni Metro trains throughout San Francisco's 71-mile rail network.

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Amtrak state-sponsored services set ridership records in April

By Brandon Lewis

The Borealis train saw ridership increase by 227 percent from May 2024 to April 2025 while Amtrak Virginia saw its highest ridership recorded for the month of April.

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By Brandon Lewis

On episode 11 of the podcast, Harlee Hewitt from Roads and Bridges interviews Michael Fontaine from VDOT and Stanley Young and Jeff Gonder from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

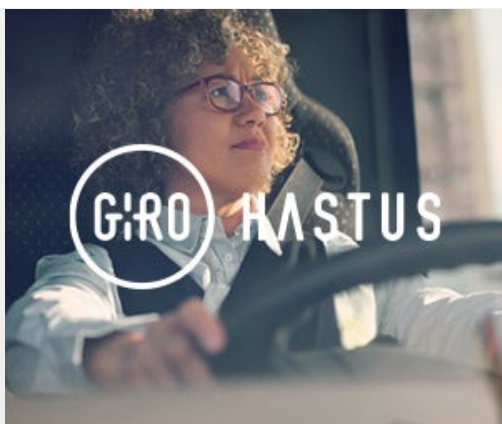
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Arrowhead Transit launches RideSmart 2025

The RideSmart 2025 initiative aims to improve service reliability, simplify the rider experience and expand access to key destinations throughout Chisago and Isanti, Minn., counties.

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Alstom opens Plant 4 manufacturing facility in Hornell

The New York-based 135,000 square foot facility is capable of producing stainless steel car body shells for passenger rail vehicles.

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River Valley Transit launches new fare program for seniors and people with disabilities

Encompass will allow those that qualify to travel within select towns in the Middlesex County, Conn., area up to eight miles for \$5.

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By Megan Perrero

Funding helped transit agencies close the gap in addressing the state of good repair backlog and make strides in newly launched capital projects.

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