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From: Mass Transit <mass@news.southcommmail.com>

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NJ Transit expands use of FARE-PAY cards to all buses, three light-rail systems

The reusable cards allow customers to purchase and store monthly passes, 10-trip bus tickets or cash value.

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Amtrak, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation Board agree to restore USDOT's control of Washington Union Station

The agreement follows USDOT revealing in August its intention to reclaim management to fix the station's infrastructure and improve security.

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Canadian federal government makes investments in expanded rural transit, planning for rural zero-emission transit By Noah Kolenda

The investments will aid towns in modernizing fleets and accelerating the adoption of fleet electrification.

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The partnership also seeks to create foundational generative AI capabilities for North American transit agencies.

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JuanPablo Prieto, Director, Diversity Programs, Chicago Transit Authority

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Government of Ontario completes North Bay Rail Bypass project

The 0.61-mile track will improve travel times by 15 minutes to North Bay Station.

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Middlesex County, NJ Transit enter construction phase on New Brunswick Train Station

The project will modernize and expand one of the busiest transit hubs along the Northeast Corridor.

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DART's Silver Line to begin passenger service Oct. 25

The 26-mile Silver Line links Richardson, Dallas, Addison, Carrollton, Coppell and Grapevine, Texas, with DFW International Airport.

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MTA's Staten Island Railway begins operating R211S subway cars

The cars include pre-installed security cameras in each car, as well as additional accessible seating, digital displays that will provide more detailed station-specific information and brighter lighting and signage.

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Sound Transit's Link light-rail vehicle crosses I-90 floating bridge under own power

The milestone allows the agency to begin a series of tests ahead of the opening of the full 2 Line in early 2026.

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NJ Transit purchases 200 additional multilevel rail cars from Alstom

By Brandon Lewis

The new rail cars, along with 12 additional ALP-45A dual-powered locomotives, will help the agency fully modernize its rail fleet by 2031.

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ZEMU to begin passenger service on Metrolink systems Sept. 13

The first hybrid hydrogen fuel-cell batteryelectric passenger train will serve riders on the nine-mile Arrow Corridor of Metrolink's San Bernardino Line.

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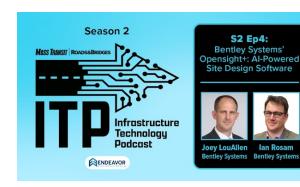
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NJ Transit board approves purchase of nearly 300 new buses to fully modernize fleet by 2031 goal

The purchase includes up to 260 clean diesel buses and up to 26 zero-emission buses.

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FRA issues NOFO for National Railroad Partnership Program

The NOFO allocates more than \$5 billion in funding for projects that enhance safety on intercity passenger rail networks.

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GoTriangle adds 20 new vehicles to its transit fleet

The purchase includes new diesel and batteryelectric buses and light transit vehicles.

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Via and Waymo partner to allow transit agencies to integrate AV rides in their systems

The partnership will first launch in Chandler, Ariz., as part of the Chandler Flex microtransit service.

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CA: 'Super bus,' once intended to replace S.F.'s cable cars, back in service after 72 years

NE: Early ridership low, but Omaha's Metro Flex rideshare service might be catching on

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The new locomotives are able to travel the entire 102 miles of Metro-North's third rail territory.

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PSTA to launch redesigned Connected Community Bus Network in October

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From Modaxo

Transit Unplugged, America's number one public transportation podcast, is excited to have brought you Super September! Each week we've featured a top transit CEO sharing insights on leadership, innovation, and the future of mobility. We wrap up the month with Jon Gary Herrera, CEO of VIA in San Antonio. Subscribe now so you don't miss any future episodes!

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King County Metro Transit, Via launch microtransit services

By Brandon Lewis

King County Metro has launched a new Metro Flex service area while Via is using its technology to power the launch of the RC Link in Massachusetts.

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Metra to reopen 87th St./Woodruff Station Oct. 6

The station has been closed for a complete rehabilitation and is the last of three Metra Electric stations renovated under one contract.

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Brightline implements service improvements, adds capacity for commuters

The upgrades include more departures and more train cars to move people quicker.

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WeGo partners with INIT to launch contactless fare payments

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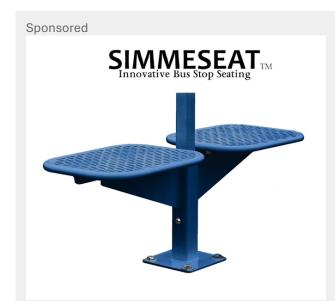
NC: Security get expanded jurisdiction beyond transit after Charlotte train stabbing

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Transit agencies, state DOT's celebrate See Tracks? Think Train® Week

By Brandon Lewis

Formerly known as Rail Safety Week in the U.S., OLI launched the campaign in 2017 to focus attention on the importance of making safe choices when driving or walking near railroad tracks and trains.

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CTA, Cook County Health launch naloxone vending machines pilot at five rail stations

The stations that were chosen for the six month pilot were based on community input and data that zeroed in on areas with higher opioid-related emergencies.

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MTA subway crime falls to summer record low

Overall transit crime from June 1 to Aug. 31 was down nearly 10% from 2024 and 16.8% from summer 2019.

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Op-Ed: Why the future of transit safety must be predictive, not reactive

By Stefania Di Serio

Predictive safety uses real-time data, Al and automation to spot risks before they become threats.

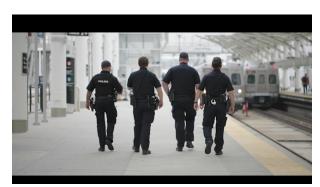
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FRA to increase railroad bridge safety inspectors

The administration is increasing the amount of safety inspectors from less than 10 to 160, with new training to address bridge mechanics.

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New study shows Denver RTD making significant progress in making its system safer

By Brandon Lewis

The agency was evaluated in a study of transit systems' strategies used to deter illicit drug activity and the effects on post-pandemic transit ridership recovery.

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CO: GOP senators introduce 'Transit Crime Reporting Act' in wake of Iryna Zarutska's murder

NC: Feds give CATS 15 days to detail safety fixes after Charlotte light rail killing

IL: Federal court rules it is legal to ban guns from Chicago public transportation

NC: DOT secretary threatens to withhold federal money over Charlotte train stabbing

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From Luzerne County Transportation Authority

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The Connecticut Department of Transportation will be conducting its annual prequalification of professional consultant firms who desire to provide services for the 2026 calendar year. Additional information can be obtained at: https://portal...



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From Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

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Triennial Performance Audits of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) and Ventura County TDA Claimants FY22/23-FY24/25

From Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide consultant services to provide Triennial Performance Audits of the Ventura County Transportation Commission and Ventura County TDA Claimants...

RFP for BRITE Bus Turnkey Services Contract (Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro, VA)

From Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) hereby gives public notice that it issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified contractors for turnkey management, operations, and maintenance of transit services for BRITE...

RFQual 125DH013 - On-Call Work Order Consultant Bench for Strategic Initiatives

From Regional Transportation District (RTD)

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Transit Development Plans (TDPs)

From Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

To Whom it May Concern: The ODOT Office of Transit is accepting proposals for consultant support for Transit Development Plans (TDPs). The contract will include creating TDPs for both rural and urban transit agencies in Ohio. ODOT is expecting...

Marketing IDIQ

From Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT Office of Transit is accepting proposals for consultant support for a Marketing IDIQ contract. The contract will include tasks for the following items: logo design, marketing campaigns, developing a marketing strategy, developing and buying...

STAR Transit Request for Proposals: RFP # 2025114 Managed IT Professional Services

From Star Transit

STAR Transit is requesting proposals at a firm fixed price from qualified sources for Managed IT Services to manage all aspects of STAR Transit's technology and purchase and setup of all technology needed for proper service and delivery...

Fixed Route Transit Software

From Clarksville Transit System

Clarksville Transit System is requesting proposals from qualified sources to provide and deploy up-to date, ADA compliant fixed route software that includes automatic passenger counting abilities, rider alerts/announcements, & live vehicle...

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From Lextran

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From Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority

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The FY26 budgets will allow the agency to expand service and frequency, improve the customer experience and invest in workforce development.

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GCRTA moves forward with the purchase of six new rail cars from Siemens

The upgraded stock can operate on all rail lines by allowing access for high- and low-level platforms.

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TARC releases recommended updated bus network ahead of summer 2026 launch

The New TARC Network includes major changes to most bus routes and schedules to help the agency push out its fiscal cliff to FY29 or FY30 budget years.

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Beep partners with ADASTEC to accelerate safe deployment of shared autonomous transportation

The companies are combining Beep's autonomous mobility networks with ADASTEC's advanced automated driving system technology and OEM partnerships.

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SMRT launches Route 210 express bus service

NY: Did You Know?: Fewer cars or expanded highways?

PA: Railroad company promises \$2M to fix rail track, add passenger service to Wilkes-Barre

IL Mayor Brandon Johnson calls more Chicago protected bike lanes 'ultimate goal,' touts milestone

CA: Sacramento-area commuters can get free help navigating mass transit. Here's how

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Leslie Bienenfeld, Manager of Transit Special Operations, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

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Husni Zaro drives 295 route(s) from Redwood City to San Mateo and back.

Possibly (he and #454 Carl) are the two best bus operators I have ever experienced.

By the way, Bus 635 - the three disabled seats directly behind the driver would be better served if it was fitted with THREE overhead Hand straps. When sitting, attempting to rise from a seated position, these hand straps are used for leverage to pull ones-self UP.

Regards Mike Chanteloup From: Joe Goethals <joe@gostlaw.com>

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On Wed Sept 24 I missed the early school dismissal but route 60 out to Redwood Shores and made it worse by, without looking, boarding the 61 bus.

This bus was already at #342004 for 20 minutes OUT OF SERVICE. On that specific subject if a 61 spends its break time in the red zone, waiting for 24 minutes after the hour to arrive, he, she makes it difficult for other buses to pull into the curbs redzone. M-TU-TH-FR, he does not allow the route 295 or 60 to pull in and they both have to let off passengers in the middle of live traffic and pick up from the middle lane of live traffic.

Regarding the 60 route on yesterday Wednesday

The first bus should be 60 feet long. The 40-footer is inadequate because after a few stops, the stop at Dartmouth and San Carlos Ave took on 40-75 kids AT ONE TIME.

The driver had to tell the kids to "Just Board" vs pay. The kids were eventually 'hanging from the rafters, literally' and running back and forth from the front of the bus to the back of the bus.

PLEASE PULL THE TAPE AND WATCH FROM START TO END.

This was wed, middle of the noon and one o'clock hour.

Again - SWITCH THE second #61 bus which is 60 feet long and make the first 61 pick up at Belmont Library a 60-foot bus, not a 40-foot bus.

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