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The annual report details the bus and rail fleet characteristics of U.S. and Canadian transit agencies.

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# **Bi-State Development to reevaluate St. Louis Metro's Green Line Project**

The revision will focus on BRT, allowing the Bi-State Development Agency to enhance the project's financial feasibility and strengthen its competitiveness for federal funding.

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## City of Eau Claire opens new downtown transfer center

The new center features a sheltered waiting area, restrooms and staff offices, as well as a new mixed-use development area with a parking garage and housing above the center.

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# ABQ Ride, city of Albuquerque launch transit-oriented development project

The Uptown Connect project seeks to add a transit hub and more than 200 affordable housing units to the uptown area of Albuquerque.

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CA: Does Senate Bill 79 go too far by overriding local zoning to build housing near transit hubs?

PA: Why CATA's switch to renewable natural gas is seen as an 'important milestone'

NY: Transit union endorses Cuomo's bid for mayor, rebukes Mamdani's free bus proposal

HI: Colleen Hanabusa resigns as Honolulu rail agency board chair

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2025 40 Under 40: Lizzie Baker

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Lizzie Baker, Director of Marketing & Creative for Commuter Rail and Interim VP of Passenger Experience, Marketing & Revenue, Keolis Commuter Services.

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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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# L.A. Metro releases final environmental impact report for future C Line Extension

The project, which could start construction as early as 2027, would expand rail service deeper into the South Bay from the L.A. Metro K Line's Redondo Beach Station to the planned Torrance Transit Center station.

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## Infrastructure Technology Podcast: STV's AI partnership with the Chicago Transit Authority

By Brandon Lewis

In episode 5, Brandon Lewis discusses STV's partnership with the CTA on its Innovation Studio pilot program.

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# Santa Clara VTA breaks ground on bus charging hub, hosts solar and backup power

The site will utilize backup batteries to retain excess generated energy to keep the fleet powered in blackouts.

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# MTA makes revisions to proposed fare policy updates

The updates feature a less than 3% fare increase from the current weekly pass, as well as adjustments to make riding transit with children easier.

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# Study shows Portland-area TODs generate fewer car trips, increase in transit use

The Transportation Research and Education Center's report revealed car trips dropped as low as 20% near TODs designed for affordable housing.

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PA: 'Help Pennsylvania': Johnstown's Gleason confirmed to Amtrak board

PA: \$14 million project to bring sidewalk, street upgrades in Hill District

CO: RTD plans vote on ending free Access-on-Demand rides for people with disabilities

WA: Getting there: A Spokane group argues STA should install bus benches, so volunteers made and installed them over the weekend

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2025 40 Under 40: Mat Olson

By Brandon Lewis

Mat Olson, Senior Financial Consultant, HDR.

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## **One Year Later**

Caltrain's electrified service marked its first anniversary this month, and we've been celebrating throughout Transit Month. In this issue, we highlight this milestone, share updates on our growing ridership, spotlight Rail Safety Month outreach, and more.





# Year One Verdict: Electric Service is Great!

Caltrain celebrated the first anniversary of electric service, and our riders and <u>local</u> <u>leaders</u> were excited to talk about the transformative change.

## **Learn More about the Anniversary of Electric Service**

# Third Straight Month of a Million Riders

Caltrain's ridership surpassed one million for the third consecutive month, driven by strong weekday travel and record-breaking weekend turnout.



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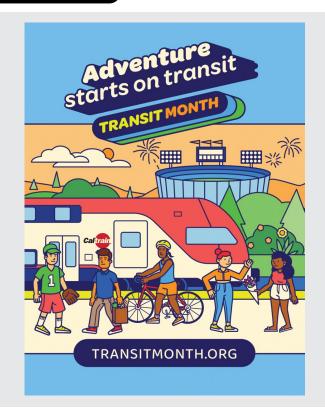
## **SB 63 Passes Legislature**

Senate Bill 63, which would authorize a regional ballot measure tax to support Bay Area public transportation systems, passed the State legislature and awaits the Governor's signature.

**Learn More about SB 63** 

# Transit Month Celebrates Transit Across Bay Area

Caltrain joined transit agencies across the Bay Area in celebrating the vital role transit plays in the lives of millions.



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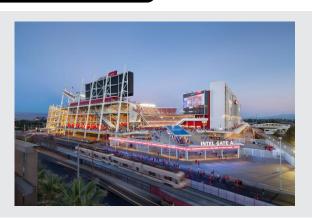
# Caltrain Highlights Improvements for Rail Safety Month

Caltrain earned APTA's Gold Safety Award this year and continues to invest in safer crossings for everyone. As we near the end of Rail Safety Month, it's a great opportunity to recognize these efforts and remind our riders that safety is always our top priority.

## **Learn More about Rail Safety Month**

# Caltrain to Levi's is Always a Touchdown

The 49ers regular season has started, and Caltrain remains the best way for fans to catch the gridiron action firsthand.



#### **Learn More about 49ers Service**



# Caltrain Serves Stanford Football

The Stanford Cardinal have taken to the field for their season, and as has been the case for over a century, there's no better way to get there than by train.

#### **Learn More about Stanford Service**

# Themed Trains Deliver Fans to Valkyries & Bay FC

Caltrain ran themed trains for both Bay FC and the Golden State Valkyries this month, delighting fans with free swag giveaways and convenient, affordable service.



## **Learn More about the Valkyries Train**

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- October 3-19 Flop Festival Bayshore Station
- October 5-13 Fleet Week Stanford Station
- October 9 Caltrain Board Meeting Mountain View Station



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The extension adds nine miles to the current 48.5-mile Long Beach to Azusa Metro A Line.

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# Stop juggling multiple paratransit providers. Get 1 unified solution.

From Via Transportation Inc

Leading transit agencies are embracing a new model of paratransit service. Green Bay hit 98% on-time trips. Capital Area Transit System reduced call response time by 86%. Trinity Metro reduced rider calls by 20%. Discover how one complete solution helps agencies transform their paratransit operations.

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# Ontario government completes construction of Confederation GO Station

Service will begin on Oct. 27, receiving trains to and from Niagara Falls.

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## NJ Transit unveils new 40-foot New Flyer buses

The buses will arrive by June 2026 and are part of the agency's efforts to replace or modernize every outdated bus and rail car by 2031.

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# Denver RTD on-time performance jumps up 30% year-over-year

The agency has completed major projects, as well as a hiring blitz to reach an on-time performance of 90%.

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# BART completes installation of next generation fare gates four months ahead of schedule

The gates include a unique door locking mechanism that makes swing barriers difficult to push through, jump over or maneuver under.

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# **Stadler opens its new Salt Lake City welding facility**

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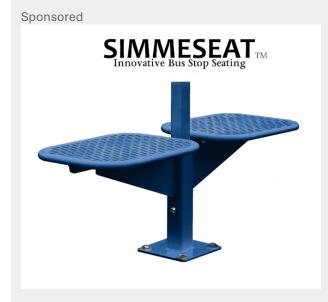
NC: 'Now is the time.' Gov. Josh Stein endorses Mecklenburg transportation referendum

MA: Boston rated 'the best U.S. city for public transportation for travelers.' Really?

IN: Transformer damage causes further delay in West Lake rail project

CA: The world's longest light-rail line connects LA suburbs to the past

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Matthew A. Maier, Director of Operations, Laketran.

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To: <u>Joe Goethals</u>

Cc: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: RE: Bus driver Husni Zaro ID number 888

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:56:47 AM

To Michael Chanteloup via Joe Goethals,

Thank you for taking the time to send us your feedback. A copy of this correspondence will be provided to our Board of Directors.

We always appreciate hearing when our operators leave a positive impression with our riders, so thank you for acknowledging Operator 888 and Operator 454. Likewise, thank you for sharing your observations and concerns regarding our Route 61's operations. Please rest assured that safety is a top priority for us at SamTrans, and your comments and recommendations about the route were forwarded to the proper parties for consideration.

On the topic of bus assignment, though, we cannot promise we will be able to meet your recommendation of using one of our larger buses. We have a limited amount of equipment, which is why we deploy buses according to need. Our larger buses should already be assigned to trips that most require the extra space. Additionally, per the SamTrans Service Policy Framework, our load capacity guideline is 150% of the seats on the bus. This meets transit industry standards, including the expectation of the possibility that some riders may need to stand.

However, operational needs can change over a period of time, and we are always mindful of these shifting circumstances. To that end, SamTrans staff are closely monitoring the performance of our service, including reviewing whether lines like our Route 61 need extra support. Firsthand feedback from our riders can help in this regard, so thank you again for reaching out. And, of course, thank you for riding SamTrans.

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From: Joe Goethals <joe@gostlaw.com>

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

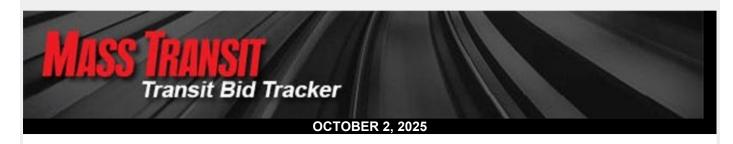
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## Furnish Lease & Service of Radial and Traction Bus Tires for DOB & MTABC 7 Years

From MTA - New York City Transit

MTA seeks proposals from qualified firms to inspect all such tires and Wheels for approximately 6000 buses operated from twenty-seven locations throughout New York City. MTA intends for Vendor to provide tire lease, maintenance of tires Requirements...



# **LEGAL NOTICE Luzerne County Transportation Authority** (LCTA) Request for Proposals – RFP #25-09-001

From Luzerne County Transportation Authority

Notice is hereby given that the Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consulting firms to conduct a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study for the Lackawanna-Luzerne region. Proposal...





From Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

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...



# Request for Proposals #2025-006: Wayside Real-Time Passenger Information Signs

From Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) is soliciting proposals in response to Request for Proposals #2025-006 for the provision of electronic signage solutions capable of displaying ...

## RFP 125FK024 47 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buy America Compliant 60' Articulated Buses

RTD is seeking to purchase 47 FTA Buy America Compliant articulated 60' buses designed and manufactured specifically for use on the Colfax BRT Route. Apply at https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/rtd-denver/projects/183214

## Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) IFB 25-07-551 1501 North Staff Lot Repaying Project

From Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp. dba IndyGo, is seeking bids from qualified contractors, Project Scope includes milling and new asphalt work throughout the entire parking lot area in addition to restriping To Register and view ...

## PRESOLICITATION NOTICE WASHINGTON STREET BRT STATION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION

From Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

Notice The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation d/b/a IndyGo is sharing a presolicitation notice about a new construction project and its upcoming solicitation forconstruction services for that project. Project IndyGo is constructing...

# 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...

## 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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The station will power 19 new hydrogen fuel cell buses and will be built alongside its current RNG fuel station.

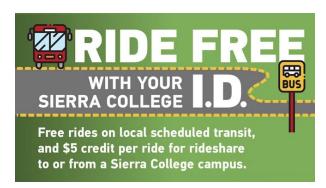
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