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ECONOMIC RECOVERY

DOT Stimulus Spending Tops $3 Billion
Link to article in *The Journal of Commerce*:
http://www.joc.com/node/413619

Stimulus Takes Detour Around Ailing Metropolitan Area Roads
Link to article in *USA Today*:
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-09-24-stimulus-roads_N.htm

Rough Roads Are the Price of Underinvestment
AASHTO response to the above-referenced article:
http://www.transportation.org/?siteid=37&pageid=3127

Stimulus Funds Lend Hand to Construction, Projects in North Carolina
Link to article in *ENC Today*:
http://www.enctoday.com/news/projects-68119-jdn-construction-stimulus.html

Montana Poised to Use All of Stimulus Road Funding
Link to article in the *Great Falls Tribune*:
http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20090927/NEWS01/909270302

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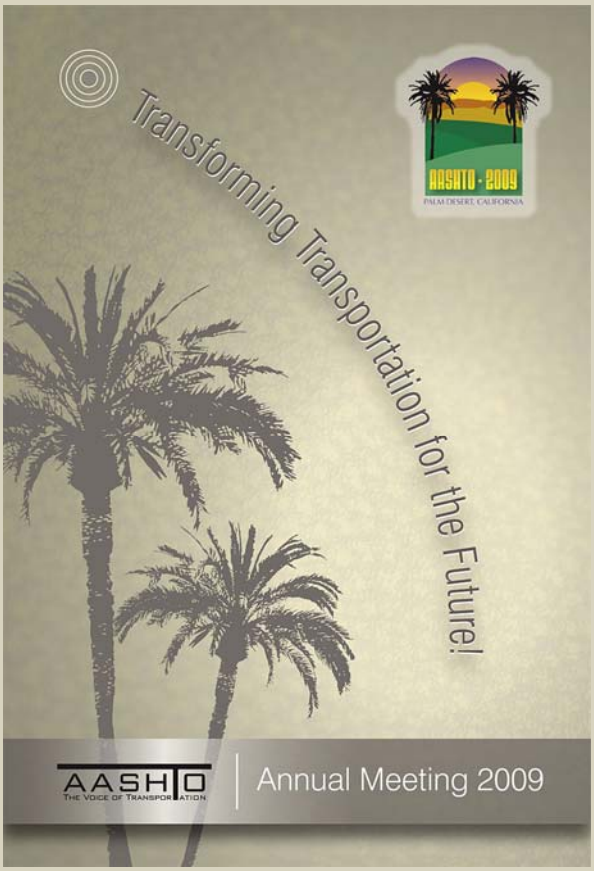

Not Your Father's Tolling and Public/Private Partnership Programs

What's at hand and what's in store in the search for funding for transportation projects?

Jack Basso, AASHTO's director of program finance and management, will moderate a panel discussion on the latest options on tolling and partnerships with private firms to design, build, operate, and maintain highways.

Panelists include Bob Poole of the Reason Foundation; John Foote of Harvard University; Barbara Reese of the Virginia Department of Transportation; and David Seltzer of Mercator Advisors LLC.

There is only one week left for early registration savings! For information on the many other key sessions and registration details go to www.transportation.org/meetings/181.aspx.

AVIATION

FAA Finds Severe Safety Issues at O'Hare
Link to CBS News story:
http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/09/24/national/main5334933.shtml

ROADWAYS & VEHICLES

Governors of Indiana and Kentucky Seek $120 Million for Bridge Projects
Link to AP article:
http://www.kypost.com/content/news/commonwealth/story/Governors-Seek-120M-For-Bridge-Projects/bR8e88q5_0mw4BS_Ugc04A.cspx

Report Lauds Florida I-95 Toll Express Lanes
Link to article in *The Miami Herald*:
http://www.miamiherald.com/486/story/1250690.html

Battle Brews in California Over Expanding Carpool-Lane Access
Link to article in *The Sacramento Bee*:
http://www.sacbee.com/trafficnews/story/2210615.html

Take Back the Streets – NYC Transportation Commissioner is Untangling Gridlock
Link to article in *Forbes*:
http://www.forbes.com/global/2009/1005/companies-sadik-khan-taking-back-new-york-streets.html

MARITIME

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Offers Clean Air Incentives
Link to article in *The Star-Ledger*:
http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/jersey/index.ssf?/base/news-14/1253839507220390.xml&coll=1

Port of Oakland Digs Deep for Greater Capacity
Link to article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:
http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/09/25/BUVR19S72K.DTL

RAILROADS

Large Railroad Traffic Powers Up
Link to article in *The Journal of Commerce*:
http://www.joc.com/node/413605

SAFETY / SECURITY

FMCSA Nominee Ferro Faces Questions in Confirmation Hearing
Link to article in *Transport Topics*:
http://www.ttnews.com/articles/basetemplate.aspx?storyid=22799

TRANSIT

Italian Firm Awarded Los Angeles MTA Contract Pledges to Build New Rail Manufacturing Plant with Union Labor
Link to article in the *Los Angeles Times*:
http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/09/taxpayers-hung-out-to-dry-in-mtas-vote-to-approve-rail-contract-with-controversial-italian-firm.html

Affordable Housing in Transit-Oriented Development: Key Practices Could Enhance Recent Collaboration Efforts between DOT-FTA and HUD
Link to GAO report:
http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09871.pdf

OTHER

New from US DOT
- *Fast Lane Blog: Copenhagen-Bound, Ready to Sing Chicago's Praises to the IOC*
http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/09/copenhagenbound-to-sing-chicagos-praises-to-the-ioc.html
- *Fast Lane Blog: On Roads, Stimulus, USA Today Misses a Story Worth Telling*
http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/09/on-roads-and-stimulus-usa-today-misses-a-story-worth-telling.html

Link to news releases

TIGER Grant Applications Showcase the Demand for Innovative Transportation Projects Nationwide
http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/dot15109.htm

Cash for Clunkers Payout Nearly Complete
http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/dot15009.htm

US Department of Transportation Announces Schedule for the Distracted Driving Summit
http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/dot15209.htm

News You Can Use!

SHOWING NOW On Transportation TV:
News Update, September 25, 2009: Lawmakers/Experts Address Critical Transportation Issues
Segments covered in this week's Transportation TV News Update:
- The House approves a three month extension of surface transportation legislation without repealing a potentially devastating rescission.
- The AAA says hit and run accidents are up across the country.
- Voting is underway for the People's Choice Award -- part of the second annual America's Transportation Award Competition

Federal Register Information

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Cape Fear River and Northeast Cape Fear River, Wilmington, NC ,
49325–49326 [E9–23279] [TEXT] [PDF]
49326 [E9–23280] [TEXT] [PDF]
Raritan River, Arthur Kill and Their Tributaries, Staten Island, NY and Elizabeth, NJ ,
49323–49325 [E9–23278] [TEXT] [PDF]

PROPOSED RULES
Standards for Living Organisms in Ships Ballast Water Discharged in U.S. Waters; Public Meeting ,
49355–49356 [E9–23386] [TEXT] [PDF]

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PROPOSED RULES

Airworthiness Directives:

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49351–49354 [E9–23294] [TEXT] [PDF]

Bombardier Model CL 600 2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701, & 702), Model CL 600 2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), et al. Airplanes ,
49346–49349 [E9–23296] [TEXT] [PDF]

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