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AUTHORIZATION

Top US Senate Democrat Floats Plan to Boost Highway Funding

Link to Dow Jones Newswires article:

<http://www.easybourse.com/bourse/actualite/top-us-senate-democrat-floats-plan-to-boost-highway-funding-753126>

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Stimulus Saved or Created 640,239 Jobs: White House

Link to Reuters article:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSTRE59T2QP20091030>

Track Those Tax Dollars in an 'Augmented Reality'

Link to story and audio report on NPR's *Morning Edition*:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=114359604>

AVIATION

Cockpit Distractions Go Beyond Laptops

Link to article in *USA Today*:

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-10-30-pilot-distractions_N.htm

Plan for Downtown Boston Skyscrapers Poses Hazard to Flights, FAA Says

Link to article in *The Boston Globe*:

http://www.boston.com/business/articles/2009/10/30/plan_for_downtown_skyscrapers_poses_hazard_to_flights_faa_says/

Aviation Safety: Information on the Safety Effects of Modifying the Age Standard for Commercial Pilots

Link to GAO report:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10107r.pdf>

New Publication from AASHTO



MANUAL FOR ASSESSING SAFETY HARDWARE

The purpose of this report is to present uniform guidelines for the crash testing of both permanent and temporary highway safety features and recommended evaluation criteria to assess test results. Guidelines are also presented for the in-service evaluation of safety features. These guidelines and criteria incorporate current technology and the collective judgment and expertise of professionals in the field of roadside safety design. They provide: (1) a basis on which researchers and user agencies can compare the impact performance merits of candidate safety features, (2) guidance for developers of new safety features, and (3) a basis on which user agencies can formulate performance specifications for safety features.

This book is an update to and supersedes NCHRP Report 350, *Recommended Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Highway Features*, for the purposes of evaluating new safety hardware devices. It does not supersede any guidelines for the design of roadside safety hardware, which are found in the AASHTO *Roadside Design Guide*. Paperback or online. 276 pp.

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AASHTO Members:	\$80

ROADWAYS & VEHICLES

Bay Bridge Breakdown: Are Our Bridges Safe?

Link to story and video on ABC's *Good Morning America*:

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/bay-bridge-breakdown-highlights-bridge-concerns/story?id=8944376>

Pennsylvania Takes Another Shot at Tolls for I-80

Link to article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*:

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/20091030_Pa_takes_another_shot_at_tolls_for_I-80.html

MARITIME

Cleaner-Trucks Mandate Will Create Hardships at the Port of Oakland

Link to article in *The New York Times*:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/30/us/30sfruckers.html>

RAILROADS

Rail Traffic Edges Up

Link to article in *The Journal of Commerce*:

<http://www.joc.com/node/414304>

US Rail Freight Hardware Provider Gives a Clue to Industry Conditions

Link to article in the *Handy Shipping Guide*:

http://www.handyshippingguide.com/shipping-news/us-rail-freight-hardware-provider-gives-a-clue-to-industry-conditions_811

SAFETY / SECURITY

NTSB: Reauthorization Provides an Opportunity to Focus on Implementing Leading Management Practices and Addressing Human Capital and Training Center Issues

Link to GAO testimony:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10183t.pdf>

TRANSIT

SEPTA Strike Threat is Ended

Link to article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*:

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/pa/20091101_SEPTA_strike_threat_is_ended.html

Union Pacific May Let Passengers Use Freight Lines for 2011 Super Bowl in Arlington, Texas

Link to article in *The Dallas Morning News*:

http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-stadiumrail_30met.ART.State.Edition2.4b956a1.html

Plan to Cut Free Transit Rides Dies in Springfield

Link to article on *Chicago Breaking News*:

<http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2009/10/todays-political-agenda-free-cta-rides-cemetery-reform.html>

OTHER

New from US DOT

- *Fast Lane Blog*: DOT's Secretary Awards Ceremony Recognizes Service Above and Beyond

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/10/dots-secretary-awards-ceremony-recognizes-service-above-and-beyond.html>

- *Fast Lane Blog: On Clunkers Debate, One Point We Can All Agree On*
<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/10/on-clunkers-debate-one-point-we-can-all-agree-on.html>
- *Recovery Act Data System (RADS) Version 2.0 Guidance*
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/rads_guidance_20091029.pdf


New from TRB

- *Research and Education 2009*
http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Research_and_Education_2009_162453.aspx

[Link to news release](#)

US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Tours Manchester Airport Access Road Construction Site

<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/dot17409.htm>



SHOWING NOW On Transportation TV:
News Update, October 30, 2009
Segments covered in this week's Transportation TV News Update:

- Special coverage of the AASHTO Annual meeting held October 22-26 in Palm Desert, California.
- Highlights include a keynote address from Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) speaking about the need to extend SAFETEA-LU, the federal surface transportation authorization bill which expired Sept. 30th 2009.
- AASHTO's newest President, Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Executive Director of the Mississippi DOT outlines his emphasis areas for 2010.
- Introduction to AASHTO's first female VP, Nevada DOT director Susan Martinovich.

Federal Register Information

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Notices

Intent to Rule on Passenger Facility Charge Application:
Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, Oakland, CA ,
56691 [E9-26405]

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Notices

Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition ,
56686-56691 [E9-26265]

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Notices

Abandonment Exemption:

Soo Line Railroad Co. d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Co.; Waukesha
and Milwaukee Counties, WI ,

56685–56686 [E9–26210]

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