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ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Oberstar Says Obama Undercounts New Transportation Jobs by Half

Link to article in the *Duluth News Tribune*:
<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/article/id/150744/> (free registration required)

States Scramble to Track Federal Stimulus Bucks

Link to article in *Computerworld*:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/344627/Follow_the_money_States_scramble_to_track_federal_stimulus_bucks

Maryland is Tops at Tracking Stimulus Spending

Link to article in *Computerworld*:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/344670/Maryland_Leader_of_the_Pack

AVIATION

FAA Officials Still Fly Through Revolving Door

Link to article in *The Buffalo News*:
<http://www.buffalonews.com/home/story/846420.html>

ROADWAYS & VEHICLES

Bay Bridge Reopens After Nearly Weeklong Closure

Link to AP article:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5haVUKEctcZ2vga98Vq6VQv9S5GFAD9BNH3E00>

Massachusetts Transportation Agency Merger Faces a Few Snarls

Link to article in *The Boston Globe*:
http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/11/02/new_transit_merger_faces_a_few_snarls/

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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Kansas DOT Warning Systems Put to Use

Link to article in *The Hays Daily News*:

<http://www.hdnews.net/printstory/wintry110209>

MARITIME

Shipping Ballast Battle Continues

Link to article in the *Journal Sentinel*:

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/68124167.html>

RAILROADS

Amtrak Unveils New Long-Term Strategic, Financial Plans

Link to article in *Progressive Railroading*:

<http://www.progressiverailroading.com/news/article.asp?id=21863>

Shippers Push to End Rail Antitrust Exemption

Link to article in *The Journal of Commerce*:

<http://www.joc.com/node/414329>

Berkshire Buying BNSF

Link to AP article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iCtxl6V1MEjIR3lQnwGUgEjDHvsAD9BO3M880>

SAFETY / SECURITY

Homeland Security Expands IdeaFactory

Link to article in *Government Executive*:

http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?filepath=/dailyfed/1109/110209ww.htm

TRANSIT

Streetcars on the Ballot Amid Trolley Revival

Link to AP article:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hWoobDWXiWEb96UN_OWhEZzuCeMQD9BN9A600

SEPTA Workers on Strike

Link to article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/breaking/20091103_SEPTA_workers_going_on_strike.html

San Antonio Hopes Wi-Fi Lures Riders to Buses

Link to article in the *San Antonio Express-News*:

http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/VIA_testing_free_Internet_on_some_buses.html

OTHER

New from US DOT

- *Fast Lane Blog: Recovery Act Transportation Investments: Good for New Hampshire, Good for America*

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/11/recovery-act-transportation-investments-good-for-new-hampshire-good-for-america.html>

New from TRB

- *Safety Management Systems for Airports, Volume 2: Guidebook*

http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Safety_Management_Systems_for_Airports_Volume_2_Gu_162491.aspx



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.

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