



Daily Transportation Update

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Wednesday, November 4, 2009

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

FRA Administrator: Hopeful for January \$8 Billion Stimulus Spending

Link to Dow Jones Newswires article:

<http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=200911021449dowjonesdjonline000340&title=us-railroad-headhopeful-for-january-8-billion-stimulus-spending>

AVIATION

FAA Says No to Curfew at Bob Hope Airport

Link to article in the *Burbank Leader*:

<http://www.burbankleader.com/articles/2009/11/03/news/blr-curfew110409.txt>

Lawmakers Seek Ban on Laptops in Airliner Cockpits

Link to AP article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hA0WkLUZXW8iR6F1jNXOF4XHbuLQD9BNUDM00>

ROADWAYS & VEHICLES

Orange County, California Toll Roads Could Forgive \$40 Million in Fines

Link to AP article:

http://www.mercurynews.com/california/ci_13695261

Georgia DOT Changes Course on I-75/I-575 Toll Proposal

Link to article in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*:

<http://www.ajc.com/news/dot-changes-course-on-183380.html>

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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Download Item Code:	MASH-1-UL
Price per Copy:	\$96
AASHTO Members:	\$80

MARITIME

New Jersey Joins Delaware in Suing to Block Dredging of Delaware

Link to article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*:

http://www.philly.com/philly/business/homepage/20091103_N_J__joins_Delaware_in_suing_to_block_dredging_of_Delaware.html

Free 24-Hour Ferry Planned at Site of Closed Vermont-New York Bridge

Link to article in *The Press Republican*:

http://www.pressrepublican.com/homepage/local_story_306234629.html

RAILROADS

Rule Would Boost Unions at Airlines, Railroads

Link to AP article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ir1Cw8Xm8YI3uREstnG01nw0RIfAD9BNIQ5O3>

SAFETY / SECURITY

Clorox to Stop Using, Transporting Chlorine in US

Link to AP article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j76YAQL9I4fVI-rg5I4Qr2ojmiHQD9BNMOSO1>

How Can We Promote Greater Awareness of Transportation Safety?

Link to comments on the National Journal's Transportation Experts Blog:

<http://transportation.nationaljournal.com/2009/11/how-can-we-promote-greater-awa.php>

TRANSIT

EPA Faults San Francisco Transit Agency for Diesel Spill

Link to AP article:

http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_13694847

One-Fourth of New York State Transit Buses are Too Old

Link to Reuters article:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE5A157V20091102>

BICYCLING / PEDESTRIANS

Austin, Texas Installs 'Sharrows' as Part of Cycling, Driving Experiment

Link to story and video on KVUE-TV:

http://www.kvue.com/news/local/110209sharrows_10-68802522.html

OTHER

Colorado Governor Increases Transportation Funding

Link to AP article:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j_OhVwcyQhPq7OzUmYm9rbKn7nSgD9BO2U1O0

Oklahoma Transportation Department Deals with Fund Cuts

Link to article in *The Oklahoman*:

<http://www.newsok.com/oklahoma-transportation-department-deals-with-fund-cuts/article/3414177>

Missouri DOT Director Receives National Honor

Link to article in the *Springfield Business Journal*:

<http://sbj.net/main.asp?SectionID=18&SubSectionID=23&ArticleID=85741>

New from US DOT

- *Fast Lane Blog: DOT Ready to Talk About Future of Rail*

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/11/dot-ready-to-talk-about-future-of-rail.html>

- *Fast Lane Blog: Federal Highway Administration Passes Recovery Act Milestone: \$20 Billion Obligated*

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/11/federal-highway-administration-paves-recovery-act-milestone-20-billion-obligated.html>

- *Additional Guidance for Assessment of Bridges Over Waterways with Unknown Foundations*

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/unknownfoundations/091029.cfm>

- *Successes in Stewardship November Newsletter*

<http://environment.fhwa.dot.gov/strmlng/newsletters/nov09nl.asp>

New from TRB

- *Safety Maintenance and Surface Weather*

http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Safety_Maintenance_and_Surface_Weather_162492.aspx

Link to news releases

Highway Investment Hits \$20 Billion – Recovery Putting People to Work on Investments with Long-Term Benefit

<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/fhwa3409.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

COAST GUARD

RULES

Safety Zone:

Corporate Party on Hornblower Yacht, Fireworks Display, San Francisco, CA ,
57070–57072 [E9–26574]

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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57060–57061 [E9–26596]

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