

# Daily Transportation Update

Your links to transportation news from across the nation.

Thursday, November 5, 2009

## ECONOMIC RECOVERY

### Virginia Spends Stimulus Funds Slowest

Link to article in *The Journal of Commerce*:  
<http://www.joc.com/node/414431>

### Maryland Touts Positive Effects of Stimulus Act

Link to article in *The Independent*:  
[http://www.somdnews.com/stories/11042009/indy\\_top94248\\_32181.shtml](http://www.somdnews.com/stories/11042009/indy_top94248_32181.shtml)

## AVIATION

### Time Running Out on FAA Bill this Year

Link to article on AviationNews.net:  
[http://www.aviationnews.net/?do=headline&news\\_ID=173203](http://www.aviationnews.net/?do=headline&news_ID=173203)

### Miami-Dade Moves Forward with Plan for Slots at Airport

Link to article in *The Miami Herald*:  
<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/5min/story/1314864.html>

## ROADWAYS & VEHICLES

### FCC, DOT Team Up for High-Tech Cure to Distracted Driving

Link to article in *Computerworld*:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9140354/FCC\\_DOT\\_team\\_up\\_for\\_high\\_tech\\_cure\\_to\\_distracted\\_driving?taxonomyId=17](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9140354/FCC_DOT_team_up_for_high_tech_cure_to_distracted_driving?taxonomyId=17)

## MARITIME

### Shippers Appeal to New York, Newark on Harbor Truckers

Link to article in *The Journal of Commerce*:  
<http://www.joc.com/node/414427>

## 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.

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

### **California Port Pursues Rail-Related Project for Honda Traffic**

Link to article in *Progressive Railroading*:

<http://www.progressiverailroading.com/prdailynews/news.asp?id=21874>

### **Port of Baltimore Sets Cruise Passenger Record**

Link to story on WBAL Radio:

<http://wbal.com/apps/news/templates/story.aspx?articleid=39032&zoneid=3>

## **RAILROADS**

### **With BNSF Purchase, Buffett Bets on Growth in Container Traffic**

Link to column in *The Dallas Morning News*:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/bus/columnists/jlanders/stories/110409dnbusbnsftrade.3a7e0fd.html>

## **SAFETY / SECURITY**

### **FAA Tightens Rules on Pilot DUI**

Link to article on AVweb:

[http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/FAA\\_Tightens\\_DUI\\_Rules\\_201448-1.html](http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/FAA_Tightens_DUI_Rules_201448-1.html)

## **TRANSIT**

### **Report Finds Boston T's Riders at Risk**

Link to article in *The Boston Globe*:

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/11/04/report\\_finds\\_ts\\_riders\\_at\\_risk/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/11/04/report_finds_ts_riders_at_risk/)

### **Auditors: MARTA Made \$119 Million on Lease Deals**

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

<http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/auditors-marta-made-119-185076.html>

## **OTHER**

### **\$71 Million Maine Transportation Bond Breezes to Easy Passage**

Link to article in the *Morning Sentinel*:

<http://morningsentinel.maine.com/news/local/7058649.html>

### **New from US DOT**

- *Fast Lane Blog: DOT, FCC Launch Partnership to Reduce Distracted Driving*

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/11/dot-fcc-launch-joint-effort-to-reduce-distracted-driving.html>

### **New from TRB**

- *Transportation Security: A Summary of Transportation Research Board Activities*

[http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Transportation\\_Security\\_A\\_Summary\\_of\\_Transportatio\\_161616.aspx](http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Transportation_Security_A_Summary_of_Transportatio_161616.aspx)

- *Cooperative Research Programs Security Research Status Report*

[http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Cooperative\\_Research\\_Programs\\_Security\\_Research\\_St\\_162035.aspx](http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Cooperative_Research_Programs_Security_Research_St_162035.aspx)

- *Encouraging Innovation in Locating and Characterizing Underground Utilities*

[http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Encouraging\\_Innovation\\_in\\_Locating\\_and\\_Characteriz\\_162489.aspx](http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Encouraging_Innovation_in_Locating_and_Characteriz_162489.aspx)

## **[Link to news releases](#)**

### **Department of Transportation and Federal Communications Commission Join Forces to Combat Distracted Driving**

<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/dot17509.htm>

## Only 22% of Transportation Companies Plan to Increase Hiring in Next Six Months

<http://www.granthornton.com/portal/site/gtcom/menuitem.550794734a67d883a5f2ba40633841ca/?vgnextoid=67b746a050cb4210VgnVCM1000003a8314acRCD&vgnnextchannel=d321d90df58cf110VgnVCM100003a8314acRCD>



### **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**

#### **RULES**

Revision of Colored of Federal Airway; Washington ,  
57246 [E9-26374]

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#### **PROPOSED RULES**

Airworthiness Directives:

Bombardier Model CL 600 1A11 (CL 600), CL 600 2A12 (CL 601), et al.,  
Airplanes ,  
57273-57276 [E9-26592]

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Bombardier Model CL 600 2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440)  
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57271-57273 [E9-26626]

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Bombardier Model CL 600 2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701 & 702), et  
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57264-57266 [E9-26627]

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Bombardier Model CL 600 2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701, & 702)  
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Model CL 600 2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900) Airplanes ,  
57268-57270 [E9-26684]

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57266-57268 [E9-26683]

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Turbomeca Arriel 2B and 2B1 Turboshaft Engines ,  
57277-57278 [E9-26730]

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**NOTICES**

Intent to Rule on Request to Release Airport Property:  
Gunnison–Crested Butte Regional Airport, Gunnison, CO ,  
57390 [E9–26481]

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**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

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**NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

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**TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

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