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AVIATION

FAA Chief: Pilots Must Refocus on Professionalism

Link to AP article:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ifNY0IbJ_tg0KMW-1u5fln2Jc_HQD9BOVOS00

Administrator Says FAA Working to Adjust NextGen

Link to article in *Aviation Week*:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=comm&id=news/BABB110409.xml&headline=Babbitt%20Says%20FAA%20Working%20To%20Adjust%20NextGen

ROADWAYS & VEHICLES

I-75/I-575, I-285, Georgia 400, 'Gwinnett Connector' Toll Projects Proposed

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

<http://www.ajc.com/news/i-75-i-575-186115.html>

MARITIME

Ohio River Lock Repair to Take Until April

Link to article in *The Courier-Journal*:

<http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009911040416>

Georgia Ports Authority Looks for Backing for More Business

Link to article in *The Florida Times-Union*:

http://jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2009-11-05/story/georgia_ports_authority_looks_for_backing_for_more_business

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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RAILROADS

Buffet's Big Bet Could Help Rail Rivals

Link to article in the *Omaha World-Herald*:

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20091104/MONEY/711049933>

SAFETY / SECURITY

Old Bridge Bumper Technology Means Future Oil Spills Likely

Link to article in *The Examiner*:

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Old-bridge-bumper-technology-means-future-oil-spills-likely-69245927.html>

Texting While Driving: The New Drunk Driving

Link to article in *The Christian Science Monitor*:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/1105/p25s07-usgn.html>

TRANSIT

Voters Reject Northern Indiana Transit District

Link to article in the *Post-Tribune*:

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/porter/1863127,RTA-referendum1104.article>

Virginia Railway Express Rejects Amtrak Contract Challenge

Link to article in *The Washington Post*:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/04/AR2009110402371.html>

Should Home Prices Come with Warnings About Transit Costs, Too?

Link to article in the *Contra Costa Times*:

http://www.contracostatimes.com/growth/ci_13713631

PEDESTRIANS

In Defense of Jaywalking

Banning the practice won't make pedestrians safer.

Link to article in *Slate*:

<http://www.slate.com/id/2234011>

OTHER

Transportation Issues Seen as Factors in Governors' Races

Link to article in *Land Line Magazine*:

http://www.landlinemag.com/todays_news/Daily/2009/Nov09/110209/110409-01.htm

New from US DOT

- *Fast Lane Blog: DOT Supports Twin Maritime Efforts: Commercial Competitiveness and Port-Readiness*

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/11/dot-supports-twin-maritime-efforts-commercial-competitiveness-and-portreadiness.html>

New from TRB

- *Enhanced Modeling of Aircraft Taxiway Noise*

http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/Enhanced_Modeling_of_Aircraft_Taxiway_NoiseScoping_162509.aspx

- *TRB Webinar: Maintenance Practices for Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity*

http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/TRB_Webinar_Maintenance_Practices_for_Traffic_Sign_162425.aspx

- *TRB Webinar Summary: Costing Asset Protection: An All Hazards Guide for Transportation Agencies*

http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/TRB_Webinar_Costing_Asset_Protection_An_All_Hazard_162381.aspx



SHOWING NOW On Transportation TV:
News Update, November 6, 2009
Segments covered in this week's Transportation TV News Update:

- Part two of our special coverage of the AASHTO Annual meeting held October 22-26 in Palm Desert, California.
- Highlights include comments from federal administrators Peter Rogoff, Victor Mendez, and deputy administrator, Karen Rae.
- Dan Sperling author of *Two Billion Cars* details why it's critical for the transportation sector to address its share of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Caltrans director Randy Iwasaki takes you on a tour of the department's *Innovative Mobility Showcase*.

Federal Register Information

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