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## UTA celebrates opening of South Jordan Downtown Station

The station adds a third TRAX station on the Red Line for the city of South Jordan and southwest Salt Lake County.

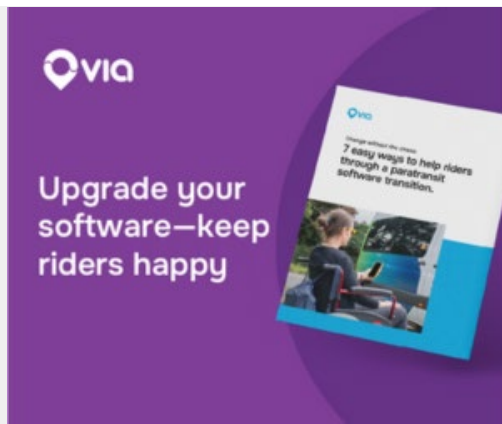
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PANYNJ signed a seven-year contract extension with Alstom to enable the company to take on all operations and maintenance services for JFK International Airport's AirTrain.

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### **New York's Department of Citywide Administrative Services awards tender to buy renewable diesel for ferries**

The tender is in partnership with Angus and will enable the transition to long-term and large-scale renewable diesel use for city vessels.

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**Centro expands bus services into Cortland County**

**CA: Muni's retooled transit system has reached post-pandemic ridership highs**

**ND: Cities Area Transit fares increase beginning April 14**

**PA: Commissioners OK \$50K in funding for CATA**

**WA: Amtrak announces it will resume limited North Cascades train service through Bellingham**

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### **How technology can empower operators with better work-life balance**

The public transit industry is transforming, focusing on improving work conditions to retain and attract operators. Technology plays a crucial role in that matter by leveraging scheduling strategies to create



better scheduling, offer flexible hours, and innovate with personalized rostering.

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### **Hudson River Tunnel Project Moving Towards 2035 Completion Date**

By Brandon Lewis

The massive project aims to help residents in New York and New Jersey get from place to place safely for decades.

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### Denver RTD highlights 2024 safety efforts in annual safety metrics report

The agency met all of its established bus and light-rail targets related to minimizing fatalities across the system.

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### Coast Mountain Bus Company enhances bus operator training to better support neurodivergent riders

Through its partnership with Pacific Autism Family Network, Coast Mountain Bus Company is working to improve bus operator awareness interactions with neurodivergent riders.

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### Transit Retreat: Engage, Learn...Modernize your "conference" experience

From Northwest Pennsylvania Mobility Alliance, Inc.

The 4th Annual Transit Retreat is coming to Des Moines, IA June 25-26th. This is a unique experience where Rural, Small Urban, Demand Response and Mobility Management Transit professionals from across the nation can interact with peers, vendors, FTA Technical Assistance Centers and other National partners for 2 days of engaging sessions and networking. This is not your typical "conference".

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### **San Diego MTS begins installing variable-message signs along Trolley Orange Line**

The digital boards will provide greater display flexibility, enabling real-time trolley arrival updates, delivery of critical passenger notifications, special event information and public service announcements.

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### **NJ Transit awards Conduent Transportation contract for new 3D fare gates**

Through this contract, Conduent Transportation will implement 72 gates in total at two of NJ Transit's stations.

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### **MBTA to receive CleanTech Industrial Roughening Laser 3040 from Laser Photonics Corporation**

### **CA: New free shuttle bridges two central San Diego neighborhoods, 'restoring connection and access'**

### **NY: Metro-North's New Haven-to-NYC line gets 10 minutes faster**

### **MI: Isle Royale's ferry may be stuck without a crew after federal buyouts**

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### Dual-mode power testing advances sustainability and efficiency at TTC

By Acacia Reber

As demand for rail travel increases and sustainability becomes a central focus, dual-mode technology is set to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of passenger and commuter rail.

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Dear Samtrans leaders,

My name is Aileen Sweeney. I live and work in Redwood City and am an active user of Caltrain.

Public transit is critical to the health of our region. It supports our economy, our quality of life and our health by reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and helping companies attract talent. In fact, proximity to Caltrain was a driving force in my decision to purchase a home and live walking distance from the Redwood City Caltrain station.

I knew taking Caltrain would enable me:

- to avoid commuting in miserable traffic, which is frustrating, results in an unhealthy sedentary lifestyle, and pollutes our air
- to exercise by walking to and from the station, get work done while in transit, and feel good about not contributing to air pollution.

I understand that SB 63 is a work in progress, including ongoing polling and discussions about expenditures.

I strongly, strongly support regional transit solutions that:

- prevent cuts for all agencies
- provide funding and policies that support seamless coordination of fares, schedules and signs.

Additionally, I strongly support state budget support for transit.

Public transit is a centerpiece of economically vibrant, healthy communities. Please provide the funding and policy support to make public transit viable and effective for the long-term.

Best regards,  
Aileen Sweeney

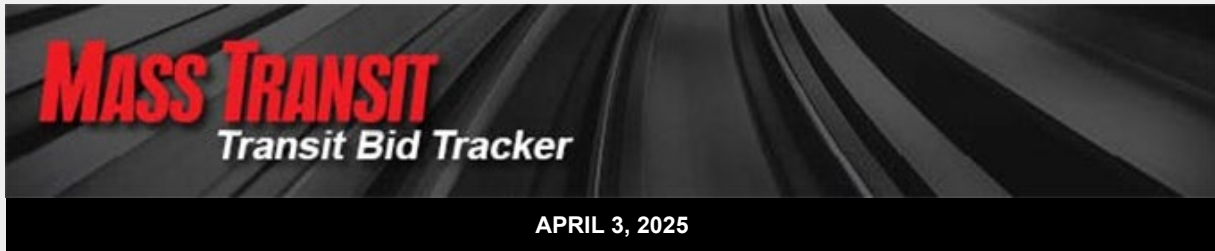
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**Request for Qualifications for the Healdsburg Extension Project**  
From Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

Solicitation Title: Request for Qualifications for the Healdsburg Extension Project  
Solicitation Number: CV-DB-25-001  
Project Owner: Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART)  
Project Description: Design and Construction of Civil, Structures, Systems...



**Seven 2013 MCI D4500 Coach Buses Available for No Cost Title Transfer**  
From Green Mountain Transit (GMT)

Green Mountain Transit Authority (GMT) is offering seven (7) 2013 MCI D4500 Coach Buses available for a no cost title transfer. Pictures and additional information available at: <https://ridegmt.com/mci-buses/>

**RFP P2025-024: Transit Advertising Services**

From Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GARTA)

The Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) is seeking Request for Proposal (RFP) for Transit Advertising Sales. GATRA is seeking responses for Transit Advertising Sales. Questions are due 5:00pm, on Friday, May 23, 2025...

**Workforce Development Services RFSQ-067-25-KM**

From City of Tallahassee

This RFSQ is to solicit qualifications from organizations to provide workforce development services. Services will focus on design, development, and delivery of training programs to support operation and maintenance of StarMetro...

**FAX Bus Stop Remediation**

From Fresno Area Express (FAX)

The Department of Transportation proposes to remediate 19 bus stops located within the City of Fresno to remove the deficiencies notated in the FAX ADA Transition Plan. These deficiencies will include replacement and repairs of existing...

### **2025-06 Regional Partnership Study**

From The Mass Transportation Authority (MTA)

2025-06 Regional Partnership Study The Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) is soliciting proposals from qualified Consultants to prepare a Regional Partnership Study for the MTA proposals due on or before 1:00 p.m. Local Time, Monday,...

### **RFP: Operation of Intercity Bus Service Routes**

From Reagan Mass Transit District

Reagan Mass Transit District is seeking qualified motor carrier Service Operator(s) for two fixed routes in Illinois: one between Chicago, IL and Davenport, IA, and a second between Chicago, IL and Danville, IL. Deadline to submit is April ...

### **IFB (35) Safe Fleet Dual View Assist (8x16 Convex Mirror-B)**

From Luzerne County Transportation Authority

IFB Number: #25-03-001 Issue Date: 3/14/2025 Bid Due Date: 4/14/2025 (2 p.m. local time, EST) The Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA) is seeking bids from qualified vendors for thirty-five (35) Safe Fleet Dual View...

### **Chestnut Street Multimodal Station Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E)**

From Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA)

BCRTA seeks proposals for the purchase, delivery and installation of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment ("FF&E") at the new Chestnut Street Multimodal Station (the "Project"). Details can be found on our eProcurement Portal here: <https://...>

### **Fixed Route Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

From The City of DeKalb

Notice is hereby given that the City of DeKalb Transit is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP # CDPT2025-02) for the deployment of Fixed Route Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). This RFP and related documents will be available...

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Dynamic testing is expected to continue throughout 2026 and is critical for the Purple Line to begin passenger service in late 2027 as planned.

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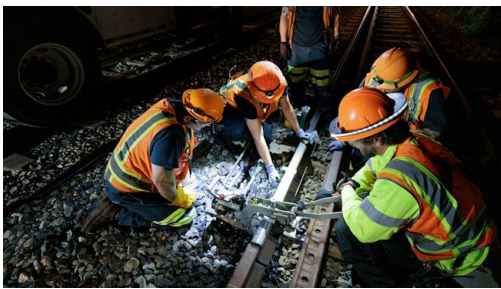
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### Denver RTD updates timeline to complete track maintenance repairs, lift light-rail speed restrictions

The new timeline reduces the length of three speed restrictions near the Dayton Station, adjusts the maintenance schedule and adds two speed restrictions.

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### City of Annapolis rolls out two new BEBs

The BYD 22-passenger battery-electric buses will replace two aging diesel-powered vehicles that have surpassed their useful lifespan.

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### People on the move: Valley Metro, OCTA, HART

By Brandon Lewis

Personnel updates from around the public transit industry.

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### Mass Transit Weekly News Quiz

By Eman Abu-Khaled

Take our quiz to test your knowledge from this past week's news highlights.

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**Will you be at Community Transportation's biggest event of the year?**

From Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA)

Registration is open for the 2025 CTAA EXPO and CalACT Spring Meeting June 2-4 in San Diego. This is the premier annual event for rural, tribal, small urban, NEMT, and specialized public transportation professionals to participate in essential learning events and network with colleagues. Get up to date with technology, workforce development, communication strategies, funding, and regulations.

**Secure your spot at the 2025 EXPO**

**TTC awards design-build contract for Bloor-Yonge Capacity Improvement project**

**CA: Pajaro to Santa Cruz in less than an hour: Santa Cruz County RTC details passenger rail operations**

**CA: Start the Presses: Bikes, busses and the politics of transportation**

**IN: Late summer eyed for South Shore Line's West Lake completion**

**CA: Information meetings for Sepulveda pass rail project called off, will be rescheduled**

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**Op-Ed: Five transportation policies that could bridge political divides in Congress' upcoming surface transportation reauthorization**

By Bennett E. Resnik

The surface transportation reauthorization isn't just a routine funding exercise—it's a chance to reset priorities and modernize how we support public transit.

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