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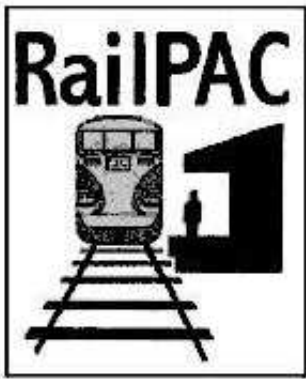
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Traffic? Gas Pains? We need more Trains!



A typical Surfliner stop in the early afternoon at Oceanside. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

Put this on your calendar:

[Draft alternatives for Union Station Master Plan to be unveiled at community workshop in downtown L.A. on May 2](#)

Posted April 23, 2013 by Steve Hymon

WHAT: LA Union Station Master Plan Community Workshop

WHEN: Thursday, May 2, 2013

5:30-7:30 PM

WHERE: Japanese American National Museum, Aratani Central Hall

100 N. Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

[San Bernardino To Celebrate Historic Train Culture At Railroad Days](#)

San Bernardino Sun Apr 24. 2013

"When the railroad came to the area in 1883, that's what really built up the whole San Bernardino Valley," said historian and author Nick Cataldo. "By 1938, there were 12 eastbound and 12 westbound trains in and out of San Bernardino."

[End of the line for Amtrak's Hoosier State train?](#)

WBEZ- Apr 24, 2013

Riders could lose daily Amtrak service from Chicago to Indy if Indiana doesn't pony up funding.

[Commissioners Push to Bring Amtrak Back](#)

WJHG-TV- Apr 24, 2013

Commissioner Billy Rader joined a delegation of officials from across the Gulf region in Mobile last year to convince Amtrak to reinstate the Sunset Limited.

[Should we take the Long Distance Trains off of Amtrak's Back?](#)

Analysis by Noel T. Braymer

Perhaps we should explore changes to the Long Distance Passenger Trains which would take the entire burden off of Amtrak. If the States are going to pay to keep trains in their State maybe they should have some control over how they are run.

[2 Oregon Amtrak trains to be named after mountains](#)

Bellingham Herald- Apr 24, 2013

SALEM, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Transportation is asking the public to help select names for two new trains that will haul Amtrak ..

[Minot Amtrak Depot back in business](#)

Minot Daily News- Apr 24, 2013

When the Amtrak passenger train pulled into Minot Tuesday night, it was the first time the depot's main waiting room and ticket office were used since just prior to the 2011 Souris River flood.

[405 project stuck in the slow lane](#)

Los Angeles Times Apr 24, 2013

Plagued by cost overruns and delays, the widening will take at least a year longer than first anticipated. Pencil in June 2014, when officials aim to complete the bulk of the construction.

Rail isn't the only construction behind schedule NB

[New pollution study ranks Los Angeles areas in top 10 worst in state](#)

San Gabriel Valley Tribune- Apr 23, 2013

Under California's landmark AB 32 law adopted to reduce ... High-speed and light rail projects could also be considered by the state to lower .

[State Of The Air 2013: American Lung Association Report Reveals America's Most Polluted Cities](#)

Huffington Post Apr 24, 2013

The American Lung Association released their annual State of the Air report Wednesday, and cities across California are at the top of the list for those with the worst year-round particle pollution. ..Particle, or particulate matter, pollution includes microscopic liquids and solids which can be found in vehicle exhaust, industrial emissions and other sources. Ozone pollution -- the main component of smog -- forms in the atmosphere when vehicle, power plant and other emissions react with sunlight.

Of the top 7 polluted cities in this list all were in California. Los Angeles was rated #4, the other six were all in the San Joaquin Valley with Bakersfield at #1, then Merced and Fresno.NB

[Study: Yes, L.A. Has The Worst Traffic In The Country -- Again](#)

Los Angeles Times Apr 24, 2013

The average Los Angeles driver spent 59 hours sitting in traffic in 2012, or about two and a half days, the data showed...And four freeways are in the country's 10 most congested.

[Streetfacts #3: Roads Are a Money Losing Proposition](#)

by Clarence Eckerson, Jr. April 21, 2013

This Streetfacts chapter has a bit more math than usual, but we think we've made an entertaining and accessible profile of how government agencies routinely justify unnecessary road projects. The example