

we've chosen to illustrate the problem is a federally-funded "diamond-diverter" interchange in Colorado.

[The Opportunity Costs Of Highway Expansion](#)

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Columbia River Crossing project, a \$3 billion highway boondoggle that would be jointly funded by the states of Oregon and Washington... The biggest reason Cascade opposes the CRC is its opportunity cost: every one of the billions of dollars we spend on this boondoggle can't be spent on Washingtonians' higher transportation priorities

[AAA: Cost Of Car Ownership On The Rise](#)

Next City Apr 18, 2013

For car owners, the only good news to come out of this year's "Your Driving Costs" study, an annual report from AAA, is that the price of tires and tire maintenance has not gone up. But all other costs of car ownership, from gas to insurance, have collectively increased by nearly 2 percent since last year.

[LA Investors Predict Development Boom In Places Where Development Is Booming](#)

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54% see a bright future for the transportation sector. Which, with the Expo Line Phase II, Purple Line, Crenshaw Line, Downtown Streetcar, Gold Line Extension (and 36 more) planned or in the works, is probably a safe bet.



What did you do on Earth Day, April 22? RailPAC's Russ Jackson spent the day riding the light rail system in Dallas and Denton Counties, Texas. This photo shows DART's Green Line train at the Trinity Mills station, the transfer point for the Denton County A-Train. In downtown Dallas the transfer point to the DART Red Line to Plano is at the West End Station, just north of Dallas Union Station. Five hours riding, with good mid-day patronage noted and the tickets checked only once.

[Can Europe get its high-speed rail network together?](#)

CNN-Apr 16, 2013

New rules in Europe have opened up the \$80 billion rail travel market allowing operators to expand beyond their domestic platforms. Only 6% of high-speed rail in Europe is currently cross-border and only

a fifth of tickets are booked on the internet. Rail operators are starting to realize their online potential.

[The silk railway: How to link Europe with East Asia?](#)

The Nation- Apr 25, 2013

Today, China has become the world's workshop and Europe has an insatiable appetite for its exports. Most now arrive on giant container ships. But as ports become clogged and delivery times critical, China is again looking to the old land routes across Asia. But the new Silk Road China is planning will be made of steel

[High speed rail coming to Laos](#)

Bangkok Post-Apr 11, 2013

Paying for high speed rail through Laos to China will take 80% of the Laos national budget but China govt banks will help with loans.

[Laos high-speed rail: China's ticket to southeast Asia](#)

Financial Times (blog)-Apr 8, 2013

Perhaps that is why China is so keen to provide a \$7.2bn loan to the small communist country for a long-awaited controversial high-speed rail ...

[Thailand looks to China to speed up rails](#)

Global Times-Apr 14, 2013

Thailand has recently announced a \$68 billion plan to upgrade transportation and build a high-speed rail network. Are the times ripe for such ...

[Chinese eye Scandinavian high-speed train push](#)

The Foreigner-Apr 18, 2013

Chinese eye Scandinavian high-speed train push. Fast inter-Scandinavia rail travel could be a reality following a Chinese state financing move ...

[STB: CHSRA falls under our purview](#)

RailwayAge Magazine (blog)-Apr 19, 2013

The Surface Transportation Board late Thursday said it "has jurisdiction over the California High-Speed Rail Authority's proposed construction of the California High-Speed Train System, including the approximately 65-mile section that it proposes to construct between Merced, California, and Fresno, California."

[FRA Responds: Amtrak Will Be Able to Use "Proven" Trainsets](#)

Streetsblog Capitol Hill (blog)-Apr 24, 2013

The FRA and Amtrak are working very closely and cooperatively with each other and worldwide train manufactures through the Rail Safety ...

[Could new high-speed rail line bypass Baltimore for Annapolis?](#)

Baltimore Business Journal-Apr 17, 2013

The Federal Railroad Administration is exploring the possibility of a high-speed East Coast rail line that would bypass Baltimore for Annapolis.

[Update given on high-speed rail plans](#)

Alton Telegraph- Apr 25, 2013

Representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois High-Speed Rail set up informative posters throughout Alton City ...

[High-speed rail agency changed bidding standards](#)

Fresno Bee- Apr 25, 2013

That change -- seemingly minor in August -- is taking on greater significance now as the authority negotiates with its lowest-cost bidder....But Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons also had the lowest technical score -- 20.55 points out of 30 -- among the five contracting teams. Put another way, the Tutor Perini group was deemed to be the least skilled of the bidders.

['Blended' high-speed rail plan is on the right track: Opinion](#)

Long Beach Press-Telegram- Apr 25, 2013

Previously, the project was being designed in a vacuum, with little if any consideration given to local community impacts. Today the CHSRA has embraced the so-called blended approach - a collaborative solution based on real-world challenges, not just engineering-driven design criteria.

This concept would use about \$1 billion in unallocated Proposition 1A and other HSR funds for immediate rail improvements to existing Amtrak and commuter rail services in Southern California. It is realistic, constructible and respectful of people.

[Metrolink Offers LAX Tickets](#)

Apr 23, 2013

Buy tickets from Chatsworth or Northridge to the airport all in one place.

[Court Date Set In Proposed Metrolink Extension](#)

Riverside Press-Enterprise Apr 19, 2013

Riverside County Transportation Commission officials are expected in court Wednesday, April 24, to work out a solution concerning a lawsuit against a planned Metrolink extension into Perris.

[BART.gov Launches New Estimated Train Crowding](#)

BART News Release

Visitors to the BART website and mobile site can now get a snapshot of estimated crowding levels on trains when they plan a trip.

[Imagine Hopping On BART To Get To Marin County](#)

Curbed SF Apr 23, 2013

A look at original plans for Bay Area Rapid Transit system to reach Sonoma, Napa and Santa Rosa via rail on the lower deck of the Golden Gate Bridge

[Caltrain reaches out community regarding San Mateo Bridges ...](#)

Railway Track & Structures- Apr 26, 2013

California's Caltrain is holding a community meeting to discuss the upcoming bridge replacement project planned for the city of San Mateo.

[Bruce Sawhill: Train tracks an investment in our future](#)

Santa Cruz Sentinel-Apr 20, 2013

Since the tracks aren't currently being used for any train traffic, why not? ... Passenger rail: California is moving aggressively toward passenger ...

[SJ lobbying team talks transit in Washington](#)

Stockton Record-Apr 22, 2013

The plans include extending the Altamont Commuter Express train to Modesto.