



This is the editor of this eNewsletter in September 1978 stopping for breakfast in Seal Beach after leaving Los Angeles for a bike ride to San Diego. The next day leaving San Diego the editor of this eNewsletter had his first Amtrak Train ride and first real train ride since the age of 5 back to Los Angeles. That train ride had a greater impact on his life than the bike ride to San Diego.

### [Fix for faulty bolts finalized, but new Bay Bridge opening date still uncertain](#)

San Francisco Examiner - May 7, 2013

Transportation officials are scheduled to announce Wednesday a fix for broken bolts on the new span of the Bay Bridge, but it may still be too early to say whether the work will be done in time for the planned Labor Day opening. In March, inspectors found that ...

**Times like this we regret that the Dumbarton Rail Bridge wasn't rebuilt so that Caltrain and ACE could connect the East Bay with San Francisco and San Jose by now. NB**

### [BART Can Begin Banning Unruly Passengers Next Week](#)

San Francisco Chronicle Apr 29, 2013

BART will be able to ban violent passengers or those who repeatedly deface buildings or trains, use them as bathrooms or harass other riders.

### [Central Subway consultants overbill \\$336000, including cakes ...](#)

San Francisco Chronicle (blog)-May 2, 2013

It will run above ground from the Caltrain station at Fourth and King streets before submerging at Fourth and Brannan streets.

### [Drastic cut in travel times part of Muni's ambitious long-term vision](#)

San Francisco Examiner-May 6, 2013

Reiskin also said it is crucial for the agency to integrate more of its fare programs with BART, Caltrain and other Bay Area transit agencies.

### [Rough day for Caltrain, riders](#)

San Mateo Daily Journal- May 7, 2013

It has been a rough morning for Caltrain, which reported delays stemming from both a broken-down train and a car that stalled on the tracks.

### [Caltrain proposes 7 percent budget increase in FY2014 to ...](#)

Progressive Rail Roding-May 6, 2013

Caltrain officials are considering a proposed \$120 million operating budget for fiscal-year 2014, a 7 percent increase over FY2013. The budget ...

### [Regional development plans spark unrest throughout Marin](#)

Marin Independent Journal-May 4, 2013

A section of Larkspur, where a Sonoma-Marina Area Rail Transit station is ... was developed largely as a response to the California Sustainable ...

### [Metrolink to provide TAP-enabled tickets](#)

Metrolink and Metro have worked collaboratively to create a Metrolink ticket that is compatible with the Metro TAP system. TAP-enabled tickets will be dispensed from Metrolink Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) to allow passage through Metro's turnstiles leading to Metro rails lines and stations.

[As part of the EZ transit pass program](#), your Metrolink ticket can be used for unlimited rides on all of the Metro Rail services in Los Angeles County including:

In Los Angeles County, the EZ transit pass program allows Metrolink riders with valid Metrolink tickets unlimited free rides on participating operators' local services - any time, any day, any station, any direction of travel.

### [CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES NEARLY \\$1 BILLION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH](#)

Caltrans Press Release May 8, 2013

"The benefits these projects bring are a huge boon to our economy," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, "This investment in our transportation system creates jobs and improves the quality of life for all Californians."

### [LACMTA proposes nearly \\$5 billion budget for FY2014](#)

### Progressive Rail Rooding-May 1, 2013

Also next year, LACMTA anticipates unveiling a master plan for Union Station. In addition, the agency expects to advance design and early construction work for the Purple Line subway extension; the Regional Connector rail line that will connect the Metro Gold, Blue and Expo lines to eliminate transfers; and the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor light-rail line.

### [Caltrans awards \\$301 million to improve transit, air quality](#)

Progressive Rail Rooding- May 8, 2013

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has awarded \$301 million to improve public transit in the state, including \$149.5 million for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Regional Connector project.

### [Garcetti, Greuel Support Tunneling Through Sepulveda Pass](#)

Patch.com-May 9, 2013

Garcetti said he'd invest heavily in rail and even a subway through the mountains, while Greuel suggested bus rapid transit, bike lanes, light rail and dedicated lanes.

**This is from the debate for the runoff election for Mayor of Los Angeles. The busy and slow 405 Freeway serves LAX, West LA and goes through the Sepulveda Pass to the San Fernando Valley but there are no plans now for rail transit in this busy corridor. NB**

### [LA doesn't have Regional Rail with Airport Connections, but needs it](#)

Story and Photos by Noel T. Braymer

A recent international survey of air travelers by Skytrax rated the airports of the world. No American airport rated higher than 25th. LAX rated 109th out of 395 airports world wide. According to a story in the May 5, 2013 Los Angeles Times **"What's Wrong with Los Angeles International Airport?"** "this article reports *"Seating at the airport is limited, security staff are rude, signage is poor, bathrooms are in poor condition and travel between terminals is difficult and confusing", according to Donna McSherry, who operates The Budget Travelers' Guide to Sleeping in Airports website, which rates LAX among the world's 10 worst.*" This Times article also reports *"LAX could climb the ranking, she said, by improving its signage, cleanliness, ambience and connections to mass transit. "International travelers really value having that direct connection with rail or bus service," said Cheryl Marcell, a spokeswoman for ACI World, the trade group for the world's airports."*

### [Disneyland Driving Up Costs Of Anaheim Streetcar Project](#)

Voice Of OC May 6, 2013

But it's also becoming increasingly clear that a significant reason for the high cost estimate, nearly \$100 million per mile, -- is the demands placed upon it by Disneyland and the rest of the city's resort district.