

[A Foldable Fix To Public Transit's Peskiest Problem](#)

The Atlantic: Cities Jun 3, 2013

How to get from the transit station to work or home: this perennial transportation challenge is known as “the last mile.” And it is a real obstacle to getting people out of their cars and onto trains and buses. In Pasadena, California, they’re now trying to solve that puzzle with folding bikes, and a little assist from social media.

[Portland, Oregon Gets First Light Rail With Supercapacitors](#)

SustainableBusiness.com- Jun 6, 2-13

Railroads are about to take a leap forward in technology as the first energy storage system that runs on supercapacitors is installed in the US.

Siemens is installing the technology on the new TriMet Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Line in Portland, Oregon. The line opens in 2015, expanding the system to 60 miles and 97 stations.

[Brush Fire in Simi Valley Forces Metrolink to Shut Down](#)

NBC Southern California- Jun 6, 2013

Fire crews stopped the spread of a 50-acre brush fire burning in Simi Valley Thursday afternoon, about an hour after the blaze forced Metrolink ...

[Accident prompts closure of Orange County Metrolink](#)

Los Angeles Times- Jun 7, 2013

Commuters scrambled for alternate transportation early Friday as Metrolink officials shut down all Orange County routes after a freight train ...

[Caltrain board to adopt \\$120 million budget](#)

San Mateo Daily Journal- Jun 6, 2013

Caltrain has met its \$120 million operating budget for next year with the use of one-time funds yet again but officials with the agency say the system may face a service reduction the following year despite unprecedented ridership growth.

[Roadshow: Clipper card users call system confusing, unfriendly, insane](#)

Mercury News Jun 4, 2013

The insane fare collection practices in the Bay Area are just going to discourage casual users from using public transit at all.

[The Transit App Guides You Through Public Transportation, Is Now Free](#)

TOD News Jun 1, 2013

iPhone: Most of the popular maps apps like Google Maps and Apple Maps have public transportation functionality built in, but they’re not always perfect. The Transit App is built specifically for public transportation, and it provides a clean interface to get you to your destination easily.



This is the old ATSF Station building at the City of Orange Metrolink Station. The station has a Ruby's Diner with it's own Streamliner Lounge. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

RailPAC President Paul Dyson and VP North Art Lloyd announce that the 2013 Meeting will be Saturday, October 5 in San Francisco! Save the date! Time, reservation info and speakers to be announced. Location: Port of San Francisco Community Room, Pier 40, Embarcadero, San Francisco, next to the ballpark.

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