

It was someone who did no work at all for BART in 2012: Dorothy Dugger, the agency's former general manager who resigned under pressure more than two years ago.

### [Illinois mayor says ridership doubled after Amtrak improvements](#)

Journal and Courier- Jun 11, 2013

With the state undecided about future funding for the Hoosier State line, Lafayette and other communities along the route are weighing the costs and benefits of the four-day-a-week service between Indianapolis and Chicago.

Greater Lafayette Commerce invited Chris Koos, mayor of Normal, Ill., to talk about the impact of increased Amtrak service in his city.

“Successful passenger rail depends on frequency and on-time service,” Koos said during a presentation Tuesday at Hilton Garden Inn in West Lafayette.

### [Chicago Rail Program A Success, But Future Funding In Doubt,](#)

Chicago Tribune Jun 11, 2013

That's the good news. The bad news is that there are at least 19 other locations in desperate need of overpasses, but construction money is available for only one of them, experts say

To finish those projects, along with dozens of others to improve railroad and vehicle traffic flow in Chicago, about \$2 billion is needed, but the source of that money is undetermined, transportation officials said Monday.

### [More money needed to ease train congestion, officials say](#)

Crain's Chicago Business-Jun 11, 2013

The initiative is a public-private partnership between federal, state and local governments and Metra, Amtrak and the nation's freight railroads that seeks to improve the flow of rail transportation in and around Chicago. Ten years along, the mammoth project is barely one-third complete and vastly over budget. The plan's initial cost estimate was \$1.5 billion; now it's closer to \$3.2 billion, officials said. Of that, \$1.2 billion already has been spent or committed, they said.

### [States Ramping Up Action On Passenger Rail](#)

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A Report On The First Year Of The Recovery Act's High-Speed And Intercity Passenger Rail Program Eight billion dollars has been made available for intercity passenger rail through the Recovery Act.

Another \$2.6 billion has come from the implementation of the

Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act. States have stepped up and are matching this additional funding. Yet this is just a down payment of what will be needed to bring an updated, integrated, viable and passenger-friendly rail system back to prominence in the United States.

### [On an Average Day](#)

US-China Institute- Jun 12, 2013

Chunyun is considered the biggest annual collective exodus in the world. In 2006 alone, the number of train passengers exceeded China's population, transporting over 2 billion passengers around the country. This figure exceeds the number of passengers taken by UK in the entire year.

### [Amtrak gets gourmet advice](#)

Washington Post Jun 11, 2013

Wilmington, Del. — Here in a small test kitchen on a dead-end street downtown, some of the food world's greatest minds are at work.

### [Amtrak sprints toward a higher speed future](#)

RailwayAge Magazine-Jun 11, 2013

The Northeast Corridor's "New Jersey Raceway" is receiving some of the most significant improvements since the original NECIP and NHRIP projects.

### [Amtrak's vision must navigate the money trap](#)

RailwayAge Magazine (blog)-Jun 14, 2013

The states of Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia currently pay less than full-cost recovery user charges for those commuter trains' access to the Northeast Corridor. Agreements in place vary considerably as to cost recovery, and Amtrak is a minority user of the corridor it owns.

On the 456-mile Northeast Corridor linking Washington, D.C., with Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, Amtrak operates only 153 trains daily, while commuter carriers operate more than 2,000 trains daily.

### [Amtrak Breakdown With Transit VIPs Aboard? Perfect](#)

Hartford Courant- Jun 14, 2013

U.S. Rep Bill Shuster, R-Pa., House chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, met with Amtrak's brass in New York last Friday, and then hopped on an Amtrak train for Hartford. Fellow Rep. John Larson and state Department of Transportation Commissioner James Redeker met the train in New Haven for a little chat time on the ride to Hartford.

### [My Turn: Rekindling a lifetime love affair with train travel](#)

Daily Breeze- Jun 11, 2013

The love affair began in my 13th year. A teenager falls hard. New to me, excitement and anticipation grew with every mile. As Oscar Wilde said, "The very essence of romance is uncertainty."

### [Southern California's Mobility 21 Awards Champions Of Transportation](#)

Business Wire Jun 11, 2013

SACRAMENTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--During Mobility 21's first-ever legislative dinner in Sacramento, "Rolling out the Red Carpet for Champions of Transportation," infrastructure and business leaders from Southern California will honor Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Senator Bill Emmerson and Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal for their leadership on transportation issues.

### [Transit Benefits Would Remain At Higher Levels Under Proposed Bill](#)

Washington Post Jun 10, 2013

Congress is pushing for the \$245 a month in pre-tax benefits that commuters who use public transit now receive to become permanent.

### [For Mass Transit, Proof Of Payment Is The Way To Go](#)

Slate Jun 11, 2013

The great virtue of this system is that people can board the vehicle very quickly because they simply step on board. The transactional hassles of payment and validation are handled during otherwise wasted waiting time.

### [In case you missed the signs: gates to be latched at Red/Purple Line at Union Station on Wednesday](#)

Posted June 13, 2013

The gates will be latched at entrances to the Red/Purple Line in Union Station on June 19th and then at other subway stations over the rest of the summer — followed by some light rail stations in the fall.

### [A few notes on the Metrolink TAP-enabled tickets](#)

Posted June 13, 2013

Now that Metrolink riders have their new TAP-enabled tickets, they should have no problems getting through the Metro fare gates. Just to make sure everything goes smoothly though, a few quick tips.

### [Art of Transit: Angels Flight](#)

Posted June 13, 2013

To promote the connectivity of “the shortest railway in the world” with Metro’s nearby bus and rail service, all Angels Flight® riders that provide a TAP card loaded with a daily, weekly or monthly pass can receive a 50% discount on Angels Flight fare (25 cents instead of 50 cents!).

### [BART aims to tame noisy trains](#)

San Francisco Examiner- Jun 12, 2103

BART trains arrive on time for about 95 percent of their trips and new seats reduce the chance of riders having to sit on stain-ridden cloth seats. But passengers still have to contend with the screeching, shrieking and whining noises that accompany a journey on the train system.

### [Crenshaw Line's Leimert Park Station May Be In Jeopardy, Again](#)

Curbed LA Jun 12, 2013

After the Metro board released a report on Monday laying out where they were going to find \$120 million to fund the station, the City Council apparently freaked out. As Streetsblog put it, "the report hit like a lightning bolt." The problem? The money's coming out of Measure R transpo tax funding for other projects, and not from the money tree in Metro's lobby.

### [All The Details On Purple Line Subway Work, Starting Next Year](#)

Curbed LA Jun 7, 2013

As Beverly Hills's very expensive hissy fit continues, Metro is moving forward with early construction activities on the Purple Line subway extension that will bring the current east/west line to Wilshire and La Cienega in its first phase.

### [Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Achieves Milestone In Gold Line Operations Campus Construction](#)

AZO Build Jun 10, 2013

The Operations Campus is being built as part of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail project from Pasadena to Azusa, and broke ground in September 2012.

### [Inspection Costs Rise Again For Bob Hope Airport](#)

Burbank Leader Jun 7, 2013

Burbank Bob Hope Airport is finding that the cost of finishing its new transportation center on time is going to involve increased inspection costs, which have mounted to be more than \$1 million higher than expected.