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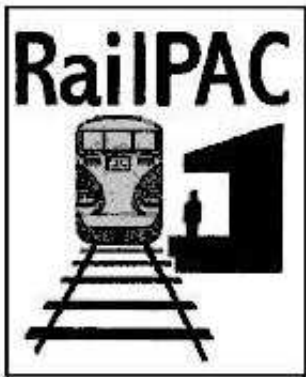
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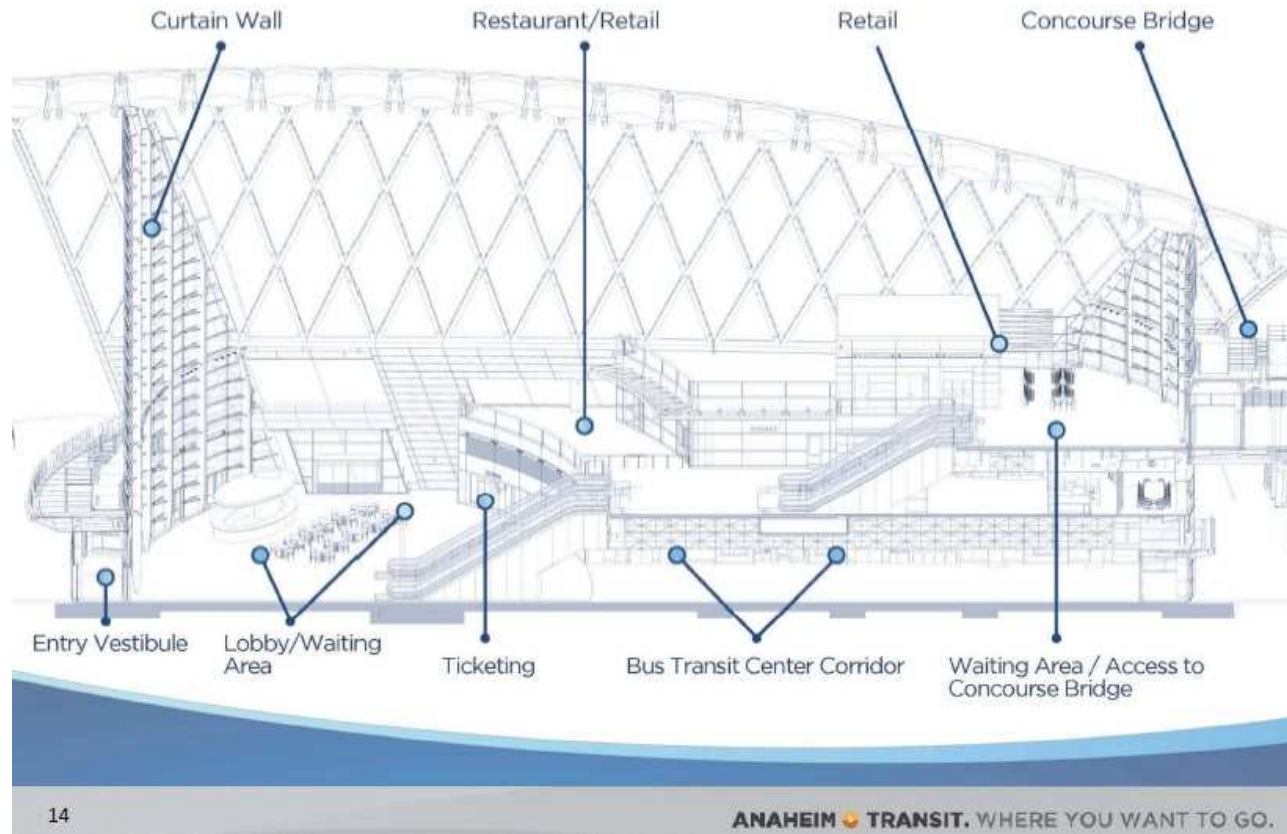


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Traffic? Gas Pains? We need more Trains!



A recent view of construction of the new ARTIC Station in Anaheim expected to opened by late 2014. The building in the background is the Honda Center, a 18,000 person capacity arena also known as the Duck Pond for the Anaheim Ducks Hockey Team. ARTIC will serve with rail and local bus service the Honda Center, Anaheim Stadium and have connections to nearby Disneyland. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

ARTIC Architecture: Interior Section



This is a side view of the main building of the ARTIC transportation center. A pedestrian bridge will connect the station building to the platforms for the tracks.

[Bullet train's risk of cost overruns reduced, rail chief says](#)

Los Angeles Times- May 28, 2013

Dan Richard, chairman of the California high-speed rail authority, said Wednesday at a congressional hearing in Madera that the agency had ...

[Denham remains skeptical of CA high-speed rail plans](#)

Fresno Bee- May 28, 2013

The Turlock Republican, who is the chairman of the House subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, left his committee hearing just as skeptical as he arrived, decrying the lack of private investment in the California High-Speed Rail Authority's proposed bullet train and declaring his intention to continue blocking federal money for the project.

[California's High-Speed Rail Meets Opposition Over Eminent Domain](#)

Transportation Nation May 28, 2013

Last year, two big farming organizations sued the California High-Speed Rail Authority to stop construction. The farmers don't mind the idea of a rail line, but there's already an eyesore that slices down the valley: Interstate 5. And the farmers think the rail should follow the freeway.

[Researchers say high-speed rail could fuel US real-estate ...](#)

Medill Reports: Chicago- May 29, 2013

A study by researchers at the University of California-Los Angeles and China's Tsinghua University found that by connecting "second tier" cities to global hubs, more people move to the smaller cities where

housing costs are lower, creating a real-estate boom, among other unplanned benefits.

[Valley leaders express rail concerns in Fresno](#)

Fresno Business Journal-May 29, 2013

Fresno City Council Member Steve Brandau was joined by county supervisors outside of city hall today to express concerns over California's high-speed rail project barreling its way through the Central Valley.

[Denham hits the rails](#)

Stockton Record-May 30, 2013

There's a rolling community of San Joaquin County residents who wake early each day and ride the Altamont Corridor Express westward to work.

Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Turlock, joined them Wednesday in a town hall-style meeting that started at downtown Stockton's Robert J. Cabral Station and ended 73 minutes later in Pleasanton....

On four trains, the system takes about 2,500 riders each way each day. The last of 10 stops along its 86-mile route is downtown San Jose. The feasibility of expanding to Modesto, also part of Denham's district, is the next ACE priority.

[Spanish engineer honored for high-speed train technology](#)

Global Times-May 28, 2013

Lopez-Gomez, who is from the city of Burgos, was named as the inventor of the year for his work in creating an active guidance system which allows trains to circulate more safely and at higher speeds.

[Elon Musk teases June news on Hyperloop, his rapid transit system ...](#)

The Verge- May 29, 2013

Musk denigrated California's current high speed rail plans, pointing out that the bullet train currently under consideration will be both the slowest in the world and most expensive per mile — "not the superlatives you're looking for." In contrast, the Hyperloop would be "a cross between a Concorde, a rail gun, and an air hockey table." Musk joked, "even if I'm wrong about the economic assumptions, it would be a really fun ride."

[Amtrak adds third daily round trip between Seattle and Bellingham](#)

TheNewsTribune.com - May 30, 2013

Amtrak will add a third daily round trip between Seattle and Bellingham beginning Friday, May 31, to help travelers get around the Skagit River bridge that collapsed May 23. The temporary addition will leave Seattle at 8:15 a.m. and depart Bellingham at 5:15 ...

[Amtrak Risks Hundreds of Millions in Equipment, IG Says](#)

Bloomberg- May 29, 2013

Amtrak, the U.S. intercity passenger railroad, may waste hundreds of millions of dollars buying equipment it doesn't need and require more ..

[Caltrans, Amtrak announce new bike reservation policy](#)

Posted May 30, 2013 by Steve Hymon

Here is the news release from Caltrans

Caltrans, Amtrak Announce New Bike Reservation Policy to Improve Customer Service and Enhance Safety

SACRAMENTO – Amtrak California passengers traveling with bicycles can reserve onboard bike rack space free of charge beginning June 1, 2013 when booking travel on Pacific Surfliner trains.

[Surfliner Cancels Bike Fees](#)

LA.Streetblog.org May 30, 2013

The Surfliner is now requiring that anyone with a Metrolink Monthly pass purchase an Amtrak ticket before being allowed to get a bike reservation.

[MTA To Assist Bob Hope Airport's Train Connection Project](#)

Los Angeles Times May 26, 2013

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has agreed to spend \$1.7 million to assist Bob Hope Airport's efforts for an ambitious train connection project.

[The Rest Of Last Week's Metro Board Agenda:.. More Antelope Valley Line Service](#)

StreetsBlog LA May 29, 2013

Lastly Chair Antonovich has requested that next month Metro CEO Art Leahy return with "a proposal to increase Sunday service on the Antelope Valley Line from three to six round trips, as part of the proposed Metrolink budget. ...

Here is a quote from the motion LA Metro Chair Supervisor Antonovich made on this issue of expanding Metrolink service. Since Los Angeles County has 40 percent of the votes on the Metrolink board and Supervisor Antonovich is also on the Metrolink (SCRRA) Board, it sounds like he means business. NB

"Furthermore, in contrast to our regional goal of coordinating and synchronizing transit transfer schedules, weekend train trips on the Antelope Valley Line are uncoordinated with Amtrak trains and other Metrolink trains at Union Station, creating major service gaps for Los Angeles County residents connecting to destinations between Los Angeles and Orange County, San Diego and San Bernardino."

Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) will convene a public hearing at its Board of Directors (Board) Meeting on June 14, 2013 concerning the anticipated budget gap for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

All public comments, regardless of the form of communication, must be submitted and received no later than Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at noon.

Comments and suggestions may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing, or posted in advance of the public hearing by clicking on the "eComment" option to submit an instant electronic comment at www.metrolinktrains.com/ecomments, or by mail if received in advance of the public hearing to the attention of Metrolink Fares at the SCRRA headquarters office, or faxed to the attention of Metrolink Fares before the hearing at (213) 452-0421 .

[Rep. Adam Schiff asks Metrolink to assess yard's health risks](#)

Los Angeles Times-May 30, 2013

A local congressman Thursday called on Metrolink to assess the health risks of air pollution on neighborhoods surrounding the commuter ...

[EMD reenters passenger rail market with Spirit](#)

RailwayAge Magazine (blog)- May 31, 2013

EMD on May 31 signed an agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to supply up to 20 new-design EMD F125 low-emission Spirit series diesel-electric passenger locomotives for operation on Metrolink,

[New Restaurant At Union Station? Metro Looking For "Local Chef"](#)

StreetsBlog LA May 28, 2013

As the modernization of Union Station continues, Metro is looking for a "local chef" willing to invest in a