
Subject: Possible BART Strike, It's hot trains slow and Naked lady on Metrolink

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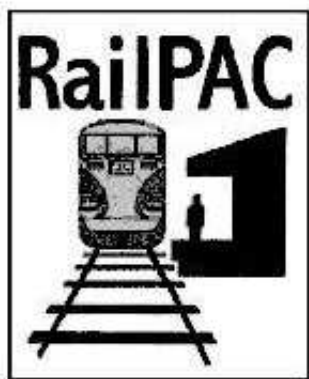
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Traffic? Gas Pains? We need more Trains!



Recent view of the Aviation Blvd Green Line Station next to LAX. The construction started in the 1990's seen in this picture can finally be finished to extend the Green Line to Century Blvd and connect to the terminals at LAX. Future Crenshaw Line Light Rail trains will also terminate at Aviation Blvd. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

[California misses connection between railroads and airports](#)

Sacramento Bee- Jun 27, 2013

A riddle: If you land at a big-city airport and there's no train there, where are you?

Answer: California.

[After 20 years of talk, Crenshaw/LAX rail line gets green light](#)

latimes.com Jun 27, 2013

Metro OKs a \$2-billion contract to build a light-rail line through South Los Angeles to the airport.

Yes, but without direct connections to downtown Los Angeles or Union Station .NB

[Bob Hope Airport and city of Burbank to hold workshop Thursday to improve transportation to airport](#)

Posted June 26, 2013

As it also happens, the Airport and the city of Burbank are in the process of a transportation and planning study to see how transportation and land-use may be improved on at the airport. There is a public workshop on Thursday — see details on the flier above for time and location.

[X Train set to have hub in North Las Vegas](#)

Las Vegas Review-Journal- Jun 25, 2013

Las Vegas Railway Express, backer of a long-awaited adults-only party train between Southern California and Las Vegas, announced plans ...

[Local Conservation Group Saves Bay Area's Historical Skunk Train](#)

Yahoo! News- Jun 25, 2013

The Skunk Train is a 128-year-old rail line spanning the distance between Fort Bragg and Willits in the coastal mountains of California.

[California's high-speed rail traveling a difficult political track](#)

Sacramento Bee- Jun 28, 2013

WASHINGTON -- California's high-speed rail plan is heading for some "Perils of Pauline" moments on Capitol Hill. This week, reinforcing past .

[RICHARDS: High-speed rail will give a boost to California](#)

Modesto Bee-Jun 27, 2013

The High-Speed Rail business plan, put together in 2012, has been honed to a fine edge. It accommodates the myriad problems raised previously. Lawsuits have been settled, regional issues addressed and provisions made ensuring that local businesses will provide no less than 30 percent of the construction. Building and operating the high-speed rail system will directly employ tens of thousands of Californians. It will indirectly generate tens of thousands more jobs throughout the country.

[Extreme Temperatures Prompt Amtrak Speed Restrictions](#)

CBS Local- Jun 29, 2013

OAKLAND (CBS SF) — Extreme heat has caused Amtrak to enforce speed restrictions on trains Saturday morning, which might result in service ...

[Food, beverage service to end on Amtrak Hiawatha line](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel-by Don Walker-Jun 24, 2013

The food and beverage service aboard the Amtrak Hiawatha run between Milwaukee and Chicago will end on Friday, a state Department of ...

[Amtrak commits to hiring more veterans; 'Hiring Our Heroes' job fairs coming to...](#)

MLive.com - Jun 26, 2013

LANSING — Amtrak has joined a growing list of companies that are committing to hiring more veterans. The passenger rail service, which operates three routes in Michigan, announced on Wednesday it set a goal for 25 percent of its new hires to be veterans ...

[Amtrak Service Resumes Between New Haven, Boston](#)

NBC Connecticut- Jun 26, 2013

Amtrak service was operating on delays on the Northeast Corridor between New Haven and Boston as crews worked to clear a disabled ...

[Derailment forces suspension of Amtrak service](#)

Albany Times Union- Jun 27, 2013

Mohawk. A train derailment in this Montgomery County town forced Amtrak to suspend service between Albany and Syracuse on Thursday, ...

[Amtrak cancels trains between Albany and Niagara Falls after freight ...](#)

Syracuse.com- Jun 28, 2013

Workmen look over the scene of a train derailment after the collision of two CSX freight trains in the Town of Mohawk, N.Y., a mile west of Fonda ... There is no estimate for track restoration in the area 35 miles west of Albany where two freight trains sideswiped each other Thursday morning, causing 30 cars to derail.

[Amtrak begins long-awaited improvements to Baltimore's Penn Station](#)

Baltimore Business Journal (blog)-Jun 28, 2013

The work is part of a broader plan to improve Penn Station.

The \$1 million renovation will include a complete demolition of the men's and women's restrooms.

[Union Depot changes for Amtrak approved by Ramsey County ...](#)

Pioneer Press-Jun 25, 2013

Now that \$243 million in public investment has gone into the cavernous facility, when is Amtrak going to roll in?

[Amtrak: \\$1.45B Senate appropriation 'workable'](#)

The Hill Jun 25, 2013

The Senate's appropriation of \$1.45 billion is "realistic" and "workable," Amtrak said on Tuesday.

The company was reacting to the Senate Appropriations Committee's markup of a funding bill for the 2014 fiscal year for the departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, which includes the funding for Amtrak.

[Traveling The West Coast: Stop-Motion Video From Amtrak's Coast ...](#)

Gadling- Jun 26, 2013

Although it takes much longer than driving or flying, for those with time, Amtrak's Coast Starlight is everything a romantic train ride should be.

[Capitol and other CA Corridor Statistics \(May, 2013\)](#)

From David B. Kutrosky, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

May 2013 results signal that the decline in ridership has tapered off for the Capitol Corridor

[Last delivery of new rail cars enhances safety of Metrolink fleet](#)

Los Angeles Times - Jun 25, 2013

Dubbed the "Guardian Fleet" by Metrolink, the Rotem cars have energy-absorbing crumple zones and other safety measures now required by the federal government

[Voith's Innovative Crash Energy Management Technology](#)

PR Newswire (press release)-Jun 27, 2013

Voith Secures Contract to Provide Coupler System for 130 CALTRANS Vehicles

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) was the first commuter rail system to require CEM technology. Voith was awarded the contract for the CEM system for SCRRA, whose specifications for couplers have since been adopted by the technical committee formed by AMTRAK, known as PRIIA (Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act) 305.

[New Baldwin Park Transit Center now open for service](#)

Posted June 25, 2013

The grand opening of the Baldwin Park Transit Center took place this past Saturday. The \$13.6 million project consists of a five-level parking structure providing more than 500 additional spaces – 200 of which are dedicated for rail and bus commuters, a rest area for bus drivers, a police compound for storage and an overhead pedestrian bridge between the Metrolink Station and the new parking structure.

[RIVERSIDE: Naked woman atop train prompts Metrolink shutdown](#)

Press-Enterprise (blog)- Jun 26, 2013

Members of the department's SWAT and emergency negotiation team spoke with the woman for an hour before she was taken off the train.

[L.A. County cities fight over Metro plans for new trains](#)

San Gabriel Valley Tribune Jun 21, 2013

The fight to see which parts of Los Angeles County are more train-worthy than others pits the city of Los Angeles against the suburbs, with the proposed westside subway to the sea, Green Line addition to LAX and a Regional Connector in downtown leading the list of accelerated projects.

Well it's better for regions to be fighting for more rail service than opposing it. NB

[Broadway Road Diet Will Cut Cars and Prep For Streetcar](#)

Curbed LA Jun 27, 2013

From a growing retail scene to a future arts center, Downtown's once-grand Broadway is slowly getting its groove back. Part of the improvements, which are being pushed by Councilmember Jose Huizar's Bringing Back Broadway initiative, is a road diet,

[Citywide Bike-Sharing Program Delayed](#)

LAist Jun 27, 2013

The problem here is that the city has a contract with CBS Outdoor and JCDecaux that gives them the rights to sell advertising through 2021 on "street furniture," including bus stops, public toilets and newsstands, according to the Los Angeles Times. Bike Nation knew about this contract but they thought they would be able to reach a compromise since the contract doesn't mention bike kiosks specifically.

[State's highway system wearing out fast](#)

Champaign/Urbana News-Gazette-Jun 24, 2013

Chicagoland is the rail hub of the nation, as upwards of half of all intermodal freight movement in the nation flows ... It takes trains almost as long to get through Chicagoland as it does to travel from California to Chicago.

[Survey: People Hate a Gas Tax Hike, Unless It Pays for Something](#)

streetblog.net Jun 25, 2013

A survey by the Mineta Transportation Institute found that Americans become much more open to the idea of a gas tax increase if you name something it would pay for.

[Americans Support Job Creation To Fix Crumbling Infrastructure](#)

ThinkProgress Jun 24, 2013

Seventy-two percent of Americans say they support spending government money to put people to work on urgent infrastructure repairs, according to a new survey by Gallup.