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Train 91 was made up of two locomotives and nine cars, including the dining car. "The brake shoe residue built up and resulted in the need to replace wheels," Woods said.

Sounds like the problem was due to lack of maintenance not the age of the dining car. NB

[Amtrak train stalled north of Baltimore Thursday night](#)

Baltimore Sun- Jul 26, 2013

A southbound Amtrak Acela train was stuck for three hours outside of Baltimore's Penn Station on Thursday evening due to a mechanical ...

[Amtrak ridership drops on Peninsula](#)

Daily Press- Jul 25, 2013

The Peninsula Amtrak has lost almost one third of its ridership since the new station in Norfolk opened late last year, according to numbers ...

[Amtrak exhibit stops in Havre](#)

KRTV Great Falls News-Jul 22, 2013

HAVRE - Train enthusiasts got their fix over the weekend up Havre at Amtrak's Exhibit Train. Displayed inside a series of hollowed out baggage ...

[Oil workers fill up passenger trains: Amtrak ridership on rise across ...](#)

Montana Standard-Jul 21, 2013

Ridership on Amtrak's famed Empire Builder into and out of Williston, N.D., the epicenter of the boom, increased from 29,920 in 2011 to 54,324 ...

[Additional bike storage available on Amtrak Cascades](#)

Access Washington- Jul 24, 2013

The Washington State Department of Transportation and Amtrak recently added more bicycle storage racks to all Amtrak Cascades trains, with ...



2013 Steel Wheels Conference Joint RailPAC-NARP members meeting

Saturday, October 5, 2013
Port of San Francisco Community Room
Pier 40 • Embarcadero, San Francisco

10:30 am-3:00 pm with a break for lunch (*not provided*)

Doors Open 10:00 am

RailPAC members business meeting 3:00 pm

2013 Conference Program Includes

High Speed Rail – Dan Richard, CHSRA

Northern California Regional Rail – Dan Leavitt, SJVJPA

Caltrain Modernization – Marian Lee, PCJPB

Amtrak and the National Network – Robert Stewart, Chairman, NARP

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

By David B. Kutrosky, Managing Director,

Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Capitol Corridor Service Performance: Ridership for June 2013 was down 4% compared to June 2012 with Year to Date (YTD) ridership 3% lower than last year.

Ridership has been down on the Capitol Corridor out of Sacramento ever since the new platforms were opened to the public. NB

[Sacramento's downtown railyard nears sale to local developer](#)

Sacramento Bee-Jul 23, 2013

Sacramento's dormant downtown railyard is on the verge of changing hands again – this time to a local developer who said he intends to finally realize the city's longtime vision of turning the former industrial hub into a major extension of downtown.

[Next community workshop for Union Station Master Plan is August 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels](#)

Please join us for our summer Community Workshop to learn about Metro's progress on the LA Union Station Master Plan ([project homepage here](#)). Building on our May 2nd workshop, where we shared the preliminary draft alternatives, we will present the refined alternative concepts that have incorporated stakeholder input and further technical analysis. The meeting is open to the public and we urge you to invite your friends and neighbors.

[Another big bridge rising for Gold Line Foothill Extension](#)

The Source Jul 23, 2013

Over the last several months, crews have made significant progress on the longest of the two dozen bridges being built or modified as part of the Foothill Extension project – the 700-foot long San Gabriel River Bridge. The new bridge will accommodate the dual-track light rail system, which must cross the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area in Irwindale to connect the future Duarte and Irwindale stations.

[Concrete is poured for Expo Line Phase 2's Bundy Bridge](#)

The Source Jul 24, 2013

All seven bridges planned for the Phase 2 alignment are now under construction and the Bundy Bridge is the fifth to reach this important milestone.

[BART unveils 'Fleet of the Future' model train car -](#)

Contra Costa Times Jul 22, 2013

OAKLAND -- After more than 40 years of service, BART is saying out with the old and in with the new. Vinyl seat covers, bike racks and digital displays are only some of the features of BART's future trains, with a half-car wooden mock-up open for public viewing beginning Tuesday. The new trains will also include more handholds, wider aisles and an additional door for each car.

[Cost to build San Francisco transit center rises by \\$300M](#)

Contra Costa Times- Jul 26, 2013

The new Transbay Transit Center in San Francisco will cost \$300 million more than estimated, and costs could grow higher, transportation officials said.

Money earmarked for future projects will be used to pay for the increase, said Steve Heminger, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

[Roadshow: Caltrain parking fees rising 25 percent](#)

San Jose Mercury News-Jul 23, 2013

Q Caltrain just informed me that on Sept. 1 both daily and monthly parking will increase by 25 percent to \$5 from \$4 a day and to \$50 from \$40 ...

[Walk, don't ride across SMART train tracks](#)

Petaluma Argus Courier- Jul 24, 2013

The railroad tracks crossing Lakeville Street near Madison Street is where a cyclist got her bicycle's tire stuck in the crack next to the track, causing serious injuries.rail

I have ridden bicycles for over 50 years. As a child I was taught to cross tracks at a 90 degree angle to the rail not parallel to it even if the crossing was almost parallel to the tracks. They will need to put signs telling people that at this crossing. NB

[All are aboard Yolo County's rail realignment project](#)

Daily Democrat-Jul 22, 2013

After years of discussions, the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland as well as the county have all adopted resolutions to support the advancement of rail realignment, which will move north-south Union Pacific Line (leased to California Northern Railroad) and the east-west Sierra Northern.

[Construction begins on Colton rail crossing](#)

San Bernardino Sun-Jul 22, 2013

COLTON -- Work began Tuesday on a long-planned project to lift one set of train tracks above another and prevent many of the back-ups, loud whistles and emissions that have plagued the city for years.

[Wabtec to provide PTC for Coaster](#)

Railway Age Jul 22, 2013

Wabtec Corp. has signed a \$9 million contract with Herzog Technologies Inc. to provide Positive Train Control (PTC) equipment and services for Oceanside, Calif.'s North County Transit District (NCTD). The contract includes an option worth an additional \$5 million.

[UP will restore classic 'Big Boy' steam locomotive](#)

Omaha World-Herald- Jul 24, 2013

Union Pacific announced that it has acquired the Big Boy No. 4014 and plans to restore it to operating condition. The Omaha-based railroad will relocate the locomotive from the Rail Giants Train Museum in Pomona, Calif., where the locomotive has sat for more than 50 years to Cheyenne, Wyo., where U.P.'s Heritage Fleet Operations team will restore it.

[Federal Budget Sets Up Showdown on Transportation](#)

Mobilizing the Region Jul 25, 2013

Rail: The Senate's bill would provide a healthy \$1.45 billion for Amtrak, \$15 million of which would go toward design work on the Gateway Program to improve rail capacity across the Hudson River. It would also provide \$100 million in competitive rail grants. The House's bill fails to include the rail grants, and provides just \$950 million for Amtrak, nearly one-third lower than Amtrak received in this year's budget and which CEO Joe Boardman said would "put every one of our services at risk."

[White House 'strongly supports' Senate transportation, housing bill -](#)

The Hill's Transportation Report Jul 23, 2013

The White House on Tuesday said President Obama "strongly supports" a \$54 billion budget for the departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development under consideration by the Senate. The statement comes a day after the White House issued a veto threat for the House's \$44 billion version of the bill, arguing that it cut too much funding for infrastructure.