

[Passenger rail hopes won't die in Lincoln, Nebraska](#)

Lincoln Journal Star-Oct 4, 2013

The City of Lincoln and Mayor Chris Beutler are having a roundtable discussion Friday with invited stakeholders from business, government, transportation systems and other communities on passenger rail's "exciting potential and future in Nebraska." They will be joined by state Sen. Annette Dubas, chair of the Nebraska Legislature's Transportation Committee, and, now, a candidate for governor.

[Amtrak: We'll break even on food sales - in five years](#)

Philly.com-Oct 3, 2013

Boardman said most of the losses occur on long-distance dining cars, and he said new consolidated food management and automated ordering systems will reduce losses and theft.

That's assuming the problem is cause by internal theft and not problems with their accounting system which assumes costs instead of counting the cost of much of their operations. NB

[Agents Angered by Amtrak Commission Move](#)

Travel Market Report-Oct 3, 2013

Amtrak's decision to stop paying commissions on its long-haul train routes has angered travel agents who see it as yet another supplier ...

[CVAG OKs plan to help fund passenger rail](#)

The Desert Sun-Oct 1, 2013

PALM DESERT — Coachella Valley leaders have given their final approval to a plan to devote a portion of local transportation funds to expanding passenger rail...

"We are, at some point, going to be able to connect by rail to other parts of the state, and when that day comes it will be a huge day for the Coachella Valley," Riverside County Supervisor John Benoit said.

[Metro-North limited service enters 10th day](#)

Ct Post-Oct 4, 2013

Metro North Railroad could resume full service on the New Haven Line ahead of its Monday morning goal, sources said shortly before noon on Friday.

[Amtrak Restores Full Acela Express, Northeast Regional Service](#)

NY1- Oct 6, 2013

Metro-North will have trains rolling on the New Haven line in time for tomorrow's morning rush. Con Edison crews have brought in a new substation to restore power to the crippled line.

[The Future of Wireless Electric Trains](#)

By Noel T. Braymer

What would be the advantages of adding batteries to electric trains? One big advantage would be that service wouldn't shut down if there is a power outage or damage to a short section of overhead catenary wires which happens more often than is desired. We have just seen this on Metro-North in New York which has impacted the entire North East Corridor for over a week. Another issue is construction of an overhead catenary electrical system is very expensive.

[RailPAC PHOTOS of the Month \(September, 2013\)](#)

Here are this month's 5 photos by RailPAC photographers. Click on each photo to see it full size! Contributions to this page are welcome. Send your jpg rail photos to RailPAC Photo Editor, at info@railpac.org.

[‘Transit Oriented LA’ summit to be held Oct. 10 in downtown Los Angeles](#)

The Source Oct 2, 2013

Here is the news release from the Urban Land Institute:

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti will join ULI Los Angeles for Transit Oriented LA, an interactive panel event exploring how to dramatically improve the city’s transportation corridors. Transit Oriented LA – or ToLA – will expand the planning agenda from individual transit stations to transforming corridors to achieve a truly transit-oriented Los Angeles.

[High-rise apartment enclave planned for downtown L.A.](#)

LA Times Oct 2, 2013

Residential blocks east of Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles are filling in as the area attracts more young singles, couples and baby boomers.

Six real estate parcels, now mostly parking lots in the shadow of AT&T Center, have been purchased in what may be the largest downtown land acquisition since the recession. And a \$750-million residential complex there is on the drawing boards.

This will be centered around the Blue Line/Expo Line station at Flower St and Pico.NB

[LACMA and Grove owner collaborating on trolley plans](#)

Curbed LA Oct 2, 2013

Today comes word that Caruso and LACMA are joining together to launch a feasibility study to "evaluate the opportunities and challenges of extending The Grove's existing trolley to Fairfax and Wilshire including traffic, environment, design, engineering, and cost analysis.



This is just one of the new housing projects in Los Angeles. This is by the LA River and LA Metro Red and Purple Lines Yard. This is by Little Tokyo and is near the Little Tokyo Gold Line Station. The best way to insure expansion and future construction of rail passenger service is not to frame it as a "welfare service" in need of a hand out. Instead it must be shown as a major factor in economic growth and saving people money by allowing more affordable housing and reduced transportation costs. Photo by

Noel T. Braymer

[Fresno Moving to Tear up Historic Pedestrian Mall](#)

Construction Equipment Guide-Oct 3, 2013

City officials say the reconstructed street would be pedestrian- and environment-friendly, with just two lanes of traffic, 25-ft. wide sidewalks, and public artwork. And with high speed rail construction slated to begin shortly, a station is planned just a block from the mall.

Built during urban renewal in the 1960s, the Fulton Mall has lapsed into decay, its mostly empty 1920s-vintage office buildings attracting little revenue in this city of 500,000 in California's agricultural heartland.

Despite the media hysteria about High Speed Rail construction destroying businesses in Fresno the reality is the westside of Fresno is a run down and depressed area. The nearby new HSR Station will be an anchor for new development for Fresno.NB

[Perris Valley Line gets green light](#)

Press-Enterprise-Oct 1, 2013

Work is expected to get underway in about two months on the 24-mile Perris Valley Line after a federal official Tuesday, Oct. 1, cleared the way for the project.

"Construction will definitely start this year," said John Standiford, deputy executive director for the Riverside County Transportation Commission, in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The project will extend Metrolink's Los Angeles-to-Riverside service southeast to Perris. Upon completion in 2015, trains running on the 91 Line would continue to the south end of Perris through north Riverside and Moreno Valley.

[Malfunction prompts Caltrain delays Saturday](#)

abc7news.com- Oct. 5, 2013

Caltrain is reporting delays after a train broke down at the Lawrence station Saturday afternoon.

[Union Pacific 3Q profit hurt by weak coal, floods](#)

Sacramento Bee-Oct 3, 2013

The Omaha, Neb., based railroad said Thursday the flooding that washed out rail lines while destroying thousands of homes hurt volume and will cost the railroad \$10 million for repairs and lost revenue.

[All Aboard Florida train signs deal with Orlando International Airport](#)

Orlando Sentinel Oct 3, 2013

People who now drive from Central to South Florida could within two years hop on a train for a three-hour trip instead, thanks to deals being reached this week....

The pact approved Wednesday calls for the Orlando airport to seek a \$200 million grant from the state to pay for a station about a mile south of the main terminal.

[CTA works to stem crash-related Blue Line delays](#)

Chicago Tribune-Oct 1, 2013

Monday's crash involved an out-of-service, apparently driverless train that mysteriously traveled about a half-mile from the Forest Park rail yard and, continuing on the wrong tracks, slammed head-on into a train stopped at the Harlem station with about 40 passengers onboard. More than 30 them suffered bumps and bruises, according to hospitals.

The only mystery is who forgot to set the brakes on this out of service train. NB