

The Source Sep 25, 2013

More good news for the Gold Line Foothill Extension project, which is adding 11.5 miles to the Gold Line between eastern Pasadena and the Azusa/Glendora border with six new stations in Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and two in Azusa.

[Pedestrians, Cyclists Need Consistency at Rail Crossings](#)

Science Daily (press release)- Sep 23, 2013

Criteria for the choice of devices at each grade crossing include pedestrian volumes, weather, train speeds, train volumes, and surrounding land uses, but few methodologies allow for assessing tradeoffs among those factors, the researchers wrote. States like California, with substantial passenger, commuter and freight rail operations, are developing guidelines for safety improvements.

[San Bruno: Caltrain stopped in both directions due to gas line break](#)

San Jose Mercury News-Sep 22, 2013

Caltrain is stopped in both directions due to a gas line break near San Bruno Avenue, a spokeswoman said this evening.

The gas line was broken around 9:15 p.m. by a construction crew working on the San Bruno Grade Separation Project, Caltrain spokeswoman Christine Dunn said.

[Caltrain: full service after PG&E gas pipe struck](#)

San Francisco Chronicle - Sep 23, 2013

A natural gas leak along a Caltrain line in San Bruno on Sunday night temporarily halted commuter rail service on the Peninsula and had utility crews working into the early hours Monday to fix the rupture.

[Brush Fire Near Caltrain Station In Burlingame Causes Major Delays](#)

CBS Local-Sep 25, 2013

A brush fire that spanned both sides of the Caltrain tracks in Burlingame Wednesday evening caused major delays for the rail service throughout the evening commute, fire and Caltrain officials said

[SMART to extend to Larkspur Ferry](#)

Santa Rosa Press Democrat-Sep 25, 2013

Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit has received access to an exclusive pool of federal funding for a segment of track that would extend the ..

[Dick Spotswood: TAM chief's unusual timing on Highway 101 plan](#)

Marin Independent Journal-Sep 25, 2013

Why not direct some of the funding toward completing SMART to the Larkspur ferry? Like SMART or not, most agree that the train should ...

[BART Strike Contingency Plan Unveiled](#)

NBC Bay Area-Sep 25, 2013

If no deal is reached, BART employees could strike as early as Oct. 11, when a cooling-off period ordered last month by Gov. Jerry Brown expires.

[Railroad Museum to celebrate 31st annual Depot Day](#)

Santa Maria Times-Sep 27, 2013

The depot was built in 1901 by the Southern Pacific Railroad, during the completion of the Coast Line route connecting the cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles. Goleta Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

[Train Simulator 2014 releasing this week for PC](#)

News10.net-Sep 25, 2013

Railsimulator.com has also revealed an upcoming DLC expansion for Train Simulator. The upcoming "Pacific Surfliner" DLC expansion opens up a 128-mile stretch of the famous California route linking Los Angeles's Union Station to San Diego's century-old Santa Fe Depot. Players of the DLC will be able to coast along the U.S. Pacific Coast, gliding gracefully through the rolling hills, valleys and quiet beach villages that dot the scenic Pacific Ocean shoreline. Sights include Anaheim's Angel Stadium, Oceanside Pier, busy suburban junctions, and sprawling urban rail yards.



The view from the Culver City Expo Station at the viaduct over Venice Blvd under construction. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

We get Emails

Re: Corn, Corn and more Corn.

My wife and I returned yesterday from a rail trip that included the Coast Starlight, Empire Builder, Pere Marquette and Southwest Chief. There were a couple of times that things could have become really bad but the AMTRAK staff saved the day. I can't heap enough praise on all the employees with which we came in contact. They were just great! Of course we were aboard for many meals and ALL of them included a corn medley for a vegetable. I don't ever want to see corn again. The specialty omelet at breakfast had that blasted corn. There was a time when all of the long distance trains had menus specific to that particular train. The standardization of the menu is not a good idea, especially the corn. An otherwise wonderful trip was sullied by corn.

Andy Sack, RailPAC member.

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