



Surprising Driver Behaviors for Litter, Pollution

(**Central Valley Business Times**) Pigs don't fly in California – they drive. Nearly one out of five motorists report intentionally dumping something on the side of the highway when they drive, according to a survey paid for by the California Department of Transportation. [Read More](#)



California spent \$76 million to remove 153,000 cubic yards of litter over 15,000 miles of state highways in 2015. Photo courtesy of Caltrans District 1

Caltrans: One In Five Motorists Intentionally Litter

(**Eureka Times-Standard**) While the vast majority of California drivers surveyed believe there is a connection between water quality and the amount of trash, car fluids and other pollutants that find a way onto the Golden State's highways, a California Department of Transportation report also found that doesn't mean they don't litter.

According to Caltrans, nearly one in five of the motorists reported intentionally dumping something on the side of the highway.

"That's a surprising one for us. And we're not just talking about cigarette butts but grass clippings, mattresses, everything including the kitchen sink," Caltrans Public Information Officer Gary Chazen said. "All this eventually makes its way to our waterways. When it breaks down, it filters into the rivers, the bays and the Pacific itself. That's what we're trying to prevent." [Read More](#)

VIDEO: California Truck Survey Helps Shape Transportation Planning

Trucking is a huge part of the state and national economy, and how the industry uses transportation is a key factor in managing the system. Learn how the California Truck Survey will play a key role in shaping our transportation future in the video below.



Opinion-Editorial: Governor, Legislature Can't Forget About Crumbling Highways

(Sacramento Bee, Jim Earp and Will Kempton) The Legislature wrapped up another on-time budget that includes more money for a wide array of social programs, but we can't help but wonder why lawmakers have so far overlooked California's crumbling transportation infrastructure.

A few transportation heroes in the Legislature have tried to craft a solution, but discovered that while most of their colleagues say something must be done, they also have a litany of excuses for why they can't support additional revenue to improve our infrastructure.

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City of Sacramento Gets a New Active Transportation Planner

(Streetsblog) After two national searches, Sacramento recently hired Jennifer Donlon Wyant, formerly of Alta Planning, as its Active Transportation Program Specialist within the Department of Public Works. She is one of only two transportation planners in the department.

Her goals as the new Active Transportation Planner are: finding funding for bike and pedestrian projects, finding ways to take advantage of current projects to include good bike facilities, making sure new developments work well for bicyclists and walkers, keeping a focus on safety, and adding more bike parking.

"I love bike parking," she said, "It's a really important part of our network that we don't appreciate enough." She glanced across the street at a bike that was feebly attached to a bike rack. "And," she added, "I can see we also need education, because that's not how you use a U-rack." [Read More](#)



Jennifer Donlon Wyant, Sacramento's new Active Transportation Program Specialist, in her signature polka-dot helmet. Photo: Melanie Curry/Streetsblog

Bike Traffic Lights Installed in Downtown Los Angeles

The new lights are part of the mayor's plan to end traffic fatalities by 2025

(NBC Los Angeles) The ribbon was cut last week to celebrate the installation of four new bicycle traffic lights in downtown Los Angeles, part of a city bike safety initiative.

The bike traffic lights are spread out from South Alameda Street to East 1st Street, and will work similarly to regular traffic lights. They are designed to keep bikes from weaving across traffic and cars from turning into bikes, said Jose Huizar, the city councilman behind the legislation. [Read More](#)



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Gov. Jon Huntsman and Sen. Joe Lieberman: The Intersection of Eisenhower, Clinton, Trump: Infrastructure Repairs

(The Hill) In a presidential election campaign dominated by differences between the two front-runners, there is one thing both former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and businessman Donald Trump seem to agree on - making the country's aging infrastructure a priority in their first 100 days in office.

America should seize this rare moment of bipartisan agreement. [Read More](#)

California Looks at Trading Fuel Taxes for Mileage Charges

(**Trucks.com**) Since well before the Beach Boys dreamed up their classic driving anthem "I Get Around," Americans have been paying extra at the pump to help maintain public roads.

Only now, they're driving farther and more frequently, often in trucks and cars that don't require as much gasoline or diesel. Revenues from fuel taxes are falling, leaving swathes of decaying pavement and few of the funds needed to repair or rebuild them.



SAC I-80 between Winters Street and West El Camino- visibly broken and damaged pavement that will need repairs. (Photo: Caltrans)

Now California-a favored state for road-trippers and freight-haulers-wants to raise more money for its roads. In July, it will launch a pilot program called California Road Charge, in which 5,000 volunteer drivers will test out a system that simulates charging fees based on mileage instead of fuel. [Read More](#)

Can Self-Driving Cars Share the Road With Old-School Vehicles?

(**Slate.com**) When it comes to the much-anticipated advent of autonomous vehicles (so-called driverless cars, though that term isn't completely accurate), there is good news and bad news. The good news is that autonomous vehicles will soon be driving among us. The bad news-or we could call it the challenging news-is that we will likely be in for a generation-long transitional period, when autonomous cars share the road with traditionally driven ones. [Read More](#)

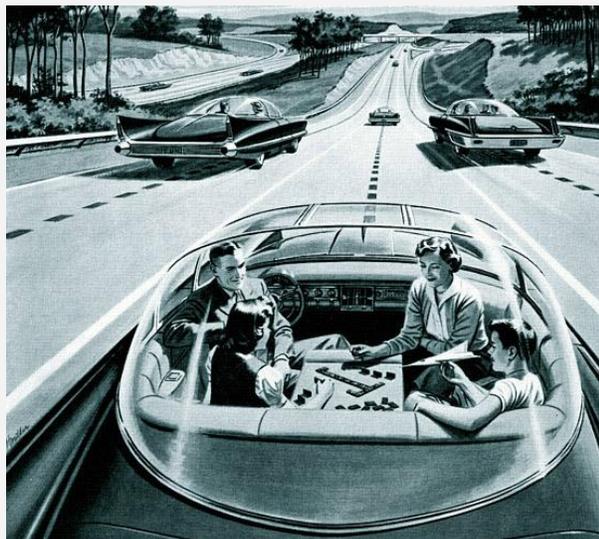


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Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas Create 1-10 Corridor Coalition

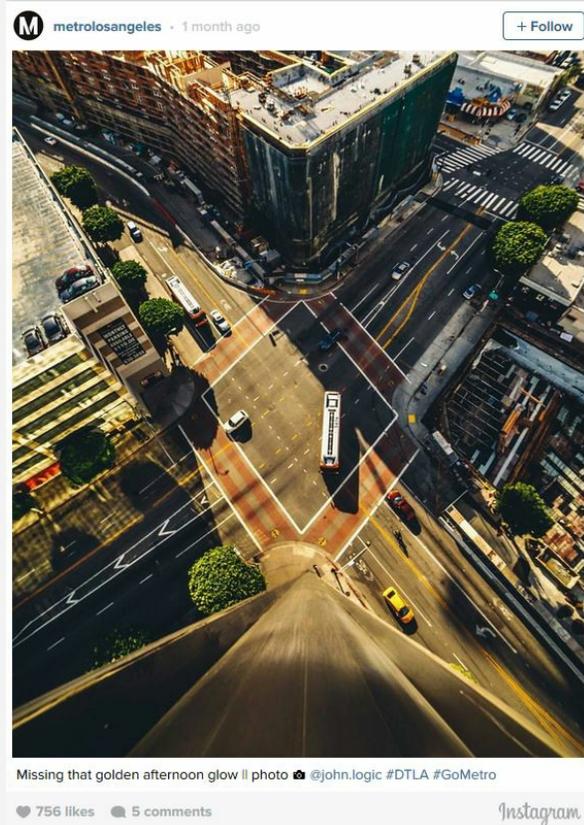
(**TriValley Central**) Four states with portions of Interstate 10 are banding together to work collectively on making travel on the cross-country route safer and more efficient. Top officials of the Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas departments of transportation recently signed an agreement creating a coalition to improve planning, expand use of technology and share best practices. [Read More](#)

Just for Fun: 10 Instagram Accounts to Feed Your Inner Transportation Nerd

(WIRED) It's far from crazy to dismiss the Instagram potential of your local transportation agency. These organizations are all about working in the dark—often literally—and they're generally performing their best when riders don't notice them. ("The subway did a great job of getting me to work today!" said no one, ever.)

But even staid government organizations aren't immune to the powers of social media. Some really make it work, particularly on Instagram, where they can share the work they do with fans all over the world.

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