



## *Caltrans Employee Helps Save Man Trapped in SUV*

(**KGTV, ABC-San Diego**) Thanks to a keen-eyed Caltrans employee, emergency crews came to the rescue of a man who was trapped for hours in his crumpled SUV after it crashed off Interstate 15 near Castle Creek Country Club and careened about 250 feet down a steep embankment. [Read More](#)



## *3.5 Million Year Old Whale Bone Found Along Bike Path*

(**KPBS Radio**) A small whale bone sticking out from a sandstone bluff alerted Caltrans crews working on a bikeway along state Route 15 that something very different once passed through there.



Photo c/o KPBS' Megan Burks

Caltrans called San Diego Natural History Museum paleontologist Rodney Hubscher to the site. He said the small fragment is from the fin of a whale that swam through the area 3.5 million years ago. [Read More](#)

## *Caltrans Looking to Sun for Transportation*

Caltrans Join Dutch in Exploring SolaRoad Technology

Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty signed a letter of intent with the Province of Noord-Holland (Netherlands) Vice Governor Elisabeth Post, MMC to look at sustainable options for capturing solar energy in transportation infrastructure.

Caltrans will explore the Dutch technology, known as SolaRoad, which implements the

use of solar panels in roadway projects. The idea behind SolaRoad is that sunlight falling on the road surface is converted into electricity by concrete panels with solar cells and a translucent top layer of tempered glass. The generated electricity can be used for street lighting, traffic systems, electric vehicles and households. [Read More](#)



Dougherty and Post

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## State Opens Trove Of Data

Water, Transportation & Economic Datasets Added



**(GovOps Press Release)** The Government Operations Agency (GovOps) has launched the second phase of its one-year open data portal project. The goal of the initiative is to centralize and enhance open data in the state of California. New datasets from the Department of Transportation, State Water Resources Control Board and Department of Finance are now available on <https://greengov.data.ca.gov/>.

The new datasets give the public access to significant information about water, transportation and the economy and demographics. [Read More](#)

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## Highway Projects "In Limbo" in Wake of Transportation Funding Shortfall

**(Fresno Bee)** A coalition of Valley leaders gathered along Highway 180 on Wednesday to ask state government for steady transportation funding in the wake of cuts to current and future highway projects.

Representatives from the cities of Sanger, Tulare and Fresno shared a podium with union leaders and a spokesman for the California Transportation Commission, which recently announced a \$754 million cut to the state transportation budget over the next five years. Each spoke on the short-term and long-term needs for a steady state funding source to ensure California roads and highways receive the maintenance and updates they desperately need. [Read More](#)



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## California Council Created to Foster Transportation Innovations

**(Equipment World)** Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration have signed a charter to create a council aimed at advocating and overseeing the rapid development of innovations in the transportation sector.

The California State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) was set up to identify strategies, respond to transportation infrastructure challenges and promote innovations that "deliver a safer, more efficient and sustainable transportation system. [Read More](#)

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### *VIDEO: Caltrans Pioneers Revolutionary Surveying Technology*

Get an up-close look at Caltrans' high-tech Mobile Terrestrial Laser Scanning vehicle, which is revolutionizing traditional survey, design and engineering practices. This system can accomplish in only one day the amount of work it would take for a three- to four-person survey crew to do in two to three months.



### *Jump on the Bike Planning Bandwagon*

Take the California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Survey

Can you bike or walk easily where you live or to work? Did you choose where you live based on being able to bike or walk?



As part of its goal to triple biking and walking by 2020, Caltrans launched an online survey to assess the walking and bicycling habits and perceptions of state residents. The results will help direct Caltrans' non-motorized connection improvements and complement local transportation plans. To learn more or take the survey, go to [cabikepedplan.org](http://cabikepedplan.org).

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### *The Gas Tax is in Trouble, and the DOT Wants to*

## Help States Find an Alternative

FHWA is planning to fund state efforts to find an alternative revenue source for transportation projects.



**(Gov Tech)** The movement to come up with an alternative to the gas tax has just become \$15 million bigger.

That's how much the Federal Highway Administration is offering to states in grant money, according to a March 22 statement. The money will be available to either state agencies or groups of state agencies that are proposing user-based systems for collecting revenue that can bolster transportation budgets. [Read More](#)

### Help California Find an Alternative by Becoming a Volunteer for the Road Charge Pilot Program

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