

[I-280 reduction worth a study](#)

San Francisco Chronicle- Jan 25, 2013

San Francisco's eastern neighborhoods - including the once-edgy neighborhoods of South of Market, Dogpatch and Mission Bay - are the center of the city's hopes for future growth and development. For proof, look no further than a recent city memo that suggests terminating Interstate 280 before it stretches into those neighborhoods and asking Caltrain to find a new home for its train yard at Fourth and King streets.

[BART Upgrade Could Boost Riders' Wi-Fi](#)

San Francisco Chronicle Jan 24, 2013

A plan to boost BART's security system by adding wireless capabilities to cameras could also bring free - and reliable - Wi-Fi service to passengers.

[Metro To Run More Frequent Gold Line Trains Starting This Month](#)

Blog Downtown Jan 22, 2013

Metro will begin running weekend Gold Line trains more frequently starting at the end of this month. The 19.7-mile light-rail line that operates between Pasadena, East Los Angeles and Downtown will begin running every six minutes instead of every 12.

[Work On The 8.5-Mile Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line Set To Begin Later This Year](#)

Long Beach Press-Telegram Jan 19, 2013

A contract to build the \$1.76 billion Crenshaw/LAX light rail line is scheduled to be awarded in May, with construction beginning soon after, said project director Rob Ball.

[OCTA Metrolink Service Expansion Program Status](#)

StreetsBlog LA Jan 24, 2013

The OCTA Board in April 2011 approved a scaled down plan for six additional weekday trips between Fullerton and the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo (LN/MV) Metrolink stations... Unfortunately the resulting ridership has been rather dismal — 28 passengers per train! Although trains serving Angels games did significantly better — 246 passengers per train. A survey has found riders desire more frequent service, especially to adjacent Los Angeles and San Diego counties plus better transit connections at Orange County Metrolink stations.

The easiest solution for increasing ridership on these trains is to add connecting buses to stations these Orange County trains skip that don't go all the way to Los Angeles or Oceanside. For now it there isn't enough track capacity to extend more trains at either end, but adding buses is no problem. Doing this could increase service frequencies between Oceanside and Los Angeles from 5 round trips to 14. Also by adding connecting buses to the Inland Empire/Orange County Line would increase the number of train connection between Oceanside and Riverside from 2 round trips to 8! Plus by increasing longer distance off peak travel on Metrolink will increase revenues more than short distance travel would. NB

[Del Mar, Solana Beach to get rail improvements, train access to ...](#)

Del Mar Times- Jan 23, 2013

Local transportation agencies held their first public meeting on Jan. 22 regarding a \$100 million project that will add about a mile of new rail track through Del Mar and Solana Beach, replace the wooden trestle bridge over the San Dieguito River east of Dog Beach, and add a special events platform there that will allow direct train service to the Del Mar Fairgrounds for special events.

[Gasoline Taxes And Tolls Pay For Only A Third Of State & Local Road Spending](#)

Tax Foundation Jan 17, 2013

Nationwide in 2010, state and local governments raised \$37 billion in motor fuel taxes and \$12 billion in tolls and non-fuel taxes, but spent \$155 billion on highways.[3] In other words, highway user taxes and fees made up just 32 percent of state and local expenses on roads. The rest was financed out of general revenues, including federal aid.

[Rail PHOTOS of the Month](#)

Here are 5 photos by RailPAC photographers. Click on the photo to see it full size!



On a recent wet morning while looking out the train window I noticed a new electric sign which gives current information on departure times and which track a train will be on at the Oceanside Transit Center. This is a result of the efforts of LOSSAN to improve signage and station information at the LOSSAN Corridor Stations. RailPAC President Paul Dyson has been particularly critical of the lack of information at the Oceanside Station. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

Central Coast Railroad Festival Adds New Excursion to Santa Barbara

Wine Rail Excursions Continue on the 2nd Sunday of Each Month – Special Saturday Excursion Added Also – Details on the Reno Fun Train and a German Model Train Trip

The Central Coast Railroad Festival is expanding its offering of unique rail excursions on the California Central Coast. CCRRF Wine Rail Excursions will continue to be offered on the Second Sunday of every month with alternating departures from San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. Additionally a special Saturday Wine Rail Excursion has been set for Saturday, January 26th. For the first time a Pacific Surfliner Day Excursion from SLO, Grover Beach and Guadalupe to Santa Barbara has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th. The Festival is also helping promote the Reno Fun Train trip in February and a German Model Train Trip in June.