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BORDER CROSSING

Snyder Predicts Bridge Approval

Link to article in *The Windsor Star*:

http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2011/08/snyder_confident_new_detroit-w.html

A 'No' from Legislature Won't Spell End for New Bridge

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110913/BUSINESS06/109130378/A-no-from-Legislature-won-t-spell-end-for-new-bridge?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE>

Buy a Border Bridge! No Money Down

Link to article in *Better Roads*:

<http://www.betterroads.com/better-bridges-4/>

Blue Water Bridge Traffic Grows

Link to article in *The Times Herald*:

<http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20110908/NEWS01/109080308/Blue-Water-Bridge-traffic-grows>

FUNDING

Michigan to Get \$9.1 Million in Grants to Pay for Transportation Projects, Upgrades

Link to article in *The Detroit News*:

[http://www.detnews.com/article/20110818/POLITICS02/108180380/1022/Michigan-to-get-\\$9.1M-in-grants-to-pay-for-transportation-projects--upgrades](http://www.detnews.com/article/20110818/POLITICS02/108180380/1022/Michigan-to-get-$9.1M-in-grants-to-pay-for-transportation-projects--upgrades)

PARKING

Website Tackles Hassle of University of Michigan Game-Day Parking Mess

Link to article in *The Detroit News*:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110909/BIZ/109090373/1001/Website-tackles-hassle-of-game-day-parking-mess>

PUBLIC INFORMATION and EDUCATION

New YouTube Video from Michigan DOT Explains Procedures for Setting Speed Limits

Link to news release:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9620_11057-260972--RSS,00.html



Still time to register for the ITS World Congress in Orlando in October

<http://www.itsworldcongress.org/>

RAILROADS

Passenger Rail Travel's Future in Michigan

Link to article in *The Windsor Star*:

<http://www.windsorstar.com/news/todays-paper/Passenger+rail+travel+future+Michigan/5326115/story.html>

Railroad Bridge Across Saginaw River in Bay City Undergoing Maintenance

Link to article in *The Bay City Times*:

http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2011/09/railroad_bridge_across_saginaw.html

ROADWAYS

Study: Traffic Crashes Cost Michigan More than Crime

Link to article in The Detroit News

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110822/AUTO01/108220396/Study--Traffic-crashes-cost-Michigan-more-than-crime>

Governor Ready to Launch Roads Plan in October

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110906/NEWS06/110906034/Gov-Rick-Snyder-ready-launch-fall-agenda>

In the Field Reports – 'Rest Area Innovations'

Link to video from MDOT:

<http://youtu.be/ZQXGOHgQpvl>

\$2.7 billion needed to fix state's bad roads

Link to article in the Detroit News

[http://www.detnews.com/article/20110917/METRO/109170348/-1/ARCHIVE/\\$2.7B-needed-to-fix-state's-bad-roads](http://www.detnews.com/article/20110917/METRO/109170348/-1/ARCHIVE/$2.7B-needed-to-fix-state's-bad-roads)

ROAD SAFETY

Auto Safety Research Quietly Becoming Big Business for Ann Arbor Region

Link to article on AnnArbor.com:

<http://www.annarbor.com/business-review/auto-safety-research-quietly-becoming-big-business-for-ann-arbor-region/>

Detroit Area Risky for Pedestrians

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110831/NEWS05/108310462/Detroit-area-risky-pedestrians>

TELEMATICS

Ford, Toyota to Join Forces on Hybrid, Communications Systems

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110822/BUSINESS01/110822023/Ford-Toyota-join-forces-hybrid-communications-systems>

TRANSIT

Detroit Could Turn Over Management of Light-Rail Project to Group of Experts

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110915/NEWS01/109150539/Detroit-could-turn-over-management-light-rail-project-group-experts>

US Approves First Stage of Woodward Light-Rail Plan; Project is on Track

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110901/NEWS01/110901044/U-S-approves-first-stage-Woodward-light-rail-plan-project-track>

Snyder May Work Behind the Scenes on Light Rail

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110914/NEWS05/109140381/Snyder-may-work-behind-scenes-light-rail>

Kalamazoo Buses to Install GPS Tracking System Allowing Passenger to Track Locations

Link to article in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*:

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/08/metro_transit_to_install_gps_t.html

Link to video on WWMT-TV:

<http://www.wwmt.com/articles/kalamazoo-1394696-mich-newschannel.html>

Detroit Mayor's Office Blames Bus Delays on Angry Mechanics

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110910/NEWS01/109100411/Detroit-Mayor-Dave-Bing-s-office-blames-bus-delays-angry-mechanics>

How to Bring Mass Transit to the Region

Link to commentary in *Crain's Detroit Business*:

<http://www.craisdetroit.com/article/20110821/FREE/308219970/other-voices-how-to-bring-mass-transit-to-the-region#>

TRAVELER INFORMATION

MDOT Offers Game-Day Traffic Info Online Throughout Football Season

Link to article on MLive.com:

http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/09/mdot_offers_game-day_traffic_i.html

Link to news release from MDOT:

<http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9620-261654--,00.html>

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Ann Arbor Tells University of Michigan: It's Time to Pay for Traffic Services on Football Saturdays

Link to article on AnnArbor.com:

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/ann-arbor-gives-u-m-ultimatum-pay-for-traffic-management-services-during-football-game-days-or-else/>

Response from U-M:

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/university-of-michigan-responds-to-ann-arbors-request-for-reimbursement-of-game-day-traffic-manageme/>

University of Michigan Agrees to Pay Ann Arbor for City Services Provided on Football Game Days

Link to article on AnnArbor.com:

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/university-of-michigan-agrees-to-pay-ann-arbor-for-city-services-provided-on-football-game-days/>

Michigan Fans Say Traffic Backups No Worse than Usual

Link to article on AnnArbor.com:

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/heat-a-challenge-for-football-fans-today/>

VEHICLES

University of Michigan to Study Vehicle Communication System on Ann Arbor Streets

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110819/BUSINESS01/108190356/University-Michigan-study-vehicle-communication-system-Ann-Arbor-streets>

Link to news release from US DOT:

http://www.rita.dot.gov/press_room/press_releases/rita_005_11/html/rita_005_11.html

Link to news release from the University of Michigan:

<http://ns.umich.edu/htdocs/releases/story.php?id=8512>

Car-to-Car Communication System to Get a Massive Road Test

Link to article in *Technology Review*:

<http://www.technologyreview.com/communications/38525/?a=f>

MDOT and Taiwan to Collaborate

Link to article in *Thinking Highways*:

http://thinkinghighways.com/Pages/News.aspx?.region=&id=a81d4ab3-a48d-4fd8-9d7b-6bb440cb31e6&Month=&source=Latest&Year=&campaign=wizemail&dm_i=IDJ,IX0I,2JG1LC,1JDCI,1

Want Low Premiums? Let Insurers 'Drive' with You

Link to editorial in *USA Today*:

http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2011-08-18-car-insurance-drivers-tracking_n.htm

Consumers Drive Ford Focus Electric Simulator, Provide Feedback on New Vehicle In-Dash Displays

Link to news release:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/We-Hear-You-Consumers-Drive-prnews-461083165.html>

OTHER

Tweeting a New Transportation Vision for Michigan

Link to article on TheCityFix:

<http://thecityfix.com/blog/tweeting-a-new-transportation-vision-for-michigan/>

MDOT Fights Slope Erosion at M-222 in Allegan County

Link to video from MDOT:

<http://youtu.be/TSN-B0IjQec>

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