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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Forecast: Michigan Economy to Slowly Improve

Link to AP article:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Forecast-Michigan-economy-apf-3113299716.html?x=0&l=1>

BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS

MDOT to Cover Cost of Widening Bridges Along Trail in Putnam

Link to story on WHMI Radio:

<http://whmi.com/news/article/13491>

BORDER CROSSING

Governor to Push Ahead on New Detroit River Bridge, House Speaker Says

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111118/NEWS06/111118021/Gov-Rick-Snyder-push-ahead-new-Detroit-River-bridge-House-speaker-says>

Canada May Pass Legislation to Thwart Legal Attacks on Bridge

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111215/NEWS05/112150444/Canada-may-pass-legislation-to-thwart-legal-attacks-on-bridge>

What's the Business Case for Second Detroit Bridge?

Link to article in *Bridge*:

http://bridgemi.com/2011/12/whats-the-business-case-for-second-detroit-bridge/#.Tudv_0oVdyp

ITS Michigan Calendar of Upcoming Events

ITS Michigan Board of Directors Meeting

The ITS Michigan Board of Directors will next meet on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 9 a.m. The meeting will take place at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren.

ITS Michigan Quarterly Meeting (First Quarter 2012)

The First Quarter 2012 ITS Michigan Quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 8. IT will take place at Rackham Assembly Hall at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Topics: Connected Vehicles and updates from operators of adaptive traffic signal systems in Southeast Michigan. For more info, visit ITS Michigan online at www.itsmichigan.org.

FREIGHT

Economists Pitch Halifax-Detroit Freight Link

Link to article in *Bridge*:

<http://bridgemi.com/2011/12/economists-pitch-halifax-detroit-freight-link/#.TuosFUoVdyp>

FUNDING

Governor OKs Bill to End Some Michigan Drivers' Fees

Link to AP article:

http://www.mlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2011/12/gov_snyder_oks_bill_to_end_som.html

Study: Michigan Losing Out on \$500 Million in Road Taxes

Link to article in the *Daily Tribune*:

<http://www.dailytribune.com/articles/2011/12/15/news/doc4ee941b1d18d9267594518.txt>

\$3.6 Million in Federal Funds to Fix St. Clair County Road

Link to story on Michigan Radio:

<http://www.michiganradio.org/post/36-million-federal-funds-fix-michigan-road>

RAILROADS

Fast Trains from Detroit to Chicago Coming in Three-to-Four Years

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111206/FEATURES07/112060385/Fast-trains-from-Detroit-Chicago-coming-3-4-years>

ROADWAYS

MDOT Outfitting Dangerous Metro Detroit Highways with New 'Curve Warning Systems'

Link to article on MLive:

http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2011/12/mdot_adding_innovative_curve_w.html

House Panel Supports Project to Reshape I-275

Link to article in the *Canton Observer*:

<http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20111204/NEWS06/112040442>

New Wayne County Site Shows Live Locations of Salt Trucks

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111213/NEWS02/111213025/New-Wayne-County-site-shows-live-location-salt-trucks>

Link to news release:

http://www.co.wayne.mi.us/documents/news/Compass_press_release.pdf

Crew Works to Keep West Michigan Highways Free of Deer Carcasses

Link to story on WWMT-TV:

<http://www.wwmt.com/articles/west-1399134-michigan-free.html>

I-94 Expansion and Westnedge Avenue Interchange Reconstruction is Complete

Link to video from MDOT:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eeEjKIT-gc&feature=digest_tue

ROAD SAFETY

Michigan Sees 8% Increase in Fatal Accidents in 2010; Nationwide, Number at an All-Time Low

Link to article in *The Saginaw News*:

http://www.mlive.com/living/index.ssf/2011/12/michigan_sees_8_percent_increa.html

State Traffic Fatalities Down During Thanksgiving Weekend

Link to article in the *White Lake Beacon*:

<http://www.whitelakebeacon.com/news/26035-state-traffic-fatalities-down-during-holiday>

TELEMATICS

Why Ford Just Became a Software Company

Link to article in *InformationWeek*:

<http://informationweek.com/news/global-cio/interviews/231902920>

TRANSIT

Snyder, Bing Meet with LaHood to Discuss Metro Detroit Public Transit

Link to article in *The Detroit News*:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20111206/METRO05/112060345/1409/METRO>

Rapid Buses Bump Light Rail Plan in Detroit Area

Link to article in *The Detroit News*:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20111214/METRO/112140366/1409/metro/Rapid-buses-bump-light-rail-plan>

Detroit People Mover Secures Funding

Link to story on WDIV-TV:

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/Detroit-people-mover-secures-funding/-/1719418/5619546/-/dhga4rz/-/>

SMART Riders Adjusting to Cuts

Link to article in *The Detroit News*:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20111213/METRO05/112130345/SMART-riders-adjusting-cuts?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

Free Federal Money May Doom a Transit Center in Troy

Link to article in *The Atlantic*:

<http://www.theatlanticcities.com/commute/2011/12/free-federal-money-may-doom-transit-center-troy/678/>

Port Huron City Council Approves Site, Plan for Transit Hub

Link to article in *The Times Herald*:

<http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20111129/NEWS01/111290308/Port-Huron-City-Council-approves-site-plan-transit-hub>

Officials Consider Consolidation of Sheboygan Transit as Director Resigns

Link to article in the *Sheboygan Press*:

<http://www.sheboyganpress.com/article/20111206/SHE0101/112060378/Officials-consider-consolidation-Sheboygan-Transit-director-resigns>

Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Recommends New Map to Include Residents with Access to Bus Routes

Link to article in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*:

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/11/transportation_authority_takin.html

DDOT Director Says Drivers Saved Several Buses from Garage Fire

Link to article in the *Detroit Free Press*:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111208/NEWS01/112080665/DDOT-director-says-drivers-saved-several-buses-from-garage-fire>

VEHICLES

Fourth Generation Wireless Vehicle and Highway Gateways to the Cloud

Link to report from ITS America:

<http://www.itsa.org/knowledgecenter/technologyscan/1352>

Lights, Cameras, Interaction

Supplier innovations drive the cars of the very near future.

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

<http://www.craigslist.com/article/20111120/SUB01/311209999/lights-cameras-interaction>

(subscription required)

Ford First to Integrate Slacker Radio App Providing In-Car Command and Control by Voice Using Sync AppLink

Link to news release:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Ford-First-Integrate-Slacker-prnews-4261240507.html?x=0>

Third International Summit on the State of the Connected Vehicle – January 18-19 – Troy

Link to meeting notice:

<http://www.connectedvehicle.org/Summit2012.pdf>

VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION

Volt Tries to Ride Out Storm of Criticism

Link to article in *The Detroit News*:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20111213/AUTO01/112130355/-1/mobile/Volt-tries-ride-out-storm-criticism>

OTHER

MDOT Seeks Public Feedback on Five-Year Transportation Plan

Link to article in *The Grand Rapids Press*:

http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/11/m-dot_seeks_public_feedback_on.html

Transportation Key to Young Staying in State

Link to commentary in *The Detroit News*:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20111215/OPINION01/112150344/1008/opinion01/Commentary-Transportation-key-young-staying-state>

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