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Detroit Allowing Increase in Scooters But Requiring Them to Deploy in Neighborhoods

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Detroit Pilots Data Standard for Dockless Mobility

Smart Cities World

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Ford Gets Into Scooter Business, Joins Bird and Lime

Detroit Free Press

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BORDER CROSSING

Investigate Breast Cancer Cases at Ambassador Bridge, Says Customs Union and Researcher

Windsor Star

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Detroit-Windsor Tunnel Construction Extended Into December

WWJ Radio

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Windsor City Council Denies Ambassador Bridge Request to Demolish Homes

CBC News

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Michigan's New Governor Can Accelerate Auto Industry's Transformation

Forbes

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Michigan DOT to Resurface and Reconstruct Roads Leading to New St. Johns Dairy Processing Plant

Lansing State Journal

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Detroit News

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WZZM-TV

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Why Michigan's Infrastructure Plan May Be the Pace Car for the Country

Forbes commentary

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Michigan's PlanetM Drives Mobility Solutions

Wards Auto

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MSU Campus Transforming Into Advanced Mobility Ecosystem

Michigan State University

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Governor Appoints Mark Van Port Fleet New MDOT Director

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New Michigan DOT Director Will 'Stay the Course' During Two-Month Term

Transport Topics

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Reflecting on 30 Years in Transportation with Kirk Steudle

ITE Talks Transportation podcast

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Michigan Speciality Courts to Receive Over \$600,000 in Grants for 2019

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Digital Trends

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News-Herald

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Open House Gathers More Feedback for Livingston County Transit Master Plan

WHMI Radio

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RAILROADS

Ann Arbor Train Station Project Costs Adding Up, Frustrations Aired

MLive

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Study Looks at Feasibility of Commuter Rail Between Grand Rapids and Holland

Holland Sentinel

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Stretch of I-75 in Detroit Reopening, but Alternate Routes Still Advised

The Blade

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MLive

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MDOT Closes I-275 Rest Area

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Yes, Michigan's Roads Are Bad. But Help is on the Way

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MDOT Focus on Safety; Collaborates with Michigan Technological University

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WXYZ-TV

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TRANSIT

Guilty Plea in MAX Transit Embezzlement Case

WHTC Radio

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Nearly 200 Kalamazoo Metro Bus Stops to Close, 90 Added Under Plan

MLive

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WIMS Radio

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CityLab

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TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

New Groundwork Center Program Seeks Experimental Solutions for Traffic, Parking Woes in Grand Traverse Region

The Ticker

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Movement Rises to Keep Humans, Not Robots, in the Driver's Seat

Detroit Free Press

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