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### **BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS**

#### **Ann Arbor To Begin Building Pedestrian Tunnel To Riverfront This Summer**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/03/ann-arbor-to-begin-building-pedestrian-tunnel-to-riverfront-this-summer.html>

#### **Ann Arbor Explores Change To Crosswalk Law**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/03/ann-arbor-explores-change-to-crosswalk-law.html>

#### **Ann Arbor Agrees To Fund Bikeshare Program**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/04/ann-arbor-agrees-to-fund-bike-share-program.html>

### **CAMERAS**

#### **Police Surveillance Expansion Plan Splits Detroiters**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2019/03/18/duggan-traffic-camera-plan-sparks-privacy-concerns/3150061002/>

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Ford to Build New Factory In Michigan For Autonomous Vehicles**

CNBC

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/20/ford-to-build-new-factory-in-michigan-for-autonomous-vehicles.html>

#### **Study Suggest Lack Of Public Transit Is Costing Michigan Jobs**

WWMT-TV

<https://wwmt.com/news/state/study-suggests-lack-of-public-transit-is-costing-michigan-jobs>

#### **Jobs, Manufacturing Expansion Coming To Coldwater By Way Of Transportation Grant**

WWMT-TV

<https://wwmt.com/news/local/jobs-manufacturing-expansion-coming-to-coldwater-by-way-of-transportation-grant>

### **FUNDING**

#### **Whitmer Defends Controversial Gas Tax At Town Hall In Portland**

WXMI-TV

<https://fox17online.com/2019/03/18/why-governor-whitmer-believes-her-controversial-gas-tax-is-still-the-right-choice/>

### **MDOT Director Touts 45-Cent Gas Tax Hike**

WOOD-TV

<https://www.woodtv.com/news/michigan/mdot-director-touts-45-cent-gas-tax-hike/1876228089>

### **Republicans Working On ‘Surprise’ Roads Plan To Counter Governor’s 45-Cent Tax Hike Proposal**

WWJ Radio

<https://wwjnewsradio.radio.com/articles/republicans-working-surprise-roads-plan-counter-governors-45-cent-tax-hike-proposal>

### **House Speaker Says Gas Tax Hike Is A No-Go**

WPHM Radio

<https://www.wphm.net/2019/04/12/state-house-leader-says-gas-tax-hike-is-a-no-go/>

### **Whitmer Warns Against ‘Phony Solutions’ For Roads Fix**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2019/03/25/whitmer-no-phony-solutions-roads/3267853002/>

### **Whitmer Ultimatum: No Budget Signature Without ‘Real’ Road Funding**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2019/04/02/whitmer-ultimatum-no-budget-signature-without-real-road-funding/3340928002/>

### **Rising Price Of Fuel Making Gas Tax Hike A Tougher Sell For Governor Gretchen Whitmer**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/26/rising-price-fuel-gas-tax-hike-tough-sell/3275132002/>

### **Infrastructure Funding Hits Roadblocks In Michigan Legislature**

Transport Topics

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/infrastructure-funding-hits-roadblocks-michigan-legislature>

### **MDOT Director Talks Fuel Tax**

WOOD-TV's To The Point

<https://www.woodtv.com/news/to-the-point/to-the-point-mdot-director-talks-fuel-tax/1886714925>

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **No Escaping Billions Of Dollars Needed For Michigan Road Fix, Experts Say**

Bridge

<https://www.bridgemi.com/public-sector/no-escaping-billions-dollars-needed-michigan-road-fix-experts-say>

### **Project To Resurface Portion Of 8 Mile In Metro Detroit Starts This Spring**

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/traffic/road-construction/project-to-resurface-portion-of-8-mile-in-metro-detroit-starts-this-spring>

## **MOBILITY**

### **Detroit Partners With Mobility Company To Better Distribute Scooters Citywide**

Curbed Detroit

<https://detroit.curbed.com/2019/3/22/18277347/city-of-detroit-passport-lime-scooter-distribution>

### **What Is The Future Of Mobility In Detroit?**

Automotive World

<https://www.automotiveworld.com/articles/what-is-the-future-of-mobility-in-detroit/>

### **Educational Institutions Bolster Mobility Programming To Fill Industry Talent Gap**

Driven

<http://www.secondwavemedia.com/concentrate/features/higher-level-talent-MMI-EMU-WCC.aspx>

### **Mobility As A Service With Former SMART Managing Director Susan Zielinski**

ITE Talks Transportation podcast

<https://transportationradio.wordpress.com/2019/03/26/mobility-as-a-service-with-susan-zielinski/>

### **OTHER**

#### **Grand Rapids Attempts To Ease Food Truck Permit Process**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2019/04/grand-rapids-attempts-to-ease-food-truck-permit-process.html>

#### **Mastering Mobility Through Education And Collaboration**

Driven

<http://www.detroitdriven.us/features/higher-level-talent-MMI-EMU-WCC.aspx>

#### **Elaina Farnsworth, The NEXT Education**

Mobility Moments podcast

<http://www.modeldmedia.com/features/mobility-moments-elaina-farnsworth-TheNEXTEducation.aspx>

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION and EDUCATION**

#### **Michigan State Police Wants To Spend \$2.3 Million To Livestream Dashcams Of Chases To Supervisors**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/28/michigan-state-police-livestream-dashboard-cameras/3268975002/>

### **RAILROADS**

#### **Could Passenger Train Service Between Detroit And Toronto Reopen?**

Curbed Detroit

<https://detroit.curbed.com/2019/4/1/18291246/amtrak-detroit-toronto-passenger-rail-fast-act>

#### **Detroit Studies Restoring Passenger Trains To Michigan Central Station**

Bridge

<https://www.bridgemi.com/detroit-journalism-cooperative/detroit-studies-restoring-passenger-trains-michigan-central-station>

### **ROADWAYS**

#### **R-E-S-P-E-C-T Not Unanimous For Aretha Franklin In House Vote On Renaming Lodge**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2019/03/19/michigan-house-vote-lodge-aretha-franklin/3215534002/>

#### **Monroe County Sees Issues In MDOT Pact Across State**

Monroe News

<https://www.monroenews.com/news/20190410/monroe-county-sees-issues-in-mdot-pact-across-state>

## **Michigan-Based Storch Magnetics Invents Product To Help DOTs Speed Up Pothole Repairs**

Traffic Technology Today

<https://www.traffictechnologytoday.com/news/asset-management/tire-saving-product-can-help-dots-speed-up-pothole-repairs.html>

## **ROAD SAFETY**

### **Traffic Summit Throws Caution Flag As Road To Marijuana Use Begins**

WWMT-TV

<https://wwmt.com/news/state/traffic-summit-throws-caution-flag-for-michigan-as-road-to-marijuana-use-begins>

### **Father Fights For Making Michigan A Hands-Free Driving State**

WILX-TV

<https://www.wilx.com/content/news/Father-fights-for-making-Michigan-a-hands-free-driving-state-507438361.html>

## **TRANSIT**

### **Transit Ridership Down In Most American Cities -- But Not Detroit**

Curbed Detroit

<https://detroit.curbed.com/2019/4/5/18296905/transit-ridership-up-detroit-smart-ddot>

### **CATA Explores Mobility Options To Enhance Transit Experience**

Spartan Newsroom

<http://news.jrn.msu.edu/2019/03/cata-explores-mobility-options-to-enhance-transit-experience/>

### **10 Ann Arbor Buses Will Test New Devices To Secure Wheelchair, Scooter Passengers**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/03/10-ann-arbor-buses-will-test-new-devices-to-secure-wheelchair-scooter-passengers.html>

### **Western Michigan Seeks Public Input On Changes To Campus Transportation**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2019/03/western-michigan-seeks-public-input-on-changes-to-campus-transportation.html>

## **VEHICLES**

### **Detroit Leads, Tesla Lags In Trillion-Dollar Race For Robot-Car Business**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/mark-phelan/2019/03/13/waymo-ford-chrysler-apple-tesla-autonomous-car/3142974002/>

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