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The following is a summary of news articles related to Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and compiled on behalf of ITS Michigan for ITS Michigan members. The articles are listed by category/topic.

BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS

Thermal Camera New Tool In Fight To Save Pedestrians

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/2019/11/26/detroit-adasky-thermal-camera-pedestrian-detection/4273062002/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Things are still raw inside Michigan Central Station — but progress is happening

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/money/business/john-gallagher/2019/11/18/michigan-central-station-detroit-train-depot/4229592002/>

Whitmer Announces Transportation Economic Development Grant Supporting Ford Research And Engineering Center Transformation In Wayne County

WWJ-TV

<https://detroit.cbslocal.com/2019/11/25/whitmer-announces-transportation-economic-development-grant-supporting-ford-research-and-engineering-center-transformation-in-wayne-county/>

ELECTRONIC TOLLING

Should Michigan have toll roads? Some senators want study on whether they would work

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2019/11/should-michigan-have-toll-roads-some-senators-want-study-on-whether-they-would-work.html>

FUNDING

Michigan's newest proposed road solution would give cities, counties control, and it has bipartisan support

WJBK-TV

<https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/michigans-newest-proposed-road-solution-would-give-cities-counties-control-and-it-has-bipartisan-support>

No talk or money for fixing roads, or Pure Michigan campaign in tentative budget deal

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2019/12/06/pure-michigan-campaign-roads-budget-proposal/2622676001/>

Lawmakers consider installing toll booths in Michigan

WKZO Radio

<https://wkzo.com/news/articles/2019/nov/27/lawmakers-consider-installing-toll-booths-in-michigan/961414/>

Lawmakers reverse \$82.3 million in transfers made by Whitmer as part of budget deal

Sinclair Broadcast Group

<https://wwmt.com/news/state/lawmakers-reverse-823-million-in-transfers-made-by-whitmer-as-part-of-budget-deal>

INFRASTRUCTURE

Michigan DOT Deploys 'Robot Boats' for Bridge Inspections

AASHTO Journal

<https://aashtojournal.org/2019/11/15/michigan-dot-deploys-robot-boats-for-bridge-inspections/>

Gov. Whitmer makes appointments to Michigan Infrastructure Council

WLUC-TV

<https://www.uppermichiganssource.com/content/news/Gov-Whitmer-makes-appointments-to-Michigan-Infrastructure-Council--566092531.html>

Bay City leaders to vote on bridge privatization agreement

WNEM-TV

https://www.wnem.com/news/bay-city-leaders-to-vote-on-bridge-privatization-agreement/article_c43d6300-1d2d-11ea-83b8-cf7b8ed71145.html

OTHER

Michigan eyes Israeli tech to tackle water, mobility, cybersecurity challenges

Times of Israel

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/michigan-eyes-israeli-tech-to-tackle-water-mobility-cybersecurity-challenges/>

American Center for Mobility's CEO has departed

Automotive News

<https://www.autonews.com/executives/american-center-mobilitys-ceo-has-departed>

Jackson County looks at elevating transportation director to newly-created role

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/2019/12/hes-a-man-of-vision-county-looks-at-elevating-transportation-director-to-newly-created-role.html>

PLANNING

Public input for transportation network priorities sought by Ann Arbor

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/11/public-input-for-transportation-network-priorities-sought-by-ann-arbor.html>

RAILROADS

Possible regional rail alterations explored

Holland Sentinel

<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/20191126/macc-notes-possible-regional-rail-alterations-explored>

Kalamazoo's Amtrak ticket window to close in 2020

WWMT-TV

<https://wwmt.com/news/local/kalamazoos-amtrak-ticket-window-to-close-in-2020>

ROADWAYS

MDOT: Incorrect concrete mix used for portion of I-75 construction project

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/2019/11/26/mdot-incorrect-concrete-mix-used-for-portion-of-i-75-construction-project/>

Michigan Department of Transportation shares details of upcoming Charlevoix projects

WPBN/WGTU-TV

<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/michigan-department-of-transportation-shares-details-of-upcoming-charlevoix-projects>

Michigan Department of Transportation to build roundabout at dangerous M-37 intersection

WPBN/WGTU-TV

<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/michigan-department-of-transportation-to-build-roundabout-at-dangerous-m-37-intersection>

Planners Looking To 'Reimagine' Downtown Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids Business Journal

<https://www.grbj.com/articles/94903-planners-looking-to-reimagine-downtown>

Bridge on Northern Michigan's M-55 reopens after two seasons of work

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/12/bridge-on-northern-michigans-m-55-reopens-after-two-seasons-of-work.html>

ROAD SAFETY

Michigan has highest winter traffic deaths, and these roads are the most dangerous

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/11/26/driving-deaths-winter-dangerous/4306827002/>

Five fast facts from Michigan data about crashes on snowy and icy roads

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/11/5-fast-facts-from-crash-data-on-michigans-snowy-and-icy-roads.html>

New Warning System On Escanaba Bridge

WJMN-TV

<https://www.upmatters.com/news/new-warning-system-on-escanaba-bridge/>

More than 2K citations issued in Michigan 'Click It or Ticket' campaign

WXYZ-TV

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/more-than-2k-citations-issued-in-michigan-click-it-or-ticket-campaign>

How MDOT Tackles Winter

Talking Michigan Transportation podcast

<https://soundcloud.com/talkingmitransportation/talking-michigan-transportation-episode-13>

TRANSIT

Regional transit-related bill encounters opposition as leaders back it

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/12/03/regional-transit-funding-bill-hits-opposition/2594539001/>

Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland county leaders seek regional transit expansion, Macomb sits out

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/11/18/local-officials-eye-regional-transit-initiative-2020-ballot/4230517002/>

Detroit Department of Transportation to get \$8.49 million federal grant for new buses

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/2019/11/22/detroit-department-of-transportation-to-get-849-million-federal-grant-for-new-buses/>

Flint Mass Transportation Authority to receive \$4.3 million federal grant

WEYI-TV

<https://nbc25news.com/news/local/flint-mass-transportation-authority-to-receive-43-million-federal-grant>

Mark Hackel, Odd Man Out on Regional Transit, Touts Macomb County's Successes

WDET Radio's Detroit Today with Stephen Henderson

<https://wdet.org/posts/2019/12/05/88970-mark-hackel-odd-man-out-on-regional-transit-touts-macomb-countys-successes/>

The Rapid bus system goes paperless for tickets

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2019/11/the-rapid-bus-system-goes-paperless-for-tickets.html>

Southeast Michigan leaders devise new regional transit plan for 2020

Curbed Detroit

<https://detroit.curbed.com/2019/11/20/20974730/southeast-michigan-regional-transit-plan-2020>

Mass public transit in Metro Detroit: What are the biggest benefits?

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/2019/11/19/mass-public-transit-in-metro-detroit-what-are-the-biggest-benefits/>

Detroit Department of Transportation to replace, build more than 50 bus shelters

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/2019/11/20/detroit-department-of-transportation-to-replace-build-more-than-50-bus-shelters/>

Transportation activist group Motor City Freedom Riders celebrates 5th anniversary with fundraiser

Detroit Metro Times

<https://www.metrotimes.com/the-scene/archives/2019/12/12/transportation-activist-group-motor-city-freedom-riders-celebrates-5th-anniversary-with-fundraiser-at-anchor-bar>

VEHICLES

Gov. Whitmer announces robocar partnership with Mobileye

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/mobility/2019/11/21/gov-whitmer-announces-robocar-partnership-mobileye/4261283002/>

CenturyLink expands fiber infrastructure in Michigan to help enable autonomous vehicles

FierceTelecom

<https://www.fiercetelecom.com/telecom/centurylink-expands-fiber-infrastructure-michigan-to-help-enable-autonomous-vehicles>

Toyota leads \$50 million funding round for Ann Arbor-based May Mobility

Automotive News

<https://www.craigslist.com/mobility/toyota-leads-50-million-funding-round-ann-arbor-based-may-mobility>

Future Auto 1: Cars will soon change daily life as much as smart phones did

Windsor Star

<https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/future-auto-1-cars-will-soon-change-daily-life-as-much-as-smart-phones-did>

The Michigan Council On Future Mobility, Driverless Cars, Toll Roads And Electric Vehicle Charging

Talking Michigan Transportation podcast

<https://soundcloud.com/talkingmitransportation/talking-michigan-transportation-the-michigan-council-on-future-mobility-driverless-cars-toll-roads-and-electric-vehicle-charging>

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