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*The following is a summary of news articles related to Intelligent Transportation Systems and compiled on behalf of ITS Michigan for ITS Michigan members.*

## **BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS**

### **Grand Rapids Police Encourage Pedestrian Safety Rolling Into Fall**

WLHT Radio

<https://mix957gr.com/grand-rapids-police-encourage-pedestrian-safety-rolling-into-fall/>

### **Grand Rapids eyes summer 2020 for bike share pilot**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2019/10/grand-rapids-eyes-summer-2020-for-bike-share-pilot.html>

## **BORDER CROSSING**

### **Windsor-Detroit Tunnel Closing On Select Nights This Fall**

CTV News

<https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/windsor-detroit-tunnel-closing-on-select-nights-this-fall-1.4619197>

## **CAMERAS**

### **Detroit Police Commission Approves Use Of Facial Recognition On Traffic Cameras**

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/detroit-police-commission-approves-expanded-use-of-facial-recognition-on-cameras>

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Michigan among 23 states suing Trump over California's emissions standards**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/2019/09/20/michigan-among-states-suing-trump-over-california-emissions-standards/2387301001/>

## **FUNDING**

### **Whitmer uses veto pen 147 times, cuts close to \$1B from GOP budget**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/09/30/whitmer-veto-state-budget/3812553002/>

### **Legislation gives counties option of levying gas tax to address road repairs**

Oakland Press

[https://www.theoaklandpress.com/news/local/legislation-gives-counties-option-of-levying-gas-tax-to-address/article\\_7d142028-d8a3-11e9-99f6-6bfd24382633.html](https://www.theoaklandpress.com/news/local/legislation-gives-counties-option-of-levying-gas-tax-to-address/article_7d142028-d8a3-11e9-99f6-6bfd24382633.html)

## **MACC: More road funding needed for counties**

Holland Sentinel

<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/20190924/macc-more-road-funding-needed-for-counties>

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Michigan Senate GOP leader: Time to return some paved roads to gravel**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/elections/2019/09/23/mike-shirkey-gop-return-paved-roads-gravel/2409886001/>

### **Congressional inaction could cramp Michigan's ability to repair roads**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2019/09/24/congressional-inaction-cramp-michigan-repair-roads-rescission/2374187001/>

## **MOBILITY**

### **Ford, Ann Arbor partner on mobility data platform**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/10/ford-ann-arbor-partner-on-mobility-data-platform.html>

### **Detroit initiative selects five quick mobility wins for the city**

Traffic Technology Today

<https://www.trafficechnologytoday.com/news/public-transit/detroit-initiative-selects-five-quick-mobility-wins-for-the-city.html>

### **The Future Of Mobility With Chris Thomas**

DETROITISIT

<https://detroitisit.com/in-talks-with-the-future-of-mobility-with-chris-thomas/>

### **Ford cuts about 25 white collar workers from mobility team, effective immediately**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/ford/2019/09/30/ford-cuts-25-workers-on-mobility-team-that-develops-products-software-technology/3826197002/>

## **OTHER**

### **Detroit Might Soon Have Interactive Kiosks Amid Privacy Concerns**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2019/10/08/detroit-might-soon-have-interactive-kiosks-amid-privacy-concerns/1754613001/>

### **Lights Turn Green For Traffic Signal Company That Hired MDOT Director**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/10/14/kirk-steudle-econolite-traffic-signal-contract/3906292002/>

### **Talking Michigan Transportation: Meet veteran MDOT project manager, Mohammed Alghurabi**

Michigan DOT

<https://soundcloud.com/talkingmitransportation/meet-veteran-mdot-project-manager-mohammed-alghurabi>

**Talking Michigan Transportation: A visit from former MDOT chief policy analyst, Polly Kent**  
Michigan DOT  
<https://soundcloud.com/talkingmitransportation/former-mdot-chief-analyst>

## **RAILROADS**

**MDOT dropping effort to move Greyhound to Detroit Amtrak Station**  
Detroit Free Press  
<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2019/09/19/greyhound-detroit-not-moving-amtrak/2366932001/>

**Flashing lights will detour drivers when train blocks Kalamazoo traffic**  
MLive  
<https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2019/09/flashing-lights-will-detour-drivers-when-train-blocks-kalamazoo-traffic.html>

## **ROADWAYS**

**Legislators meet with MDOT, local leaders to address troubled train crossings in Southeast Michigan**  
Transportation Today  
<https://transportationtodaynews.com/news/15376-legislators-meet-with-mdot-local-leaders-to-address-troubled-train-crossings-in-southeast-michigan/>

**MDOT plans massive I-275 improvement project for 2020**  
Hometown Life  
<https://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/2019/10/07/mdot-plans-massive-275-improvement-project-2020/3896787002/>

**Busy stretch of U.S. 131 in Grand Rapids a candidate for 'Flex Route'**  
MLive  
<https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2019/10/busy-stretch-of-us-131-in-grand-rapids-a-candidate-for-flex-route.html>

**New Michigan St. lanes in Grand Rapids confuse drivers**  
WOOD-TV  
<https://www.woodtv.com/news/grand-rapids/hot-mess-new-michigan-st-lanes-confuse-drivers/>

**WCRC Holds Meeting On Proposed Salem Township Roundabout**  
WHMI Radio  
<https://www.whmi.com/news/article/wcrc-salem-road-commission-roundabout>

## **ROAD SAFETY**

**These are the most dangerous highways in Michigan**  
MLive  
<https://expo.mlive.com/news/g66l-2019/09/f1095cf8702157/these-are-the-most-dangerous-highways-in-michigan.html>

**Grant funds equipment to help police in Jackson County investigate crashes faster**  
MLive  
<https://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/2019/09/grant-funds-equipment-to-help-police-in-jackson-county-investigate-crashes-faster.html>

## **Michigan tightens rules on \$1.1M truck safety grant after Free Press report**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/09/27/michigan-safety-grant-trucking-industry/3773540002/>

## **TRANSIT**

### **Muskegon bus routes expected to change in 2020**

WZZM-TV

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/news/local/muskegon/muskegon-bus-route-changes-2020/69-4d5a2e33-e34f-4500-a419-0fdcb23a99e2>

### **TheRide seeks public input for its long-range transit plan in Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area**

All About Ann Arbor

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/all-about-ann-arbor/theride-seeks-public-input-for-its-long-range-transit-plan-in-ann-arbor-ypsilanti-area>

## **VEHICLES**

### **Spotlight: Michigan leads way in next revolution of transportation in U.S.**

Xinhua

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-09/23/c\\_138413235.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-09/23/c_138413235.htm)

## **VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION**

### **Seven Michigan School Districts to Use Electric Buses to Transport Students**

Bridge

<https://mitechnews.com/auto-tech/seven-michigan-school-districts-to-use-electric-buses-to-transport-students/>

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