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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

Expected Increase in Cyclists Reduces Speed Limit on US-31 in Petoskey

WWTv-TV

<https://www.9and10news.com/2021/04/07/expected-increase-in-cyclists-reduces-speed-limit-on-us-31-in-petoskey/>

Pedestrian Crosswalk Light Removed From Lakelands Trail

WHMI Radio

<https://www.whmi.com/news/article/hamburg-township-lakelands-trail-pedestrian-safety-crosswalk-flashers>

BORDER CROSSING

Trudeau Says US-Canada Border Won't Reopen Anytime Soon

Travel Pulse

<https://www.travelpulse.com/news/impacting-travel/trudeau-says-us-canada-border-wont-reopen-anytime-soon.html>

Toll rates for International Bridge travelers using Canadian money decrease

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2021/03/toll-rates-for-international-bridge-travelers-using-canadian-money-to-decrease-starting-in-april.html>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Port of Detroit is an economic engine for the region

FreightWaves

<https://www.freightwaves.com/news/freightwaves-classics-port-of-detroit-is-an-economic-engine-for-the-region>

FREIGHT

State continues to study UP propane distribution

Daily Mining Gazette

<https://www.mininggazette.com/news/2021/04/state-continues-to-study-up-propane-distribution/>

INFRASTRUCTURE

MDOT Boats Named 2021 Infrastructure Gamechangers by The American Society of Civil Engineers

WWTV-TV

<https://www.9and10news.com/2021/03/15/mdot-boats-named-2021-infrastructure-gamechangers-by-the-american-society-of-civil-engineers/>

MOBILITY

Report: Michigan's mobility industry supported 1 in every 5 jobs in 2019

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/money/business/2021/03/24/report-michigans-mobility-industry-supports-1-every-5-jobs/6969335002/>

Ford, U-M Robotics, Mobility Lab Aims At Improving Life Conditions

Torque News

<https://www.torquenews.com/3769/ford-u-m-robotics-mobility-lab-aims-improving-life-conditions>

GR partners with Spin to launch program for residents facing transportation barriers

WZZM-TV

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/news/local/gr-partners-with-spin-to-launch-program-for-residents-facing-transportation-barriers/69-24aace78-fb4b-4857-b1a5-9ecf3b6235aa>

OTHER

MDOT fails to evaluate road warranty program since 2011, audit finds

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2021/03/24/mdot-fails-evaluate-road-warranty-program-since-2011-audit-finds/6979296002/>

Michigan Public Transit Systems will transport qualifying residents to vaccine sites

WTVB Radio

<https://wtvbam.com/2021/03/30/michigan-public-transit-systems-will-transport-qualifying-residents-to-vaccine-sites/>

State senator pushes eminent domain over selling Port of Detroit to Moroun family

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2021/03/30/port-of-detroit-sale-moroun-family-ambassador-bridge-co/7056441002/>

RAILROADS

Portion of old Port Huron Twp. railroad roundhouse collapses, CSX evaluating plans to remove it

Times Herald

<https://www.thetimesherald.com/story/news/2021/04/01/csx-evaluating-plans-demolish-old-port-huron-twp-railroad-roundhouse/4824998001/>

ROADWAYS

Michigan DOT opens temporary solution after 500-year flood took out bridge

CDLLife

<https://cdllife.com/2021/michigan-dot-opens-temporary-solution-after-500-year-flood-took-out-bridge/>

Michigan's 'fifth' season: State transportation department begins bridge projects

WPBN/WGTU-TV

<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/michigans-fifth-season-state-transportation-department-begins-bridge-projects>

Michigan Launches Dashboard to Track Road Projects

AASHTO Journal

<https://aashtojournal.org/2021/04/09/michigan-launches-online-dashboard-to-track-road-projects/>

I-94 widening, Portage Street rebuild among 2021 road projects in Kalamazoo County

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2021/04/i-94-widening-portage-street-rebuild-among-2021-road-projects-in-kalamazoo-county.html>

ROAD SAFETY

Campaign highlights the risks of distracted driving on Michigan roads

WZZM-TV

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/traffic/campaign-highlights-the-risks-of-distracted-driving-on-michigan-roads/69-e6a8b04f-2117-4dee-9572-3e4a8bd05a44>

Ann Arbor engineers with Toyota develop app to help parents install car seats safely

All About Ann Arbor

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/all-about-ann-arbor/2021/03/23/ann-arbor-engineers-with-toyota-develop-app-to-help-parents-install-car-seats-safely/#/>

TRANSIT

Ride-hailing transit service to replace GoBus coming to Muskegon County

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/2021/03/ride-hailing-transit-service-to-replace-gobus-coming-to-muskegon-county.html>

Michigan Transit Authorities Teaming Up To Offer Free Rides, Vaccine Education

WSGW Radio

<https://www.wsgw.com/michigan-transit-authorities-teaming-up-to-offer-free-rides-vaccine-education/>

Metro Detroit woman angry with packed rideshare transportation during COVID-19

WJBK-TV

<https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/metro-detroit-woman-angry-with-packed-rideshare-transportation-during-covid-19>

Metro Transit to scale back bus services in Kalamazoo

WWMT-TV

<https://wwmt.com/news/local/metro-transit-to-scale-back-bus-services-in-kalamazoo>

Southeast Michigan launches on-demand, first-and-last mile transit service with Via

Traffic Technology Today

<https://www.traffictechnologytoday.com/news/multimodal-systems/southeast-michigan-launches-on-demand-first-and-last-mile-transit-service-with-via.html>

New transit CEO shifts from high-density East Coast to West Michigan

MiBiz

<https://mibiz.com/sections/economic-development/new-transit-ceo-shifts-from-high-density-east-coast-to-west-michigan>

VEHICLES

Verizon And Honda Work On 5G At Mcity

ITS International

<https://www.itsinternational.com/its7/news/verizon-and-honda-work-5g-mcity>

VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION

Levin, Tlaib propose \$500 billion for electrifying public transit over next decade

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/2021/03/18/levin-tlaib-propose-500-billion-electrifying-transit-over-next-decade/4753032001/>

Can the electrical grid handle a boom in electric vehicles?

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2021/03/23/electric-car-charging-evs-electrical-grid/4796477001/>

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