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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

Ann Arbor holds 'virtual grand opening' for new riverfront tunnel pathway

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2020/11/ann-arbor-holds-virtual-grand-opening-for-new-riverfront-tunnel-pathway.html>

Online survey allows Bay City area residents to influence region's non-motorized transportation plans

Route Bay City

<https://www.secondwavemedia.com/baycity/devnews/NMTSurvey2020.aspx>

New \$1M bridge finished at U.P. crossing that sees 2K travelers each winter weekend

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2020/12/new-1m-bridge-finished-at-up-crossing-that-sees-2k-travelers-each-winter-weekend.html>

BORDER CROSSING

Gordie Howe International Bridge and the future of Delray

Talking Michigan Transportation podcast

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1374205/6839584-gordie-howe-international-bridge-and-the-future-of-delray%C2%A0>

STB: Canadian Pacific Railway Company-Control Exemption-Detroit River Tunnel Company

Federal Register

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-07/pdf/2020-26811.pdf>

CAMERAS

Detroit City Council Approves Traffic Camera Expansion

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2020/11/25/city-council-approves-traffic-camera-expansion-gunshot-detectors/6417128002/>

Traffic Light-Mounted Camera Expansion In Detroit Spurs Privacy Concerns

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2020/11/16/traffic-light-mounted-camera-expansion-detroit-spurs-privacy-concerns/6318357002/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Biden's Climate Change Plans Could Mean Jobs for Michigan

MLive

<https://www.governing.com/work/Bidens-Climate-Change-Plans-Could-Mean-Jobs-for-Michigan.html>

Ford Places Its Future Bet on a Renewed Detroit

Triple Pundit

<https://www.triplepundit.com/story/2020/ford-renewed-detroit/709281>

ELECTRONIC TOLLING

Michiganders Need To Update Their MacPass By The End Of The Year

WLHT Radio

<https://mix957gr.com/michiganders-need-to-update-their-macpass-before-the-end-of-the-year/>

GPS and NAVIGATION

GPS devices for Kalamazoo-area department to give green light to fire trucks

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2020/12/gps-devices-for-kalamazoo-area-department-to-give-green-light-to-fire-trucks.html>

INFRASTRUCTURE

Grosse Ile residents wonder what's next for Parkway Bridge

WXYZ-TV

<https://www.wxyz.com/getting-around-metro-detroit/grosse-ile-residents-wonder-whats-next-for-parkway-bridge>

Work begins on temporary M-30 bridge over Tobacco River

Midland Daily News

<https://www.ourmidland.com/news/article/Works-begins-on-temporary-bridge-over-Tobacco-15766862.php>

MOBILITY

Ford unveils plans for mobility innovation district around Michigan Central Station

SmartCitiesWorld

<https://www.smartcitiesworld.net/news/news/ford-unveils-plans-for-mobility-innovation-district-around-michigan-central-station-5872>

Ann Arbor seeks public feedback for Lower Town mobility study

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2020/12/ann-arbor-seeks-public-feedback-for-lower-town-mobility-study.html>

Industry experts talk future of mobility at MSU forum

State News

<https://statenews.com/article/2020/11/industry-experts-talk-future-of-mobility-at-msu-forum>

OTHER

Digital License Plates Coming To Michigan In 2021 After Debut In California

Car and Driver

<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a34748524/digital-license-plates-coming-2021/>

MDOT chief bridge engineer honored by national bridge institute for career contributions

Michigan DOT

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDOT/bulletins/2ac6854>

RAILROADS

14 railroad crossings in Mid-Michigan set for improvements in 2021

WJRT-TV

<https://www.abc12.com/2020/12/08/14-railroad-crossings-in-mid-michigan-set-for-improvements-in-2021/>

ROADWAYS

Michigan wants to build the road of the future. Here's why it matters

Traffic Technology Today

<https://www.trafficechnologytoday.com/news/autonomous-vehicles/exclusive-feature-michigan-wants-to-build-the-road-of-the-future-heres-why-it-matters.html>

Road diet: MDOT indifferent to number of lanes possible on Buttrick, US-10 BR

Midland Daily News

<https://www.ourmidland.com/news/article/MDOT-Road-diet-concludes-two-lanes-possible-for-15749691.php>

I-75 modernization project aims for safer, less confusing intersections

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/traffic/2020/12/11/i-75-modernization-project-aims-for-safer-less-confusing-intersections/>

Beet juice considered for treating wintry roads in Michigan

WXYZ-TV

<https://www.wxyz.com/getting-around-metro-detroit/beet-juice-considered-for-treating-wintery-roads-in-michigan>

ROAD SAFETY

2020 MDOT projects put focus on safety

Michigan DOT

https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9620_11057-545293--,00.html

Michigan construction workers call for change after 2 were hit, killed in Ypsilanti

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/local/2020/11/27/michigan-construction-workers-call-for-change-after-2-were-hit-killed-in-ypsilanti/>

Grand Valley Metro Council Launches Safety Education Campaign

Grand Rapids Business Journal

<https://grbj.com/news/transportation/grand-valley-metro-council-launches-safety-education-campaign/>

SECURITY

Investigation launched into photos shot atop Mackinac Bridge

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/12/02/mackinac-bridge-climber-took-photos-up-top-facing-charges/3795390001/>

TRANSIT

Detroit's SMART Bus, Moovit Team for On-Demand Transit Service

Metro

<https://www.metro-magazine.com/10131151/detroits-smart-bus-moovit-team-for-on-demand-transit-service>

Muskegon, northern Ottawa bus systems explore consolidation

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/2020/12/muskegon-northern-ottawa-bus-systems-explore-consolidation.html>

DDOT installing 288 safety barriers amid COVID-19 pandemic

WDIV-TV

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/local/2020/12/11/ddot-installing-288-safety-barriers-on-buses/>

VEHICLES

Automakers propose policy changes to speed self-driving vehicle roll-out

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/2020/12/02/automakers-propose-policy-changes-allow-self-driving-vehicle-roll-out/3793811001/>

Why Automated Vehicle Advocates Say The FCC Dealt The Nation A Setback On Safety

Michigan DOT's Talking Michigan Transportation podcast

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1374205/6475885>

Tesla loses protections in latest Michigan bill to ban direct sales

CNET

<https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/tesla-michigan-bill-ban-direct-sales/>

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