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Primary Resources Blog Takes Readers Back to the Future of Transportation in Southern California

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Getting To Dodger Stadium: The Aerial Gondola And Escalators That Never Were



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Check it out on the Library's new [Primary Resources](#) blog.

- **Play on the freeway? Take a gondola to a Dodger game? Your streetcar is here? The Library's new blog tells all.**

(May 13, 2009) Primary Resources, a new transportation blog from the Metro Transportation Library and Archive, just may be the ultimate link to detailed research and intriguing past lives of current transportation projects and issues in Southern California.

From [parks atop roadways](#) (go play on the freeway!) to [mapping the transit funding crisis](#) (from bad to worse!) Digital Resources Librarian Kenn Bicknell puts today's hot topics into perspective.

It's all here, but there's a lot more on the way. Posting on the average of twice a week, Bicknell plucks juicy topics relating to transit and transportation in Southern California from the Library's Transportation Headlines Blog, which he produces daily, and mines the Library's ample resources to provide context and background.

Let's hope that Digital Resources Librarian and blogger Kenn Bicknell lands a spot

on the "Jeopardy" game television show and that there's a transportation category on the board.



Hot topics on tap at [Primary Resources](#) Blog

- Keeping Up With Public Transportation Research From TRB: Finding Publications, Conferences, Hearings, And RSS Feeds
- 50 Years Ago This Week: The Launch Of Freeway Flyer Service
- The Key To Transportation Research: Harnessing The Wealth Of Information In The TRB Databases
- Go Play On The Freeway! Cap Park Proposals And A Look Back At The Highway Relationship To Park Planning In Los Angeles
- From Bad to Worse: Mapping the Transit Funding Crisis
- The Beauty Of "Crowdsourcing" From Social Media: User feedback is a great value-added feature of increased access to resources.
- Hooray For Hollywood: Your Streetcar Is Here, But Your Subway Doesn't Arrive For Almost 50 Years
- Getting To Dodger Stadium: The Aerial Gondola And Escalators That Never Were
- 100 Years Before The Gold Line...
- Economic Impact Study: Measure R Projects, 2009-2038

"The Primary Resources blog compliments the the daily aggregated news items in the Transportation Headlines," says Bicknell. "We have a lot of important resources from our collection and beyond to share with our transit and transportation community."

Currently, the Metro Library collects news headlines related to transit and transportation from newspapers, magazines, journals, blogs, advocacy organizations and other sources to help inform thousands of people every day. The results are published in the [Transportation Headlines blog](#) and its content is disseminated via [email subscription](#) as well as [RSS feed](#).

Transit and transportation advocacy is growing thanks to social networking and other communication tools. Resources can be disseminated, consumed, and redistributed more easily than ever before, said Bicknell.

In the Primary Resources blog, Bicknell applies interesting (and often humorous) historical resources to the current conversation. "We want to share these resources to provide additional context to our mobility agenda," he said.

Not hooked up to the web at work? Check it out at home.

The Primary Resources Blog is online at the Library's site on metro.net at <http://www.metro.net/about/library/> or go directly to <http://metrotransportationlibrary.blogspot.com/>.

--from Gayle Anderson