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If you're like us, you get to work each day excited and inspired by the world of extraordinary transportation innovations happening all around us. Technologies emerge and evolve. Mobility platforms grow and connect us in new ways. Groundbreaking partnership models are developed to address some of the most challenging mobility problems in America.

This is a space to focus on these innovations, the impact they could have, and how they might be used here in Los Angeles County. We want to move the conversation forward, amplify the ideas that excite us the most, and highlight what our office is doing to take advantage of what the world has to offer.

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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS - TOOL FOR PROJECT ACCELERATION

By Joshua Schank and Colin Peppard

P3s are not magic. They are not free money. But they can accelerate projects. Here's how.

Compared to many regions around the country, Los Angeles County is in a unique position when it comes to our future transportation system. Many places struggle to find funds for robust transportation investments. Others endlessly debate what should be built and where. [Read more...](#)



PAYING PEOPLE NOT TO DRIVE

By Marla Westervelt

Transportation wonks typically agree that charging people for using the roads is the best way to reduce traffic. What if we paid people for not using the roads?

It's no secret that Los Angeles County has a traffic problem. According to the [Inrix 2017 Scorecard](#), Los Angeles again took first prize as the number one most congested city in the world, with an average of 102 hours wasted stuck in traffic per Angeleno during the year. [Read more...](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON INNOVATION: SCAG ANNOUNCES FUTURE COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

By Rye Baerg, Margaret de Larios and Nolan Borgman

Whether you are a city trying to automate a parking ticket payment system or an individual struggling to learn yet another pay parking machine, the pace of technological change can be daunting. With their Future Communities Framework, the Southern California Association of Governments has stepped up to serve as a resource for its 191 cities. The idea is to make big data more useful and ensure that cities don't veer into too many different directions tech-wise. [Read more...](#)



PUTTING A MICROSCOPE ON MICROTRANSIT

By Emma Huang

What we learned from our interviews with three transit agencies who piloted MicroTransit...and what we didn't.

As Metro began designing and developing the MicroTransit Pilot Project (MTP), we did so knowing that publicly operated on-demand transit is a relatively new service model and the literature is limited. To help inform our project, OEI investigated the experiences at three transit agencies that have deployed on-demand technology. [Read more...](#)



U.S. TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION P3 PIPELINE GAINING MOMENTUM AND DIVERSITY

By Yousef Salama

Over the last three months, the U.S. transportation P3 pipeline gained momentum and illustrated its diversity. From parking lots to highway lighting, OEI's newest member Yousef Salama analyzes notable transportation related P3 opportunities in the market.

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