

## Rail-Related News, June – July 2020

Fear of public transit got out ahead of the actual evidence

<http://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/fear-transit-bad-cities/612979/>

SMART approves FY2020-21 budget, 1/3 service cut on weekdays

<http://www.marinij.com/2020/06/17/smart-approves-2020-21-budget-service-cuts/>

BART finally gets to San Jose

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/BART-finally-knows-the-way-to-San-Jose-new-15337066.php>

Dan Walters: bullet train may be derailed

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2020/06/14/walters-bullet-train-could-be-derailed/>

California's high-speed rail faces woes

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/California-s-bullet-train-project-faces-15356051.php>

Eliminating Covid from transit: research

<http://gvwire.com/2020/06/25/can-valley-researchers-wipe-out-covid-19-on-mass-transit/>

Next phase of extending ACE commuter trains to Turlock and Merced County

[http://www.masstransitmag.com/rail/news/21143618/ca-next-phase-starts-on-bringing-ace-commuter-trains-to-turlock-and-merced-county?utm\\_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CPS200625055&o\\_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=om](http://www.masstransitmag.com/rail/news/21143618/ca-next-phase-starts-on-bringing-ace-commuter-trains-to-turlock-and-merced-county?utm_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CPS200625055&o_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=om)

California high-speed rail delays business plan until December after Assembly Resolution

<http://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-24/california-high-speed-rail-delays-business-plan-after-assembly-action>

SMART to build East Petaluma station

<http://www.petaluma360.com/article/news/smart-to-build-east-petaluma-station/?ref=mosthome>

SMART deserves aid, but must find ways of cutting costs

<http://www.marinij.com/2020/07/01/editorial-smart-deserves-aid-but-must-find-more-ways-to-cut-costs/>

San Francisco Muni may cut majority of routes to remain solvent in wake of CV recession  
[http://www.masstransitmag.com/bus/news/21144869/ca-muni-expects-to-lose-the-majority-of-its-bus-lines-permanently-as-financial-devastation-mounts?utm\\_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CP200706047&oeid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=omeda%7C0663B5119945H4U](http://www.masstransitmag.com/bus/news/21144869/ca-muni-expects-to-lose-the-majority-of-its-bus-lines-permanently-as-financial-devastation-mounts?utm_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CP200706047&oeid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=omeda%7C0663B5119945H4U)

BART goes more towards plastic, abandoning paper tickets  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/news/paper-or-plastic-bart-will-soon-offer-no-choice/>

Cable car return uncertain, relying on promise of CV vaccine  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/news/no-timetable-for-cable-car-return-sfmta-says/>

Unfunded plan for high-speed rail between San Jose and San Francisco rolled out  
<http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/Plan-for-high-speed-rail-rolls-out-for-San-15398354.php>

Caltrain closer to 1/8 cent sales tax to support operations due to widespread public support  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/news/buoyed-by-public-support-caltrain-one-step-closer-to-considering-1-8-cent-sales-tax/>

Big changes to S.F. Muni rail services when they return in August  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/news/muni-rail-returns-in-august-riders-should-expect-changes/>

Construction on the next Los Angeles Metro Gold Line extension begins  
[http://www.railwaygazette.com/projects-and-planning/foothill-gold-line-extension-construction-begins/56943.article?utm\\_source=MRnewsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Story%201&utm\\_campaign=MRnewsletter-%2020200715](http://www.railwaygazette.com/projects-and-planning/foothill-gold-line-extension-construction-begins/56943.article?utm_source=MRnewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Story%201&utm_campaign=MRnewsletter-%2020200715)

Potential Caltrain shutdown articles, due to San Francisco politics

<http://www.kqed.org/news/11829125/dispute-over-caltrain-management-threatens-to-derail-planned-tax-measure>

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/news/caltrains-future-in-jeopardy-after-supervisors-block-sales-tax-measure/>

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2020/07/15/could-caltrain-shut-down-why-the-once-unthinkable-is-now-a-real-possibility/>

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Caltrain-derailed-Advocates-predict-shutdown-15411557.php>

Sacramento drops effort to put transportation sales tax on November ballot

[http://www.masstransitmag.com/management/news/21146349/ca-sacramento-drops-effort-to-put-transportation-sales-tax-on-november-ballot?utm\\_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CPS200716034&o\\_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=](http://www.masstransitmag.com/management/news/21146349/ca-sacramento-drops-effort-to-put-transportation-sales-tax-on-november-ballot?utm_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CPS200716034&o_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=)

SMART makes progress towards 2021 opening of Windsor extension

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/smart-makes-progress-toward-2021-opening-of-windsor-extension/>

S.F Supervisor works to give Caltrain a second chance

[http://www.masstransitmag.com/management/news/21146649/ca-push-to-save-caltrain-gets-a-second-chance-sf-supervisor-says-hell-fight-for-tax-measure?utm\\_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CPS200720025&o\\_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.id](http://www.masstransitmag.com/management/news/21146649/ca-push-to-save-caltrain-gets-a-second-chance-sf-supervisor-says-hell-fight-for-tax-measure?utm_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CPS200720025&o_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.id)

Critics question \$500 million "redundant" BART segment to Santa Clara

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2020/07/19/with-costs-rising-for-bart-extension-critics-question-500m-plan-for-redundant-santa-clara-segment/>

Proposed changes could doom Caltrain, some people say

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Proposed-change-to-Caltrain-ballot-measure-could-15419368.php>

Counties fight over control of Caltrain and potential new sales tax revenues

<http://www.sfoxaminer.com/news/counties-wrangle-over-sales-tax-measure-control-of-caltrain/>

San Francisco supervisors' "Great Caltrain Robbery"

<http://www.sfoxaminer.com/news/counties-wrangle-over-sales-tax-measure-control-of-caltrain/>

Opinion: Supervisors should put Caltrain tax before voters

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2020/07/21/7314251/>

New Caltrain proposal includes change to governing structure

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2020/07/22/new-caltrain-lifeline-proposal-could-include-changes-to-the-agencys-governing-structure/>

SANDAG supports longer train trench for Carlsbad

[http://www.masstransitmag.com/rail/infrastructure/news/21147061/ca-sandag-supports-longer-train-trench-for-carlsbad?utm\\_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CP200722037&o\\_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=omeda%7C0663B5119](http://www.masstransitmag.com/rail/infrastructure/news/21147061/ca-sandag-supports-longer-train-trench-for-carlsbad?utm_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CP200722037&o_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=omeda%7C0663B5119)

BART expands Clipper-Only tickets to more stations

<http://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/bart-expands-clipper-only-sales-stations-through-2020>

Will BART survive?

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/bart-official-doesnt-see-how-bart-is-going-to-survive>

SF Muni Metro reopening in August

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Muni-Metro-to-roll-out-big-changes-in-August-15435732.php>

California Transit Association presents laundry list of recommendations post-Covid19

[http://www.masstransitmag.com/management/news/21147612/ca-will-you-ride-a-train-after-covid19-california-transit-agencies-want-you-back-on-board?utm\\_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CPS200727049&\\_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.iden](http://www.masstransitmag.com/management/news/21147612/ca-will-you-ride-a-train-after-covid19-california-transit-agencies-want-you-back-on-board?utm_source=MASS+NewsViews+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CPS200727049&_eid=0663B5119945H4U&rdx.iden)

Editorial: "All adults" aboard for a Caltrain [political] solution

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/Editorial-All-adults-aboard-a-Caltrain-solution-15444277.php>

Almost all Caltrain riders will return, if riding somewhat less often

<http://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/caltrain-surveys-show-riders-plan-return>

Limited evidence that transit poses a risk of Coronavirus outbreaks

<http://theunionjournal.com/there-is-little-evidence-that-mass-transit-poses-a-risk-of-coronavirus-outbreaks/>

Editorial: Preserve Caltrain and Bay Area rail service

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2020/08/04/editorial-caltrain/>