



That Interchange You Just Drove was Designed by a Woman

(LA Times) When's the last time you thought about the freeway? Not about which freeway to take or traffic flow – or lack thereof – but about the actual freeway.

Well, here's a little something to ponder as you race down the 10 or the 405 anytime this Women's History Month:



The three-level San Diego-Santa Monica freeway interchange – where the 405 meets the 10 – was the first interchange in California designed by a female engineer.

That engineer was Marilyn Jorgenson Reece. In fact, she was the first woman in California to be registered as a civil engineer. [Read More](#)

225 California Transportation Projects in Trouble

(Bay Area News Group) Californians are paying less in gas taxes, and much less at the pump, as oil prices have plummeted. While that may pad drivers' wallets, the result could be what officials are calling a "catastrophic" impact on the Golden State's highways and city streets. The combined loss in state transportation revenue – more than \$1.1 billion – has put high-profile improvement projects at risk of being canceled or facing delays that could stretch for years. [Read More](#)

Volunteers Wanted: California will Study Pay-by-Mile Road Fee

(Sacramento Bee) The state of California is looking for 5,000 volunteers this summer for an experiment with potentially major pocketbook ramifications. It's called the "California Road Charge pilot program," a concept that will scare some people, and likely cause others to say it's about time.



The Legislature has instructed Caltrans and other transportation officials to set up a nine-month test to see what it would be like if drivers paid for state road repairs based on how many miles they drive in their cars or trucks rather than how many gallons they buy at the pump. [Read More](#)

Have You Signed Up Yet?

- [Learn More About the Pilot](#)
- [How to Sign Up](#)

Caltrans Kicks Off New Stormwater Pollution Prevention Campaign

"Protect Every Drop" Focuses on Educating & Changing Behavior

Caltrans unveiled its new stormwater public education and outreach campaign "*Protect Every Drop*" to educate Californians about the sources and pathways of stormwater pollution, and encourage motorists to reduce the pollutants that affect water quality in California's waterways, keeping them drinkable, swimmable and fishable.



Get an in-depth look at the "Protect Every Drop" campaign in the video below.

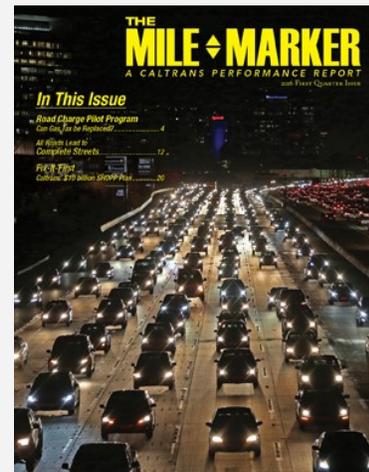


Be sure to also check out the program's new website, ProtectEveryDrop.com

1st Quarter 2016 Issue of The Mile Marker is Out

In this issue of *The Mile Marker*, Caltrans looks at new ways to view its infrastructure with the advent of its Asset Management program. It also examines how declining gas tax revenue will affect the department's ability to deliver programs going forward and details a pilot to study the possibility of replacing the gas tax with a road charge.

Find the report online [HERE](#)



VIDEO: Clearing Snow to Reopen Avalanche Prone Section of Hwy 89 at Emerald Bay

Get an up-close look at the South Lake Tahoe area maintenance crew in action as they clear a large amount of snow, 14 feet high in some areas, to reopen State Route 89 over Emerald Bay to motorists.



CSAC: MCO Fixed -- Now How About Our Roads?

By CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate

(California State Association of Counties) "The Managed Care Organizations fix was...one of CSAC's priority issues this year, so I am glad to check that box off our list. I am hopeful that the spirit of bipartisanship and cooperation can continue because there are other priority issues that demand attention.

Chief among them is the need to increase revenue for transportation. Our local streets, roads and bridges are deteriorating. The same is true of state highways. [Read More](#)



Public Input Sought on Statewide

Long-Range Transportation Plan

Deadline is March 29 for comments

Add your input to the California Transportation Plan (CTP), the statewide, long-range plan laying out how California will meet its future mobility needs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The CTP will be the common policy framework that will guide transportation investment and decisions by all levels of government, the private sector and other stakeholders. [Learn More](#)



The public can review and comment on the plan via www.californiatransportationplan2040.org or by email to ctp2040@dot.ca.gov

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