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## Move San Diego MoveNews This Week

News clippings related to transportation and sustainability

### Regional

#### **DATE CHANGE: High Speed Rail Route Meeting**

DATE CHANGE: The California High Speed Rail Authority is moving its public scoping meeting dates for its San Diego high speed rail segment. They will no longer be held on Sep. 29, Sep. 30, and Oct. 1, as previously announced. The new dates and times have not yet been decided, but will likely be in mid-October. We will inform you of the new dates and times as soon as we receive them.

#### **Hashing Out a \$1.2 Billion Trolley Expansion Plan**

After years of behind-the-scenes work planning the next expansion to the MTS trolley system, the San Diego Association of Governments is gearing up to take its \$1.2 billion project to the public. The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project proposes to construct an 11-mile line between Downtown and University City, linking the two regions via a light rail line running along much of Interstate 5. ...But critics of the plan think it is outdated and does not address the needs that commuters within the Mid-Coast Corridor actually have. As it's currently proposed, the extension will stop short of the Sorrento Mesa area, a major destination for technology firm employees.

That eliminates incentive for potential riders seeking a time-competitive alternative to driving, said Elyse Lowe, executive director of Move San Diego, a non-profit organization that advocates for the development of a sustainable local transportation system, and a vocal advocate for revising the plan. ...

Move San Diego has presented an alternative plan that it hopes will be taken under consideration as Sandag finalizes the alternatives the FTA requires it to submit along with its principal proposal. The alternative proposal sheds the central rail line in favor of a network of dedicated bus lanes, bridges, and rapid transit lines that Move San Diego believes will make transit more accessible to neighborhoods. It also extends service all the way into Sorrento Mesa.

*Voice of San Diego, September 3, 2009 LINK: <http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/articles/2009/09/02/economics/840transit090109.txt>*

*MoveSD Note: Our FAST alternative does NOT "shed" the central rail line. We propose improvements to the LOSSAN corridor central rail line. But we also analyze why the trolley is not the best choice for improved services to this area. Please view MoveSD's mid-coast alternative at the URL below. This FAST alternative is based on designing transit infrastructure to provide the services drivers need to be willing to change to transit in significant numbers. "Build it and they will come" does not apply to transit unless it is designed competitively. The region has invested billions in transit than only carries less than 4% of trips because the trip times able to be provided by the trolley are too long and cannot sufficient connect to as many locations as dedicated, bus lanes with trolley-like amenities.*

**Where will the proposed new trolley go?**

LINK: [http://voiceofsandiego.org/articles/2009/09/04/this\\_just\\_in/602trolley090309.txt](http://voiceofsandiego.org/articles/2009/09/04/this_just_in/602trolley090309.txt)

**FAST mid-coast alternative:**LINK: <http://movesd.org/pdf/MidCoastFASTPlan090520.pdf>

**FUEL: Watch the trailer. See the movie. Join the movement.**

If one movie answered the challenges of climate change, wouldn't you see it? Wouldn't you want your friends, neighbors, coworkers and family to see it with you? That movie is coming to theaters this month. That movie is FUEL. The L.A. Times called FUEL "VITAL," and the Seattle Times described it as, "dynamic and persuasive. It's a must-see, and not just for environmentalists."

Winner of the Best Documentary award at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, FUEL is a personal journey of one man - Josh Tickell - as he works to end America's reliance on foreign oil. Along the way, he learns how his voice can create change; and shows us all that we can do the same.

In the spirit of Josh's, a national movement of grassroots volunteers and FUEL Ambassadors is working in cities across this country to spread the word about the film and the hopeful solutions it presents.

This movie truly is for everybody, and we're counting on you to not just see the movie but spread the word. So watch the trailer, sign up for updates, and get involved with the FUEL Movement by visiting

LINK: <http://www.TheFuelFilm.com>.

## California

**Public Workshop on California Transportation Plan (CTP) on October 8**

The California Transportation Plan (CTP) is a statewide, long-range transportation plan for meeting statewide mobility needs. The CTP defines goals, policies, and strategies to achieve our collective vision for California's future transportation system. This plan, with a minimum 20-year planning horizon, is prepared in response to federal and state requirements and is updated every five years. The current CTP 2025 was approved in 2006 and updated by an Addendum in October of 2007 to comply with SAFETEA-LU requirements. An update to the plan for the 2035 planning horizon was initiated in September 2008. Caltrans staff will provide an update on the development of this latest planning effort. A public workshop for the San Diego region has been scheduled on Thursday, October 8 from 12-3pm at the Caltrans District 11 office in Old Town.

LINK: <http://www.californiatrnsportationplan2035.org/>

## National

**New analysis shows state-by-state ranking of oil vulnerability**

Rising gas prices, combined with the economic downturn are making people more vulnerable to changes in oil prices, according to new analysis by the Natural Resources Defense Council. The report also shows that many states are taking significant steps to reduce oil dependence through smart clean-transportation policies. ... The report, „Fighting Oil Addiction: Ranking States, Oil Vulnerability and Solutions for Change,% provides a detailed look at how oil prices impact consumers and ways in which smart policies can help break states, addiction to oil.

*Natural Resources Defense Council, August 11, 2009* LINK: <http://www.nrdc.org/energy/states/>

## International

**Oil supplies are running out fast**

Higher oil prices brought on by a rapid increase in demand and a stagnation, or even decline, in supply could blow any recovery off course, said Dr Fatih Birol, the chief economist at the respected International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris, which is charged with the task of

assessing future energy supplies by OECD countries. ...

In an interview with The Independent, Dr Birol said that the public and many governments appeared to be oblivious to the fact that the oil on which modern civilisation depends is running out far faster than previously predicted and that global production is likely to peak in about 10 years – at least a decade earlier than most governments had estimated.

But the first detailed assessment of more than 800 oil fields in the world, covering three quarters of global reserves, has found that most of the biggest fields have already peaked and that the rate of decline in oil production is now running at nearly twice the pace as calculated just two years ago. On top of this, there is a problem of chronic under-investment by oil-producing countries, a feature that is set to result in an "oil crunch" within the next five years which will jeopardise any hope of a recovery from the present global economic recession, he said.

In a stark warning to Britain and the other Western powers, Dr Birol said that the market power of the very few oil-producing countries that hold substantial reserves of oil – mostly in the Middle East – would increase rapidly as the oil crisis begins to grip after 2010.

"One day we will run out of oil, it is not today or tomorrow, but one day we will run out of oil and we have to leave oil before oil leaves us, and we have to prepare ourselves for that day," Dr Birol said. "The earlier we start, the better, because all of our economic and social system is based on oil, so to change from that will take a lot of time and a lot of money and we should take this issue very seriously," he said. "The market power of the very few oil-producing countries, mainly in the Middle East, will increase very quickly. They already have about 40 per cent share of the oil market and this will increase much more strongly in the future," he said.

*The Independent (U.K.), August 3, 2009 LINK:*

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/warning-oil-supplies-are-running-out-fast-1766585.html>

## Fast Facts

*The American Public Transportation Association estimates the 2008 savings from taking transit instead of driving to be \$9,499 per household per year.*

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