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Expanded \$98 million ferry dock in downtown San Francisco opens for business

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LA Times: don't let Coronavirus destroy public transit too

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SANDAG reveals \$177 billion regional transportation plan

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Bay Area transit agencies say they are safe

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Bay Area transit operators reveal "safety" plan

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US bus ridership had been declining long before Covid19 epidemic

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Transit agencies can skip long environmental reviews in 2021 and 2022 due to bill signed by Newsom

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