Flashy and expensive new transit projects, such as the <u>Los Angeles subway</u> or <u>San</u>

Francisco's proposed Central Subway, get a lot of media attention. But cities and counties have a lot of discretion to improve their existing public transit systems in sometimes

relatively low-cost ways. The benefits, as we discuss in a UCLA / Berkeley Law white paper on the subject (called <u>All Aboard</u>), include alternatives to sitting in traffic, better air quality, and improved quality of life.

Stuart Cohen, the Executive Director of <u>TransForm</u>, a California-based organization devoted to improving public transit, discusses local options for improving transit, such as developing bus rapid transit lines that give lane and signal priority to buses. You can also learn more about this topic at UC Berkeley and UCLA Law's upcoming "<u>Local</u>, <u>Clean & Green</u> <u>Conference</u>" at UC Berkeley on December 2nd. <u>Registration</u> and agenda can be found <u>here</u> (including for the simulcast).

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