

Finding and Annotating Articles

Articles Must be Print Sources

- Sac Bee
- New York Times
- Washington Post
- Boston Globe
- LA Times
- SF Chronicle
- USA Today
- Wall Street Journal
- Reuters
- AP



Sources that are NOT acceptable for this assignment

- CNN
- Fox News
- MSNBC
- Huffington Post
- ABC News



What to do:



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By Tim Cavanaugh | Reason.com
 July 11, 2012

dirty secrets of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is that it provides some of the finest public transit service in the country. With a network stretching over 1,513 square miles, the MTA runs a fleet of 2,723 buses every weekday, operates trains over 87 miles of track and carries more than 1 million passengers a day.

The authority's newest service, the long-aborning light-rail Expo Line from downtown L.A. to Culver City, rides like a dream along its eight-mile route. Shortly after the Expo Line opened in late April, my colleague Scott Shackford and I found Expo Line riders *enthusiastic* about the train.

Unfortunately, we also found very few riders. Based on our counts and calculations, we estimated total daily ridership could not exceed 13,000 people. A few days after we rode the rails, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky came up with an even smaller figure of 9,000 daily riders.

Here you begin to see how the MTA is simultaneously increasing operating costs, reducing operating revenue, cutting service for working-class and poor customers, and dismantling a functioning mass transit system, all in the service of a fantasy that was pushed on an unwilling L.A. by wealthy liberals.

Since 2009 the MTA has added eight miles of train service, at a capital cost of about \$2 billion. These new trains, the Expo Line and an extension of the east-county Gold Line, carry a total of about 39,000 people a day.

In the meantime, the cash-strapped authority radically reduced bus service twice: It cut bus lines by 4 percent in 2010 and 12 percent in 2011. These cuts were made even though buses move more than four times as many Angelenos as trains do. In 2009 MTA buses carried about 1.2 million riders a day. Multiplying that by 16 percent, we can estimate more than 180,000 people had their service canceled while fewer than 40,000 had service introduced.

Not surprisingly, the result is that fewer people are using mass transit overall in Los Angeles than in 2009 (about 5 percent fewer) according to MTA statistics. This is a continuation of a long-term trend. Since the MTA began rail construction in 1985, more than 80 miles of railroads have been built, but mass transit ridership as a percentage of county population is lower than it was in 1985.

Bus riders get screwed in another important way: We have to pay for a ride, while train riders don't. Every MTA bus has an enforcer, a driver who collects the standard fare of \$1.50. Trains operate on an "honor system" in which fares are not collected. Although the MTA claims to conduct occasional spot checks and lay heavy fines on fare cheats, its rail revenue numbers suggest very few train riders pay. (The MTA is planning to add gating at rail platforms later this year.)

Why would a public transit authority want to reduce its number of paying customers while adding costly, inflexible capacity that is destined to be severely underused? Part of the answer lies in the nation's "light rail obsession." New trains are being added or planned in Austin, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, and other cities around the country. But L.A. train buffs have a special complex rooted in the legend of the Pacific Electric rail system.

Why would MTA reduce bus lines (55,355,518 per the train) (Expo Line) which hardly people have more pros than cons. They say more. It's like the nation is obsessed with rail roads.

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What NOT to do:



Politics

Trump slams Bannon: 'When he was fired, he not only lost his job, he lost his mind'

By Josh Dawsey and Ashley Parker January 3 at 1:40 PM

President Donald Trump unleashed on his former chief strategist and campaign chairman Wednesday, issuing a long and unusual statement questioning Stephen K. Bannon's mental stability, honesty and political influence.

"Steve Bannon has nothing to do with me or my Presidency. When he was fired, he not only lost his job, he lost his mind. Steve was a staffer who worked for me after I had already won the nomination by defeating seventeen candidates, often described as the most talented field ever assembled in the Republican party."

Trump continued, "Now that he is on his own, Steve is learning that winning isn't as easy as I make it look. Steve had very little to do with our historic victory, which was delivered by the forgotten men and women of this country. Yet Steve had everything to do with the loss of a Senate seat in Alabama held for more than thirty years by Republicans. Steve doesn't represent my base — he's only in it for himself."

The statement from Trump came after Bannon criticized Trump and his family in recent interviews, mocking the president's intellect, criticizing the operations of the White House and torching Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner and Donald Trump Jr. His most recent comments — published in excerpts from a book by journalist Michael Wolff published online Wednesday — came two weeks after a Bannon profile in Vanity Fair that infuriated the president and his senior aides.

The move is likely to hearten congressional Republicans and Trump's advisers, who have wanted the president to distance himself from Bannon. But it remains unclear if Trump will kick Bannon out forever; he often likes to cast characters out — and bring them back in — like a reality show, frequently maintaining contact with those he has fired.

For months, Trump's top aides — from lawyer Ty Cobb to senior adviser Jared Kushner to communications director Hope Hicks to friends like Chris Ruddy and Gov. Chris Christie — have tried to convince him to cut ties with Bannon.

Trump was infuriated at Bannon's comments, even telling senior aides and advisers that Bannon was "not well," according to someone familiar with the president's frustrations. He complained that Bannon again was trying to take credit for his election

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- Statements that you have questions about.
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- Questions that you have about the topic.
- Issues or problems that liberals and/or conservatives would have with this topic.
- Purposes of Government
- Potential solutions to the problem discussed in article.

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