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• ArcSpace brings us BIG's win in Kazakhstan, and Corbu for kids.
• Mazria on an "obscure section in the climate bill" that already has "a truly effective answer to our energy and emissions problems."
• Dubai's new metro has all the bells and whistles (Wi-Fi anyone?), but is it chic enough for the sheiks?
• Move over Grimshaw and Stern: BMW gets into street furniture design with everything from bus shelters to bollards.
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Prince Charles's architecture body faces inquiry: Charity Commission is seeking answers from the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment about whether it had intervened in planning disputes...Hank Dittmar...denied it was acting in breach of charity law. By Robert Booth - Guardian (UK)

Berlin Royal Palace Contract for Franco Stella is Ruled Void: The decision forces the ministry to review Stella’s eligibility for the job...If he is proven to be ineligible, then it “goes without saying that the government would negotiate with other prize winners”...[for Humboldt Forum] -- Hans Kolthoff; iGerkan; Marga and Partner; Hilmer & Sattler und Albrecht - Bloomberg News

Heneghan Peng to design new Greenwich architecture school: Young practice has triumphed again in a major competition, beating the likes of David Chipperfield and Rafael Vinoly to design a £50 million new school of architecture for the University of Greenwich. -- Allies & Morrison; Bennetts Associates; Wilkinson Eyre; Schmidt Hammer Lassen - BD/Building Design (UK)

Parks on Par: Long-mired Throgs Neck park and public links [golf course] finally poised for completion: ...Ferry Point Park...Although public-private partnerships are often touted as a way to bring about better-designed public amenities, in this case the public sector fostered a more creative and financially viable approach. -- Thomas Balsley Associates; Karen Bausman + Associates [images] - The Architect's Newspaper

Plan to build Britain's tallest bridge move a step closer: Sunderland City Council has agreed to progress Spence Associate's landmark road bridge scheme over the River Wear [image] - BD/Building Design (UK)

I'm Tasting Tar, Traffic Cones, Motor Oil ...: A planned bridge could ruin Germany's cherished Mosel wine region. - Slate

Race car built from carrots to hit Brands Hatch Race Circuit: Part-vegetable sustainable racing car runs on chocolate and wine waste [image] - Building (UK)

New Resource: The Living Planet City: ...WWF Canada's new website...Good start! But is it good enough? Maybe, maybe not...It's only a matter of taking a great idea to its full potential. - WorldChanging

WORDS THAT BUILD Tip #18: Introduce Words that "Float" into the Flow of Communications with Clients: Replace prescriptive words and phrases "etched in stone" with language reflecting a collaborative project in flux. By Norman Weinstein - ArchNewsNow

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