



Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 6:45 – 8:40 p.m.

1. Introductions 6:50 – 7:00
2. Brief updates: 7:00 – 7:15
 - a. MTA Board Meeting Preview: Thursday, October 25, 2007:
 1. Congestion Pricing and Policies
 2. Gold Line Express Service Elimination
 3. Contract Bus Service Vehicle Maintenance Increases
 - b. Metrolink Meeting Review: Committee Meetings
 1. Run Through Tracks Funding and Progress
 2. Rail-2-Rail Agreements
 3. Ridership, Revenue Performance
 4. I-5 Shutdown: Two Additional AV Line Trains
 - c. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues
 - d. High Speed Rail Status: Sacramento Lobby Day in Jan./Feb.
 - e. Expo Line progress: Lack of Grade Separation work at High School
 - f. East LA Gold Line progress
 - g. Sacramento Lobbying Trip March / April
3. Guest speaker: **Robert Leabow**, TTC Board member: Public Transit in China 7:15 – 7:45
4. Project update
 - a. Metro LRTP Setting of Protocols & Dates (Delayed) 7:55 – 8:00
 - b. Metro Regional Connector and Expo Phase II Meetings 8:00 – 8:05
 - c. Sam's Club, Durfee & Hewlett Foundation grant (update) 8:05 – 8:15
 - d. Newsletter (need articles for 22nd issue, 21st issue distributed) 8:15 – 8:25
 - e. Blog (<<http://www.metroredline.blogspot.com>>) 8:25 – 8:27
 - f. Volunteers needed to data input, newsletter processing 8:28 – 8:30
5. Treasurer's Report 8:30 – 8:31
6. Membership renewal update 8:31 – 8:32
7. Board member announcements 8:32 – 8:36
8. Next general meeting **Tuesday, Nov. 27** @ Philippe the Original 8:36 – 8:40
featuring Tom Rubin: Rail, Can it work in Los Angeles?

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Transit

Increasing the Tax Credit ceiling for Transit Users (currently it's only \$100 per month/I believe)

Transit Oriented Developments (Wilshire/Vermont Red Line, Lincoln Heights Gold Line, Del Mar Gold Line, North Hollywood Red/Orange Lines)

* ***Governor Raids Spillover Funds: Update, Legislative Actions***

* ***Metro Long Range Transportation Plan update***

* ***Alternatives Analysis Studies (formerly Major Investment Studies) Continue for Future Corridors***

* ***Advocacy In Action***

Bus

BRU and the Consent Decree

The SFV Orange Line

* ***Orange Line extensions to Bob Hope Airport Metrolink/Amtrak Station, Chatsworth, Van Nuys Blvd.***

* ***Bus Transport after the Consent Decree: Realigned Bus Services***

* ***Orange Line Anniversary: Surprise Success***

Metro Rail

East LA Gold Line Construction Updates

Expo LRT Phase 1 and 2 updates (What's going on and What's Next)

Foothill Gold Line updates

Downtown Regional Connector "Expo Phase 3" updates

Crenshaw Blvd Light Rail

* ***Turnstiles at Red Line Stations: Are They Worth It?***

* ***Eastside Gold Line: Tracks Laid on First Street***

* ***Gold Line to LA/Ontario Airport***

Regional Rail

Union Station Run Through Tracks Project Updates

* ***Harbor Subdivision ROW in Metrolink's Strategic Plan***

* ***Metrolink to Fund 2 Station Improvements; New Train Cars***

* ***Voters Approve Prop 1B: \$4.5 Billion in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account***

* ***Amtrak Authorization and Funding; Recent Actions on FY 2008 Appropriations, "Passenger Rail Improvement and Investment Act"***