



## Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 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, November 29, 2007:
    1. Congestion Pricing and Policies Study \$800,000
    2. Expo Line \$145 million budget increase
    3. Metro Rail: Breda in service 12/07; Consultant hired
  - b. Metrolink Meeting Review: Committee Meetings
    1. Eastern Maintenance Facility
    2. Engine Procurement: 15 engines delayed to 03/08
    3. Crash Energy Management Cars: delayed 6 months
    4. Metro cost / benefit study sharing agreement
  - 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: **Tom Rubín**, Public Rail Transit in the United States / Viability 7:15 – 7:45
4. Project update
  - a. Metro LRTP Setting of Protocols & Dates (Delayed) 7:55 – 8:00
  - b. Metro Regional Connector, E. LA Gold Line Meetings 8:00 – 8:05
  - c. Sam's Club, Durfee & Hewlett Foundation grant (update) 8:05 – 8:15
  - d. Newsletter (need articles for 24<sup>nd</sup> issue, 23<sup>st</sup> 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, Jan. 22** @ Philippe the Original featuring ?? 8:36 – 8:40

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 2 Issue 12**

### **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"***