



Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2008, 6:45 – 8:40 p.m.

1. Introductions 6:59 – 7:15
2. Brief updates: 7:15 – 7:45
 - a. MTA Board Meeting Preview: Thursday, March 27, 2008:
 1. Long Range Transportation Plan (Public Comment March/April)
 2. Bus Service Removal Plan (Mar. Sector actions, Apr. Board approval)
 3. EZ Pass expanded to LAX flyaway service.
 4. State Legislation Introduced (AB 2558, AB1815, AB1836, others)
 - b. Metrolink Meeting Review: Friday, March 28, 2008
 1. Budget: Fare Increase, EZ Pass Program
 2. Electronic Passenger Information System
 3. Rebuilding of existing engine fleet (window while new engines arrive)
 4. Engine Procurement: 15 engines delayed to 03/08
 5. Crash Energy Management Cars: delayed 6 months
 - c. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues
 1. Coast Starlight Termination (Segment reinstatement, bus bridge)
 2. Integration of Amtrak, Coaster & Metrolink Services
 - d. High Speed Rail Status: \$1.5 million proposed in state budget (Lobby Day)
 - e. Expo Line progress: Evidentiary Hearing re: Separation work at High School
 - f. East LA Gold Line progress (Handout)
 - g. Sacramento Lobbying Trip for CA HSR & Transit Feb. 20 Report
3. Project update
 - a. Lobbying Day Proposal (volunteers needed) 7:55 – 8:00
 - b. Website Reorganization & Design Update 8:00 – 8:05
 - c. Sam's Club, Durfee & Bohnett Foundation grant (update) 8:05 – 8:10
 - d. Metrolink Max Program Laguna to Chatsworth Corridor 8:10 – 8:15
 - e. Newsletter (need articles for 28th issue, 23rd issue distributed) 8:15 – 8:25
 - f. Office Volunteers Needed 8:25 – 8:27
 - g. Discussion Board: New Registration Required Board 8:28 – 8:30
4. Treasurer's Report 8:30 – 8:31
5. Membership renewal update 8:31 – 8:32
6. Board member announcements 8:32 – 8:36
7. Next general meeting **Tuesday, April 22** @ Philippe the Original 8:36 – 8:40

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 3 Issue 4

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 to be Laid on First Street***

* ***Metro to Purchase New Cars for Blue Line***

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"***