



Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 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, April 24, 2008:
 1. Long Range Transportation Plan (Public Comment April)
 2. Bus Service Removal Plan (April 24 Board approval)
 3. EZ Pass expanded to LAX flyaway service.
 4. State Legislation Introduced (AB 2558, AB1815, AB1836, others)
 - b. Metrolink Meeting Review: Friday, April 25, 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; 1st arrived, 2nd due
 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 AB 1722 Green Line Construction Authority
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, APTA, 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 29th 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, May 27** @ Philippe the Original 8:36 – 8:40

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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 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"*