



## Meeting: Tuesday, June 24, 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, June 26, 2008:
    1. Long Range Transportation Plan (June/July Adoption Cycle)
    2. Bus Service Removal Plan (Saved Service-Ex SF Rd. gap & detour)
    3. Metro FY 2009 Budget Approved (service hours restored)
    4. State Legislation Status (AB 2558, AB1815, AB1836)
    5. 405 HOV Design/Build Project DB Manager to be hired.
    6. Tax Measure adopted to go on November ballot.
  - b. Metrolink Meeting Preview: Friday, June 27, 2008
    1. Budget: Fare Increase, \$59 million budget approved by Metro
    2. Ridership hits new levels: 50,000
    3. Engine Procurement: 15 engines; 1<sup>st</sup> arrived, 2<sup>nd</sup> due after adjustments
    4. CEM Cars: March 2009 1<sup>st</sup> car; Summer delivery trailer cars
  - c. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues
    1. Coast Starlight Resumes (Segment reinstatement, bus bridge)
    2. House of Reps Approves 6 year bill in T&I committee
  - d. High Speed Rail: \$46.45 proposed budget / AB 3034 moving through Senate
  - e. Expo Line progress: Evidentiary Hearing / Grade Seps announced Phase II
  - f. East LA Gold Line progress (80% complete) Opens June 2009
  - g. Sacramento: AB 1722 Green Line Construction Authority (Dead 2008)
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 & City of LA GPF grant (update) 8:05 – 8:10
  - d. Metrolink Max Program Laguna to Chatsworth Corridor 8:10 – 8:15
  - e. Newsletter (need articles for 31<sup>st</sup> issue, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, July 22** @ 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"***

Hi Bart, Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me this afternoon. It was extremely helpful. As I mentioned, I'm writing a cover story for the Thursday section of the paper called The Guide about points of interest within walking distance of subway and light rail lines. The idea is to get people to explore the trains as alternatives to driving and to help them discover what train-friendly activities they can easily access. Also, the primary focus of the story will be on restaurants and bars (but other entertainment options worthy of mention will be included). Please feel free to share this e-mail request with anyone you think might have some ideas. Many thanks in advance for your time and help.

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