



Meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 6:45 – 8:40 p.m.

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| 1. Introductions | 6:59 – 7:15 |
| 2. Brief updates: | 7:15 – 7:45 |
| a. MTA Board Meeting Preview: Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008: | |
| 1. Long Range Transportation Plan (Delayed to December Adoption Cycle) | |
| 2. HOT Lane Demonstration Project MOU I-110 (\$211 bus/rail equipment) | |
| 3. Sales Tax Election ½ cent November 2008 ballot AB-2321 finished | |
| 4. Sales Tax Election Projects (see Newsletter) | |
| 5. Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study 6-8 p.m. Sept. 3-10 | |
| b. Metrolink Meeting Review: Friday, August 22, 2008 | |
| 1. Update: Bikes on Trains (handout) | |
| 2. Ridership hits new levels: 50,767-July 16, 2008 42,890-July 2007 | |
| 3. LA Passenger: Metrolink riders users group alerts riders of delays | |
| 4. Engine Procurement: 15 engines; 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd arrived, mechanical issues | |
| 5. CEM Cars: March 2009 1 st car; Summer delivery trailer cars | |
| c. Amtrak <i>Coast Starlight</i> / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues | |
| 1. Amtrak CA Corridors: records set for July 2008 ridership | |
| 2. Reauthorization: Congress returns Sept. 8-9, 2008 | |
| d. High Speed Rail: AB 3034 to be signed by Governor, on ballot as Prop. 1a | |
| e. Expo Line progress: Evidentiary Hearing Sept. 2-9 / Project Handout. | |
| f. East LA Gold Line progress (83% complete) Opens June 2009 | |
| 3. Project update | |
| a. Lobbying Day Proposal 2009 (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 33 nd issue, 31 st / 32 nd issue out) | 8:15 – 8:25 |
| f. Office Volunteers Needed (Mina Nichols) | 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, September 23 @ 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"***