



Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 6:45 – 8:40 p.m.

1. Introductions 6:59 – 7:15
2. Brief updates: 7:15 – 7:45
 - a. MTA Board Meeting Review: Thursday, October 23, 2008:
 1. Sales Tax Election ½ cent November 2008 ballot Measure R
 2. HOT Lane Congestion Pricing Project (**\$211 bus/rail equipment)
 3. Red Line Late Night Service to 3 a.m. Friday / Saturday approved
 4. Metro Long Range Deficit
 - b. Metrolink Meeting Review: Friday, October 24, 2008:
 1. Tragic Accident Update
 2. Update: Bikes on Trains (handout)
 3. Ridership hits new Sept.: 48,000-Sept. 2008 42,000-Sept. 2007
 4. LA Passenger / Twitter: Metrolink riders users group alerts riders of delays
 5. Engine Procurement: 15 engines; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th arrived, mechanical issues
 6. CEM Cars: March 2009 1st car; Summer delivery trailer cars, new option**
 - c. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues
 1. Amtrak CA Corridors: heavy September 2008 ridership
 2. Reauthorization: Congress Passed and Signed by President
 3. Rail Safety Bills Passed and Signed by President
 - d. High Speed Rail: November ballot Prop. 1a CA High Speed Rail bond
 - e. Expo Line progress: Project Handout.
 - f. East LA Gold Line progress (85% complete) Opens June 2009 (handout)
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, 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 35th issue, 33rd 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, November 25** @ 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"***