



Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 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, March 26, 2009: | |
| 1. New CEO starts April 6: Arthur Leahy. | |
| 2. Measure R: Fasana Motion to update LRTP to get Gold Line going. | |
| 3. Bike lockers (224) & bike racks (150) purchase authorized. | |
| 4. Metro system-wide on-board origin-destination survey. | |
| 5. Congestion Pricing Project: Authorize purchase 41 CNG buses. | |
| 6. Various Projects: Purple Line: April 13 & DTRC: March 30 Meetings. | |
| 7. Paper Day Pass Transition to TAP. (field study) (oral report) | |
| 8. Breda car option extension. | |
| b. Metrolink Meeting Preview: Friday, March 27, 2009: | |
| 1. Orange County Service Expansion: track and station improvements. | |
| 2. Fare Increase: New 3 year cycle 3.5 - 5.5% July 1, 2009/2010/2011. | |
| 3. Ridership flat: 43,358-Feb. 2008 43,313-Feb. 2009 -- AV Line cause. | |
| 4. Engine Procurement (15): 11 in LA; F59PH Overhaul Tier 2; 10 repainted. | |
| 5. CEM Cars: June 2009 1 st car; 3 month delay for first vehicle. | |
| 6. Eastern Maintenance Facility 63% complete; Perris Line \$45 million rcvd. | |
| c. Amtrak <i>Coast Starlight</i> / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker). | |
| 1. Amtrak CA Corridors: ridership continues up. | |
| 2. National Train Day, Sat., May 9, volunteers needed to staff table. | |
| d. High Speed Rail: next steps \$8 billion in Stimulus | |
| e. T4A Educational Program: Visited staff: 2 U.S. Senators, 10 House Members. | |
| f. Washington DC Green Jobs, Good Jobs and 3 days on the Hill. (report). | |
| g. Expo Line progress: Project Crossing Decision (finalized). | |
| h. Expo Line Phase II Draft EIR released; Alignment decided on April 2. | |
| i. East LA Gold Line progress (95% complete) Opens July 18, 2009 (Handout). | |
| 3. Project update | |
| a. Lobbying Day Proposal 2009 (volunteers needed) | 7:55 – 8:00 |
| b. Office Volunteers Needed (Mina Nichols) | 8:00 – 8:05 |
| c. APTA, Sam's, Alliance Biking & Walking, City GPF grant | 8:05 – 8:10 |
| d. Metrolink Max Program Laguna to Chatsworth Corridor | 8:10 – 8:15 |
| e. Newsletter (need articles for 38 ^h issue, 33 rd issue out) | 8:15 – 8:29 |
| 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 Tues., April 28, 2009 @ 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"***