

1. Introductions

Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 6:45 – 8:40 p.m.

2. Brief updates: 7:15 - 7:45a. MTA Board Meeting Review: Thursday, April 23, 2009: 1. Measure R: PowerPoint Report to review. 2. Molina Renames the Gold Line: La Linea de Oro, Edward R. Roybal. 3. Metro Bus service changes to Tier 1 bus lines for June 2009 shakeup. 4. Congestion Pricing Project: Silver Line Bus Corridor delayed. 5. Various Projects: Purple Line, Gold Line East LA & Harbor Sub Meetings. 6. Paper Day Pass Transition to TAP. Next steps. ELA gates delayed (report). 7. Breda car option extension. (full report in May). b. Metrolink Meeting Review: Friday, April 24, 2009: 1. Orange County Service Expansion: track and station improvements. 2. Fare Increase on Hold: New 3 year cycle 3.5 - 5.5% July 1, 2009/2010/2011. 3. Ridership down: 44,490-March 2008 42,890-March 2009 -- AV Line cause. 4. Engine Procurement (15): 13 in LA; F59PH Overhaul Tier 2; 10 repainted. 5. CEM Cars: October 2009 1st cars; 5 month delay for first train set. 6. Eastern Maintenance Facility 67% complete; Perris Line \$45 million rcvd. 7. Contract: Keller Yard, Mail Dock Demolition & CMF improvements. c. Amtrak Coast Starlight / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker). 1. Amtrak CA Corridors: ridership now flat. 2. National Train Day, Sat., May 9, volunteers needed to staff table. d. High Speed Rail: next steps \$8 billion in Stimulus (Handout) e. T4A Educational Program: Visited staff: Mayor's Office / Assemblymember. f. 21st Century Transportation for LA Conference: May 1, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. (free). g. Reservations: http://www.calpirg.org/21st-century-transportation-for-los-angeles h. Expo Line progress: Project Crossing Decision (finalized). Pedestrian Bridge. i. Expo Line Phase II Draft EIR accepted; Alignment decided for ROW on April 2. j. East LA Gold Line progress (96% complete) Opens June 27, 2009 (Handout). 3. Project update

a. Complete Streets & A Better Inland Empire (report)

c. APTA, Sam's, Alliance Biking & Walking, City GPF grant

d. Metrolink Max Program Laguna to Chatsworth Corridor

e. Newsletter (need articles for 39^h issue, 33rd issue out)

7. Next general meeting Tues., May 26, 2009 @ Philippe the Original

b. Office Volunteers Needed (Mina Nichols)

4. Treasurer's Report

5. Membership renewal update

6. Board member announcements

6:59 - 7:15

7:55 - 8:00

8:00 - 8:05

8:05 - 8:10

8:10 - 8:15

8:15 - 8:29

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Transit

Increasing the Tax Credit ceiling for Transit Users (currently it's only \$100 per month/l 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"