



## Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 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, May 28, 2009:                                      |             |
| 1. 2009-10 budget: 3.6 billion.  |             |
| 2. LASD policing contract extends for up to 5 years.                                       |             |
| 3. Special Budget Funding to Start Green Line to Southbay Environmental                    |             |
| 4. Metrolink funding: \$38 M operating, \$10.7 M PTC, \$23 M capital.                      |             |
| 5. Breda car option extension for 100 LRV's. (full report not posted yet).                 |             |
| 6. External Review of TAP program.   |             |
| b. Other Transit Operators   |             |
| 1. OCTA Service Removal Program  |             |
| 2. Riverside Transit SRTP  |             |
| 3. Santa Clarita Transit   |             |
| c. Metrolink Meeting Review: Friday, May 15, 2009:   |             |
| 1. Orange County Service Expansion: track and station improvements.                        |             |
| 2. Fare Increase Passed: 3 year cycle 3.5 average. 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 1 <sup>st</sup> cars; 5 month delay for first train set. 26 cars |             |
| 6. Eastern Maintenance Facility 70% complete; Perris Line \$45 million rcvd.               |             |
| 7. Contract: Keller Yard, Mail Dock Demolition & CMF improvements.                         |             |
| d. Amtrak <i>Coast Starlight</i> / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker).        |             |
| 1. Amtrak CA Corridors: ridership now flat.  |             |
| 2. National Train Day, Sat., May 9, successful.  |             |
| e. High Speed Rail: next steps \$8 billion in Stimulus (Handout)                           |             |
| f. T4A Educational Program: Visited staff: Mayor's Office / Assemblymember.                |             |
| g. Expo Line progress: Project Crossing Decision (finalized). Pedestrian Bridge.           |             |
| h. Expo Line Phase II Draft EIR accepted; Alignment decided for ROW on April 2.            |             |
| i. East LA Gold Line Opens June 27, 2009 (Maybe or Not) Booth Volunteers Needed.           |             |
| 3. Project update  |             |
| a. Complete Streets & A Better Inland Empire (report)                                      | 7:55 – 8:00 |
| b. Office Volunteers Needed  | 8:00 – 8:05 |
| c. 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 40 <sup>th</sup> issue, 33 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <b>Tues., June 23, 2009</b> @ 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"***