



Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 6:45 – 8:44 p.m.

1. Introductions (and information about our 501(c)(3) public charity) 6:59 – 7:15
2. Brief updates 7:15 – 7:45
 - a. MTA Board [Meeting Review](#): Thursday, April 22, 2010:
 1. 2010-11 budget: 3.6 billion. \$181 million shortfall. Fare increase scheduled 07/01
 2. Regional Connector: (Draft EIS/EIR), formal Public Hearings this summer
 3. State Budget (deal where transit & rail get \$350 million) Metro \$95 million
 4. Green Line to South Bay - public scoping meetings being held
 5. Mayor's 30/10 plan ([handout](#)) ([also handouts on project updates](#))
 - b. Other Transit Operators
 1. OCTA -- state funding preserves some service from next round of cuts
 2. Foothill -- fare increase & Service Reduction Program
 - c. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, April 23, 2010:
 1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): track and station improvements
 2. Fare Increase / Service Reduction Hearings: July 1, 2010
 3. New CEM cars
 - d. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker)
 1. Amtrak CA Corridors: ridership growing
 2. National Train Day (volunteers needed)
 - e. High-Speed Rail: next steps
 1. shared use corridor concept
 - f. Expo Line progress: EIR/EIS approved, Preliminary Engineering (2 teams)
 1. NSFR legal actions. case went to Federal Court from Superior Court
 2. Cheviot Hills Homeowners [oppose bikeway](#) and Light Rail mitigations
 3. Farmdale Crossing: Public Participation Hearing (PPH) (all hands needed)
 - g. Local [Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act](#) of 2010. (petition to sign)
3. Project update
 - a. Complete Streets & A Better Inland Empire (report)
 - b. Office Volunteers Needed
 - c. Sam's, Alliance Biking & Walking, City GPF grant
 - d. Metrolink Max Program: Simplified Service Plan (meetings continue)
 - e. Newsletter (need articles for 54th issue, [52nd issue out](#))
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Speaker: Bruce Shelburne, Metro Service Development Manager: Will we need a 2 track or a 4 track regional connector? How is the tie in with the Aqua and Blues going? What about new cars that might be ordered? Can Light Rail cars be altered to run on the subway? What about adding space for bikes and over-sized cargo or luggage racks? What about getting to LAX? Can the Crenshaw (Rose) Line branch off the Aqua Line? What about testing to get the Aqua Line running? What happened with the problems with the Breda cars?
5. Membership renewal updates
6. Board member announcements
7. Next general meeting **Tues., May 25, 2010** @ Philippe the Original
8. Future Speaker: Newly appointed CEO of Metrolink, John E. Fenton -- tentative

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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"***