Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 6:45 – 8:44 p.m.

1. Introductions (and information about our 501(c)[3] public charity) 6:59 – 7:10

2. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
   a. MTA Board Meeting Review: Thursday, May 27, 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, May 14, 2010:
      1. Orange County Service Expansion: track and station improvements
      2. Fare Increase / Service Reduction Hearings: July 1, 2010 Results
      3. New CEM cars
   d. Amtrak Coast Starlight / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker)
      1. Amtrak CA Corridors: ridership growing
      2. LOSSAN Corridor Report
   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. qualified for Nov.

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 55th issue, 53rd issue out)

4. Treasurer’s Report

5. Speaker: John E. Fenton, Metrolink Chief Executive Officer

6. Membership renewal updates

7. Board member announcements

8. Next general meeting Tues., June 22, 2010 @ Philippe the Original

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Transit
Increasing the Tax Credit ceiling for Transit Users (currently it's only $100 per month/I believe)
* 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”