



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
9. Future Speaker: CEO of Metro, Arthur T. Leahy -- confirmed

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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"***