



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

1. Introductions (and information about our 501(c)(3) public charity) 6:59 – 7:10
We need your membership gift to continue our important advocacy work. Please help!
2. Speaker: Dennis Allen, LA Streetcar, Executive Director 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
 - a. Metro Board [Meeting Review](#): Thursday, July 22, 2010:
 1. Fare increase implemented July 1, 2010
 2. Blue Ribbon Recommendations / Service Change Public Hearings in August
 3. Wilshire Busway EIR final comments due July 26
 4. Rail rider at near record levels
 5. Metro / MoveLA 30/10 plan: Rally on August 13.(handout)
 6. Bike Roundtable
 - b. Other Transit Operators
 1. Culver City Muni-- West LA Comm. College forces Lines 3 & 4 off campus
 - c. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, July 23, 2010:
 1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): improvements +12 daily trains & weekend service restoration: OC + 8 & IEOC +4
 2. Fare Increase: July 1, 2010 Resulted 4 r/t loss
 3. New CEM cars Prototype in testing service currently
 4. Palmdale trip with John Fenton results in AV Line holiday service success
 - d. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker)
 1. LOSSAN Corridor Report
 2. Starlight Report
 - e. High-Speed Rail: next steps
 1. Shared use corridor concept Los Angeles to Sylmar (consensus building)
 - f. Expo Line progress: EIR/EIS approved, Preliminary Engineering (2 teams)
 1. NSFR legal actions. case in Superior Court / Change of Attorney / \$\$ issues
 2. Neighborhood Council attempted to use mitigation funds to pay for lawsuit
 3. Farmdale Crossing: Proposed Decision: Stop & Proceed (decision July 29)
 - g. Local [Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act](#) 2010. Prop. 22 vote in Nov.
4. Project update
 - a. Complete Streets & A Better Inland Empire (handout)
 - 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 56th issue, [55th issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., August 24, 2010** @ Philippe the Original
9. Future Speaker: High Speed Rail update / Bob Hope Airport w/HSR

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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"***