



## Meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 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: The High -Speed Rail Los Angeles to Palmdale Team 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
  - a. Metro Board [Meeting Review](#): Thursday, July 22, 2010:
    1. Ridership flat after Fare increase implemented July 1, 2010
    2. Service Change Public Hearings in August--Comments due by Aug. 31
    3. Downtown Regional Connector on Sept. or Oct. Board Meeting
    4. Rail ridership at near record levels
    5. Metro / MoveLA 30/10 plan: BRU opposition.(handout)
    6. Bike Roundtable (Faramarz & Stephen)
  - b. Other Transit Operators
    1. West LA Comm. College forces Culver City Muni off campus--restored.
  - c. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, August 27, 2010:
    1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): improvements 2011 start
    2. Fare Increase: July 1, 2010 Resulted 4 r/t loss
    3. New CEM cars Prototype in testing service currently
    4. Fleet replacement plan: Acquire Rotem options and sell Bombardier cars
    5. 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: Approved: Stop & Proceed (under construction)
  - g. Local [Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act](#) 2010. Prop. 22 vote in Nov.
4. Project update
  - a. Complete Streets & A Better Inland Empire
  - 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 57th issue, [56th issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., September 28, 2010** @ Philippe the Original
9. Future Speaker: Metrolink Remaking the Railroad, an update

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 4 Issue 9**

### **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"***