



## Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 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: Angie M. Starr, Director of Communications, Metrolink 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
  - a. Metro Board [Meeting Review](#): Thursday, September 23, 2010:
    1. Ridership flat after Fare increase implemented July 1, 2010.
    2. Service Changes: Overlay Rapid & Local Routes Cut. Line 168 on hold.
    3. Downtown Regional Connector: Oct. Board Meeting--Need 4 stations.
    4. Rail ridership at steady levels. Report on Time & Distance-Based Fares.
    5. Metro Orange Line extension / 405 project / Foothill Gold Line.
    6. Bike Motion (Faramarz Nabavi).
  - b. Other Transit Operators
    1. Torrance / Long Beach.
  - c. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, September 24-25, 2010:
    1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): improvements 2011 start.
    2. Fare Increase: July 1, 2010 -- Ridership is flat, small loss, weekends steady.
    3. New CEM cars Prototype testing & set is coming. Fully ADA compliant.
    4. Fleet replacement plan: Rotem option and sell Bombardier cars--deadline.
    5. Schedule revisions: November 8 (weekends with have more dwell time).
  - d. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker)
    1. LOSSAN Corridor Report (Express Train Start-up).
    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 action in Superior Court / December hearing.
    2. Project delay: 55 weeks. Segment Opening Spring / Summer 2011.
    3. Farmdale Crossing: EIR Approval: 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 58th issue, [57th issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., October 26, 2010** @ Philippe the Original
9. Future Speaker: Metro Tap Card Program.

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 4 Issue 10**

### **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"***