Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 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: **Diego Cardoso**, Executive Officer, Transportation Development & Implementation, Metro 7:11- 8:10

3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
   a. Metro Board **Meeting Preview**: Thursday, January 27, 2011:
      2. Downtown Regional Connector: Board Meeting–deleted 5th/Flower station.
      3. Westside Subway Extension: Meetings in progress.
      4. TAP Program Updates: Progress--Day Pass, TAP/Visa, Student Program.
      5. Orange Line extension / 405 project / Foothill Gold Line / W Santa Ana Branch.
      6. Bike Actions (Faramarz Nabavi) & Transit Orientated Dev. (Stephen Box).

   b. Other Transit Operators / Issues
      1. Torrance / Long Beach.

   c. Metrolink **Meeting Review**: Friday, January 14, 2011:
      1. Orange County **Service Expansion**: improvements spring 2011 start.
      2. New CEM cars Prototype testing & set public Dec. 6 Fully ADA compliant.
      3. Fleet replacement plan: Rotem option funded by deadline.
      4. Schedule revisions: May 8, 2011 (baseball service could start in March).

   d. Amtrak **Coast Starlight / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues** (Justin Walker)
      1. LOSSAN Corridor Report (Express Train Start-up-February 15).

   e. High-Speed Rail: next steps
      1. Initial Segment: Central Valley--Madera to Corcoran via Fresno.

   f. Expo Line progress: EIR/EIS approved, Preliminary Engineering (2 teams)
      1. NSFR legal action in Superior Court / December hearing-waiting for ruling.

   g. Local **Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act** 2010. Prop. 22 Passed in Nov.

   h. One Community Symposium** Review**: January 22

4. Project update
   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 62nd issue, 61st issue out)

5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., February 22, 2011 @ Philippe the Original with Art Leahy**
9. Future Speaker: Matthew Raymond, Metro, Chief Communications Officer on March 22
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Transit
Preserving the Tax Credit ceiling for Transit Users (currently it is $230 per month & threatened by expiration in Congress) preserved in 2011
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* 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 2011-12 Appropriations, “Passenger Rail Improvement and Investment Act”