



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:
 1. Service Task Force Report: June 2011 Bus Service Shake-up.
 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).
 2. Starlight Report.
 - 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.
 2. Project delay: 55 weeks. Segment Opening Summer 2011.
 - g. Local [Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act](#) 2010. Prop. 22 Passed in Nov.
 - h. One Community Symposium Review: January 22
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 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

Transit Oriented Developments (Wilshire/Vermont Red Line, Lincoln Heights Gold Line, Del Mar Gold Line, North Hollywood Red/Orange Lines)

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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"](#)*