



## Meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 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: **Arthur T. Leahy**, Chief Executive Officer, [Metro](#) 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
  - a. Metro Board [Meeting Preview](#): Thursday, March 24, 2011:
    1. Service Task Force Report: June 2011 Bus Service Shake-up. (**handout**).
    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 / Foothill Gold Line / W Santa Ana Branch.
    6. SF Valley / I-405 Transit Corridor Status and Alternatives (**map in MSC**).
    7. ExpressLanes: Metro to Block Casual Carpools & Congressional Concerns
    8. Union Station Purchase and Master Plan Design
    9. Electric Buses.
  - b. Other Transit Operators / Issues
    1. Torrance / Long Beach / Culver City / Riverside.
  - c. Metrolink [Meeting Preview](#): Friday, March 25, 2011:
    1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): improvements Summer 2011 start.
    2. Dodgers Baseball train and bus service starts March 31. Angels unknown.
    3. Fleet replacement: Tier 4 Clean Air Locomotive planning and financing.
    4. Schedule revisions: May 9, 2011. New offerings: express & short turns.
    5. Weekly Pass to replace 10 & 4 ride punch tickets. Public review coming.
  - d. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker)
    1. LOSSAN Corridor Report (Express Started February 15). Starlight Report.
  - e. High-Speed Rail: next steps
    1. Initial Segment: Central Valley--Madera to Corcoran via Fresno.
    2. Run Metrolink from LA to Lancaster to Bakersfield.
  - f. Expo Line progress: Engineering / Construction Phase 2 Contract issued.
    1. NSFR promises to file an appeal; ruling throwing out NSFR case.
    2. Project delay: 55 weeks. Segment Opening November 2011.
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 64th issue, [63rd issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., April 26, 2011** @ Philippe the Original with Matt Raymond
9. Future Speaker: Bruce Shelburne, Metro, Rail Service Development Manager on May 24

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 6 Issue 4**

### **Transit**

Preserving the Tax Credit ceiling for Transit Users (currently it is \$230 per month) 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"***