



## Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 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: **Brandon Farley**, Rail Service Planning & Development, [Metro](#) 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
  - a. Metro Board [Meeting Preview](#): Thursday, May 26, 2011:
    1. June 2011 Bus Service Shake-up: (final board approval).
    2. Downtown Regional Connector: geotechnical testing at multiple locations.
    3. Westside Subway Extension: Meetings in progress / BH Issues.
    4. TAP Program Updates: Progress--Day Pass reduction / 30 & 7 Day Rolling.
    5. Orange Line extension / Foothill Gold Line / W Santa Ana Branch.
    6. SF Valley / I-405 Transit Corridor Status and Alternatives.
    7. Crenshaw Line: Ridley Thomas underground segment / extra station.
    8. 2012 Budget: balanced, many rail projects.
    9. Wilshire BRT Motion: Alternative a-1 to board, no Condo Canyon.
  - b. Other Transit Operators / Issues:
    1. Torrance / Long Beach / Culver City / Santa Monica / Riverside.
  - c. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, May 13, 2011:
    1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): Improvements Summer 2011 start.
    2. Dodgers / Angels Baseball train and bus service started.
    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: Approved.
  - 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. Run Metrolink from LA to Lancaster to Bakersfield.
  - f. Expo Line progress: Engineering / Construction Phase 2 Contract issued.
    1. NSFR filed an appeal; asked to pay Court Fees.
    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 66th issue, [65th issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., June 28, 2011** @ Philippe the Original with Will Kempton, OCTA
9. Future Speaker: Rick Thorpe, Expo Authority, CEO on July 26, Expo Pt. 1 & 2.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 6 Issue 6

### 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"](#)*