



Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 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: **Will Kempton**, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Trans Authority 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
 - a. Metro Board [Meeting Review](#): Thursday, June 23, 2011:
 1. June 2011 Bus Service Shake-up: (Implemented June 26).
 2. Downtown Regional Connector: geotechnical testing at multiple locations.
 3. Westside Subway Extension: Meetings in progress / BH Issues.
 4. TAP Program Updates: Approved--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. Presentations
 7. Crenshaw Line: Ridley Thomas underground segment / extra station.
 8. 2012 Budget: balanced, many rail projects.
 9. Wilshire BRT Motion: Approved by Metro & LA City, no Condo Canyon.
 - b. Other Transit Operators / Issues:
 1. Torrance / Long Beach / Culver City / Santa Monica / Riverside.
 - c. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, June 10, 2011:
 1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): Improvements Summer 2011 start.
 2. Dodgers (failed) / Angels Baseball train and bus service started.
 3. Fleet replacement: Tier 4 Clean Air Locomotive planning and financing.
 4. Schedule revisions: July 2, 2011; New offerings: express & OC 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 67th issue, [66th issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., July 26, 2011** @ Philippe the Original with Rick Thorpe, Expo Authority, CEO
9. Future Speaker: David Alba, GRID SuperDock on August 23, featuring Ship-to-Rail-to-Ship.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 6 Issue 7

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)

*

* ***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"***