



Meeting: Tuesday, July 26, 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: **Rick Thorpe**, Chief Executive Officer, Exposition Construction Authority 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
 - a. Metro Board [Meeting Preview](#): Thursday, August 4, 2011:
 1. December 2011 Bus Service Shake-up: (Hearings Cancelled).
 2. Downtown Regional Connector: geotechnical testing at multiple locations.
 3. Westside Subway Extension: BH Issues / Federal TIFIA Loan.
 4. TAP Program Updates: 30/7 Day Rolling Pass starts.
 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, July 08, 2011:
 1. Orange County [Service Expansion](#): Improvements July 2, 2011 start.
 2. Dodgers (failed) / Angels Baseball train and bus service started.
 3. Del Mar Train / U-2 Concert Service / Carmageddon Weekend record
 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. Starlight Report.
 - e. High-Speed Rail, next steps:
 1. Lancaster lawsuit, Grapevine Routing
 - 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 68th issue, [67th issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tues., August 23, 2011** @ Philippe the Original with David Alba, Green Rail, CEO
9. Future Speaker: Habib Balian, Gold Line Construction Authority September 27.

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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"](#)*