



Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 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: **David J. Alba**, Project Designer, GRID Rail SuperDock & Shipping Terminal 7:11- 8:10
3. Brief updates 8:15 – 8:45
 - a. Metro Board [Meeting Review](#): Thursday, August 4, 2011:
 1. December 2011 Bus Service Shake-up: (Hearings Cancelled).
 2. Downtown Regional Connector: Green Line / LAX People Mover.
 3. Orange Line Extension / Foothill Gold Line / W Santa Ana Branch.
 4. SF Valley / I-405 Transit Corridor Status and Alternatives. Presentations
 5. Crenshaw Line, Westside Subway Extension: BH Issues / Federal TIFIA Loan
 - b. Other Transit Operators / Issues:
 1. Torrance / Long Beach / Culver City / Santa Monica / Riverside.
 2. LAX FlyAway Meetings & Issues. Westwood, Irvine
 3. GRID Project: Reorganizing Goods Movement: Ship to Rail to Truck.
 4. East Los Angeles: Fixing Bad Alignment Choices.
 5. Gateway Cities Strategic Plan
 - c. Metrolink [Meeting Preview](#): Friday, August 26, 2011:
 1. Strategic Focus: Customer, Connectivity, Benchmarks, Engine & Fleet Update
 2. New Service Initiatives: Through LAUS, Bypass LAUS, Joint to San Diego
 3. Del Mar Train / U-2 Concert Service / Carmageddon Weekend record
 4. Schedule revisions: November 5, 2011; New offerings: Bypass Train.
 5. Quiet Cars / Bike Cars
 - 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, EIR out, Governor Appointment
 - f. Expo Line progress: Engineering / Construction Phase 2 Contract issued.
 1. Project delayed. 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 69th issue, [68th issue out](#))
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tuesday., September 23, 2011** @ Philippe the Original with
Don Sepulveda, Executive Officer, Metro Regional Rail
9. Future Speaker: John E. Fenton, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, October 24.

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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"***