Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2012, 6:45 – 8:46 p.m.

1. Introductions (and information about our nonprofit public charity) 6:59 – 7:10

We need your membership gift to continue our important advocacy work. Please help!

2. Speaker: Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro 7:11 – 8:05

3. Brief updates 8:06 – 8:45
   a. Internship Program
      1. CSUN Transportation Intern Tiger Team Project.
      2. Rail Span of Service & Frequency Project.
   b. Metro Board Meeting Review: Thursday, February 23, 2012:
      1. Downtown Regional Connector / Green Line / LAX People Mover.
      2. Orange Line Extension / W Santa Ana Branch.
      3. SF Valley / JEM Line: I-405 Transit Corridor Status, Presentations.
   c. 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.
      5. Gateway Cities Strategic Plan
   d. Metrolink Meeting Review: Friday, February 10, 2012:
      1. Metrolink High Speed Rail Principles.
      4. Adoption of Locomotive and Equipment Fleet Plan.
   e. Amtrak Coast Starlight / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker)
   f. High-Speed Rail, next steps:
   g. Expo Line progress: Engineering / Construction Phase 2 Contract issued.

4. Project update
   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 75th issue, 74th issue out)

5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting Tuesday, March 27, 2012 @ Metro Gateway Headquarters with Art Leahy, Chief Executive Officer, Metro (Note Special Early Starting Time: 6:30 p.m.)
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Transit
Preserving the Tax Credit Ceiling for Transit Users (currently $130, it was $240 per month) preserved in 2011, expired in December 2011, and possibly up for renewal again. 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”