



## Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 6:29 – 8:46 p.m.

1. Introductions (and information about our nonprofit public charity) 6:29 – 6:40  
**We need your membership gift to continue our important advocacy work. Please help!**
2. Speaker: **Arthur T. Leahy**, Chief Executive Officer, Metro 6:41- 7:15  
**Frank Alejandro**, Executive Officer, Operations, Metro 7:16- 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, March 22, 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.
    4. Crenshaw Line, Westside Subway Extension: BH Issues / Federal TIFIA Loan.
  - 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.
    4. East Los Angeles: Fixing Bad Alignment Choices.
    5. Gateway Cities Strategic Plan
    6. Foothill Gold Line.
  - d. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, March 9, 2012:
    1. Metrolink High Speed Rail Principles.
    2. New Service Initiatives: Through LAUS, Bypass LAUS, Joint to San Diego.
    3. Schedule revisions: Unknown, 2012; New offerings: Bypass Train.
    4. Adoption of Locomotive and Equipment Fleet Plan.
  - e. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker)
    1. LOSSAN Corridor Report. Starlight Report.
    2. National Train Day: Volunteers needed
  - f. High-Speed Rail, next steps:
    1. Business Plan Released, EIR out, Book Ends / Changes, Polling.
  - g. Expo Line progress: Engineering / Construction Phase 2 Contract issued.
    1. Project Segment Opening April 28, 2012. Grand Opening Volunteers needed
4. Project update
  - a. Complete Streets & A Better Inland Empire.
  - b. Office Volunteers Needed.
  - c. Sam's, Kaiser, APTA, City GPF grant.
  - d. Metrolink Max Program: Simplified Service Plan (meetings continue).
  - e. Newsletter (need articles for 76th issue, 75th issue out)
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership renewal updates
7. Board member announcements
8. Next general meeting **Tuesday, April 24, 2012** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters with Roderick Diaz, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro, Green Line Airport Extension

9. Future Speaker: Metro Purple Line Extension, May 22, 2012.

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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)

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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"***