



## Meeting: Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 6:43 – 8:46 p.m.

1. Introductions (and information about our nonprofit public charity) 6:43 – 7:05

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

2. Speaker: **David L. Mieger, AICP**, Deputy Executive Officer, Westside Planning, Metro 7:05 -- 8:05

3. Brief updates 8:06 – 8:46

a. Internship Program:

1. CSUN Transportation Intern Tiger Team Project.
2. SF Valley Nordhoff Streetcar Proposal and Vision.
3. Rail Span of Service & Frequency Project.

b. Metro Board [Meeting Preview](#): Thursday, May 24, 2012:

1. Westside Subway Final EIR (Beverly Hills issues).
2. Orange Line Extension Opens in June (volunteers) / W Santa Ana Branch.
3. SF Valley / JEM Line: I-405 Transit Corridor Status, Presentations.
4. Crenshaw Line / Federal TIFIA Loan.
5. Measure R: November ballot, removal of sunset date.

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. Gateway Cities Strategic Plan.
5. Foothill Gold Line Extension.

d. Metrolink [Meeting Review](#): Friday, May 11, 2012:

1. Departure of CEO John E. Fenton.
2. New Service Initiatives: Through LAUS, Joint to San Diego.
3. Schedule revisions: July 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, May 12, 2012: Review.

f. High-Speed Rail, next steps:

1. State Bond Funding, Run Through Tracks, Book-ends.

g. Expo Line progress: Engineering / Construction Phase 2 Contract issued:

1. Culver City, Farmdale stations open summer (June) 2012.

4. Project update

- a. Complete Streets & A Better Inland Empire.
- b. Office Volunteers Needed. / Intern Applications Accepted.
- c. Sam's, Kaiser, APTA, City GPF grant.
- d. Metrolink Max Program: Simplified Service Plan (meetings continue).
- e. Newsletter (need articles for 78th issue, 77th issue out).

5. Treasurer's Report.

6. Membership renewal updates.

7. Board member announcements.

8. Next general meeting **Tuesday, June 26, 2012** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters.

Subject: Downtown Streetcar Project with speaker.

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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"***