



Meeting: Tuesday, August 28, 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: **Jose Huizar**, LA City Councilmember; **Shiraz Tangri**, LA Streetcar. 7:05 -- 8:05

3. Brief updates 8:06 – 8:46

a. Internship Program:

1. Transportation Intern Tiger Team Project.
2. Rail Span of Service & Frequency Project.
3. Orange Line Betterments.
4. JEM Line.

b. Metro Board [Meeting Review](#): Monday, August 6, 2012:

1. XpressWest (formerly DesertXpress) agreements / High Desert Corridor.
2. Union Station Master Plan / Universal City Pedestrian Overpass.
3. Measure J on the November ballot: Extends Measure R sunset date.

c. Other Transit Operators / Issues:

1. Torrance / Long Beach / Culver City / Santa Monica / Riverside.
2. LAX FlyAway Meetings & Issues: Westwood, Irvine-deceased.
3. GRID Project: Reorganizing Goods Movement: Ship to Rail to Truck.
4. Gateway Cities Strategic Plan.
5. Foothill Gold Line Extension.

d. Metrolink [Meeting Preview](#): Friday, September 14, 2012:

1. Budget Approved / Increased OC Service.
2. High-Speed Rail Funds / Locomotive, Car Improvements.
3. Schedule revisions: July 2012.
4. Adoption of Locomotive and Equipment Fleet Plan, CTC Funds.

e. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues:

1. LOSSAN Corridor Report. Starlight Report.

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. Phase I Culver City and Farmdale Stations open.
2. Phase II Construction to begin on bridges; utility relocations continue.

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 83rd issue, 82nd issue out).

5. Treasurer's Report.

6. Membership renewal updates.

7. Board member announcements.

8. Next general meeting **Wednesday, September 26, 2012** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters.

Featured Speaker: Phillip Law, SCAG, Santa Ana ROW project.

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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)

- * ***Bus Access for the Blind***
- * ***Metro Long Range Transportation Plan update***
- * ***Blue Line Spike in Fatalities***
- * ***Advocacy In Action***

Bus

BRU and the Consent Decree

The SFV Orange Line

- * ***Orange Line extensions to Chatsworth (opened June 30), Bob Hope Airport Metrolink/Amtrak Station, Van Nuys Blvd.***
- * ***Bus Transport after the Consent Decree: Realigned Bus Services***

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

- * ***Westside Subway: Choices for Subway Stations***
- * ***Expo Phase 2 Developments***
- * ***Metro to Build Pedestrian Overpass at Universal City Red Line Station***
- * ***Measure J to go to Voters this November***

Regional Rail

Union Station Run-Through Tracks Project Updates

- * ***Harbor Subdivision ROW in Metrolink's Strategic Plan***
- * ***Metrolink to Fund Additional, Permanent OC Service***
- * ***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"***