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:
      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.
      4. Adoption of Locomotive and Equipment Fleet Plan, CTC Funds.
   e. Amtrak Coast Starlight / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues:
   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 Farndale Stations open.
      2. Phase II Construction to begin on bridges; utility relocations continue.
4. Project update
   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”