



Meeting: Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 6:44 – 8:46 p.m.

1. Introductions (and information about our nonprofit public charity). 6:44 – 7:05

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

2. Speaker: **Philip Law**, Acting Manager, Transit & Rail Dept., Transit Planning Division,
SCAG; Subject: West Santa Ana Branch. 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 Preview](#): Thursday, September 27, 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 Review](#): Friday, September 14, 2012:

1. Budget Approved / Increased OC Service.
2. High-Speed Rail Funds / Locomotive, Car Improvements.
3. Schedule revisions: October 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. Federal Record-of-Decision, 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 84th issue, 83rd issue out).

5. Treasurer's Report.

6. Membership renewal updates.

7. Board member announcements.

8. Next general meeting **Tuesday, October 23, 2012** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters.

Featured Speaker: Expo Line Construction Authority.

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 Metro (Executive) or Metrolink (new CEO).

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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***

* ***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 Funding; Recent Actions on FY 2012-13 Appropriations, "Passenger Rail Improvement and Investment Act"***