



## Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 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: **Brian T. Freund**, Deputy Manager, Expo Line Phase II. 7:05 -- 8:25  
**Aaron D. Kelly**, Associate Principal, RNL Design
3. Brief updates 8:26 – 8:46
  - a. Internship Program:
    1. Transportation Intern Tiger Team Project. (deliverables list).
    2. Rail Span of Service & Frequency Project.
    3. Orange Line Betterments.
    4. JEM Line.
  - b. Metro Board [Meeting Preview](#): Thursday, October 25, 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 30 years.
  - 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, October 12, 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 / New platforms at Union Station.
  - 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 **Wednesday, December 5, 2012** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters.  
Featured Speakers: Metro (Executives-Frank Alejandro / Debra Johnson).

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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; 110 mph test in Illinois\*](#)