



## Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 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: **Frank Alejandro**, Executive Officer, Metro Transit Operations. 7:05 -- 8:25

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, December 13, 2012:

1. XpressWest & (X-train agreements) / High Desert Corridor.
2. Union Station Master Plan / Universal City Pedestrian Overpass.
3. Measure J - failed and LA Streetcar - passed: Lessons learned.

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, December 14, 2012:

1. 2013 Budget / Increased AV Service.
2. High-Speed Rail Funds / Locomotive, Car Improvements.
3. Schedule revisions: March/April 2013.
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 II Construction to begin on bridges; utility relocations continue.

h. Crenshaw Line progress:

1. Team bids due soon.

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 85th issue, 84th issue out).

5. Treasurer's Report.

6. Membership renewal updates.

7. Board member announcements.

8. Next general meeting **Wednesday, January 23, 2013** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters.

Featured Speakers: Regional Rail, Bob Hope Airport, HSR.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Volume 8 Issue 01

### 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)

\* *Measure J Fails at the Polls*

\* *Free Parking and Effects on Business*

\* *CSUN Transportation Tiger Team: Completing Sylmar Street Corners*

### Bus

BRU and the Consent Decree

The SFV Orange Line

\* *Orange Line extensions to Bob Hope Airport Metrolink/Amtrak Station, Van Nuys Blvd.*

\* *Ventura County to Spend State Funds on Transit*

### 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*

\* *Opponents Fail to Stop Rail at the Courts*

\* *Metro to Build Pedestrian Overpass at Universal City Red Line Station*

\* *TOD issues: Villaraigosa Orders Department Heads to Work Together*

### 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*