



Meeting: Thursday, August 29, 2013, 6:41 – 8:46 p.m.

1. Introductions (and information about our nonprofit public charity). 6:41 – 7:05

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

2. Speaker: **Jenna Hornstock**, Deputy Executive Officer, Countywide Planning 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 and frequency.
4. JEM Line: PPP Program at Union Station; Proposed 405 Tunnels.

b. Metro Board [Meeting Preview](#): Thursday, September 26, 2013:

1. State Pension Reform Threatens Federal Funding.
2. Measure R Expenditure Plan: Alameda Corridor East.
3. Antelope Valley Line: Bob Hope Airport train platform.

c. Other Transit Operators / Issues:

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

d. Metrolink [Meeting Preview](#): Friday, September 13, 2013:

1. Ridership decreases and possible solutions.
2. Enhanced event services: LA County Fair.
3. Additional Antelope Valley Sunday service.
4. Finance issues; internal / external audits.

e. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues (Justin Walker):

1. LOSSAN Corridor Report / New platforms at Union Station.

f. High-Speed Rail, next steps:

1. Property acquisitions; judge rules on financial, environmental issues.

g. Expo Line progress:

1. Phase II Construction continues on bridges; final legal hurdles eliminated.

h. Crenshaw Line progress:

1. LAX Connection; Hindry & Leimert Park Stations added.

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 91st issue, 90th issue out).

5. Treasurer's Report.

6. Membership renewal updates.

7. Board member announcements.

8. Next general meeting **Wednesday, September 25, 2013** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters.

Featured Speakers Upcoming: Doug Failing, Art Leahy, Michael DePallo

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Transit

Preserving the Tax Credit Ceiling for Transit Users (currently \$240 per month) preserved in 2011, expired in December 2011, and renewed for 2013.

Transit Oriented Developments (Wilshire/Vermont Red Line, Lincoln Heights Gold Line, Del Mar Gold Line, North Hollywood Red/Orange Lines)

* ***State, Federal Tug-of-War Threatens Transit Funds***

* ***CSUN Transportation Tiger Team***

Bus

BRU issues

The Silver and Orange Lines

* ***Inter-Valley Bus Service: Santa Clarita Transit; Simi Valley Transit***

* ***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***

* ***Expo Line: Final Legal Challenge Dismissed***

* ***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

* ***Metrolink to Raise Fares, Change Weekend Pass to Weekend Day Pass***

* ***Perris Extension EIR Decertified***

* ***Amtrak Funding; 110 mph test in Illinois***