



Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 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: **Michael DePallo**, Chief Executive Officer, Metrolink 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. TTC Fundraising Drive.
 4. JEM Line: PPP Program; Proposed 405 Corridor Tunnel.
 - b. Metro Board Meeting Preview: Thursday, October 24, 2013:
 1. State Pension Reform Threatens Federal Funding. Lawsuit
 2. Measure R Expenditure Plan: Alameda Corridor East.
 3. Crenshaw Project Corporation Board.
 - 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 Review: Friday, October 11, 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:
 1. LOSSAN Corridor Report / Union Station Master Plan.
 - f. High-Speed Rail, next steps:
 1. Property acquisitions; judge to decide ways to move forward.
 - g. Expo Line progress:
 1. Phase II Construction continues on bridges; final legal hurdles eliminated.
 - h. Crenshaw Line progress:
 1. LAX Connection; Project moves ahead.
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 93rd issue, 92nd issue out).
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Membership renewal updates.
7. Board member announcements.
8. Next general meeting **Thursday, November 14, 2013** @ Metro Gateway Headquarters.
Thursday, December 12, 2013 @ Metro Gateway Headquarters
Featured Speaker: Roger Moliere or Arthur T. Leahy

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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)

* ***Federal Shutdown: Effects on Transportation***

* ***Hyperion Bridge "Improvement" Threatens All Users***

Bus

BRU issues

The Silver and Orange Lines

* ***Foothill Transit Silver Streak: Private Operator Faulted***

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

* ***CSUN Transportation Tiger Team***

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: Section I Advisory Group Meeting***

* ***Expo Line: Construction Crosses Halfway Point***

* ***LA Streetcar: Utilities Relocation Costs Higher Than Anticipated***

* ***LA City Council Approves MyFigueroa! Project***

Regional Rail

Union Station Run-Through Tracks Project Updates

* ***Los Angeles Union Station Master Plan***

* ***Perris Extension Construction Underway***

* ***Amtrak Funding; New Website Features, Train Tracking***