



Meeting: Tuesday, December 26, 2006, 6:45 – 8:40 p.m.

1. Introductions 6:50 – 7:00
2. Brief updates: 7:00 – 7:35
 - a. MTA Board Meeting Review: Thursday, December 7, 2006:
 1. Bond Elections: Proposition 1B
 2. Road projects nominated for CA Trans. Comm. consideration
 3. Subway Bill Passes House & Must get through Senate
 4. Times Editorial & Beverly Hills Meeting on Subway
 5. Airport Green Line Proposal
 6. Subway Gating Proposal
 7. Wilshire Rapid Express Expansion
 - b. Metrolink Meeting: Friday, December 8, 2006
 1. Run Through Tracks Funding and Progress
 2. New website being premiered.
 3. Station platform extensions: E. Ontario, Montclair
 - c. Amtrak *Coast Starlight* & Federal Funding Issues
 - d. Expo Line Scoping to begin in February / March
 - e. High Speed Rail Postponed (Website: <<http://www.setecsecurity.com/hsr/>>)
 - f. Rail Customer Council Meeting Review & Set next date
 - g. East LA Gold Line progress
3. Business Plan (officers/board announced) next steps 7:35 – 7:40
4. Project update
 - a. Metro LRTP Setting of Protocols & Dates (April-May) 7:40 – 8:00
 - b. Website Reorganization & Design Update 8:00 – 8:05
 - c. Sam's Club & Hewlett Foundation grant (update) 8:05 – 8:10
 - d. Discussion Board: Volunteer needed 8:10 – 8:15
 - e. Newsletter (plans for articles for 14th issue, 13th issue coming) 8:15 – 8:25
 - f. Blog (<<http://www.metroredline.blogspot.com>>) 8:25 – 8:27
 - g. Metrolink Laguna to Chatsworth Corridor (if time) 8:28 – 8:30
5. Treasurer's Report 8:30 – 8:31
6. Membership renewal update 8:31 – 8:32
7. Board member announcement 8:32 – 8:36
8. Next general meeting **Tuesday, Jan. 23** @ Philippe the Original 8:36 – 8:40

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Transit

Increasing the Tax Credit ceiling for Transit Users (currently it's only \$100 per month/I believe)

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

- * ***Metro Budget Shortfall: How Should Fare Increases Be Implemented?***
- * ***Metro Long Range Transportation Plan update***
- * ***Major Investment Studies Funded for Future Corridors***
- * ***Meetings with Caltrans Dir. Doug Failing, Assemblymember Lloyd Levine***
- * ***Advocacy In Action: North Valley Democratic Club, LAX Area Advisory Meeting presentations***

Bus

BRU and the Consent Decree

The SFV Orange Line

- * ***Orange Line extensions to Bob Hope Airport Metrolink/Amtrak Station, Chatsworth, Van Nuys Blvd.***
- * ***Bus Transport after the Consent Decree: Realigned Bus Services***
- * ***Orange Line Anniversary: Surprise Success***
- * ***Bus Service Shortcomings Harmful to Northeast Valley Economy***

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

- * ***Subway Planning: Waxman Repeal stalls in Senate; Beverly Hills Mass Transit Committee conclusions***
- * ***Turnstiles at Red Line Stations: Are They Worth It?***
- * ***Eastside Gold Line: Tunnel Breakthrough Achieved***

Regional Rail

Union Station Run Through Tracks Project Updates

- * ***Harbor Subdivision ROW in Metrolink's Strategic Plan***
- * ***Metrolink to Fund 2 Station Improvements; New Train Cars***
- * ***Voters Approve Prop 1B: \$4.5 Billion in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account; Project Applications Due January 15***
- * ***Amtrak Authorization and Funding; No action taken on FY 2007 Appropriations, "Passenger Rail Improvement and Investment Act"***