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


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)
* 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”