Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 6:45 – 8:40 p.m.

1. Introductions 6:50 – 7:00

2. Brief updates: 7:00 – 7:45
   a. MTA Board Meeting Review: Thursday, March 22, 2007:
      1. Spillover Funds Siphoned by Governor
      2. Subway Bill Passed House & Must get through Senate S-497
         Referred to Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Cmte on Feb. 6 Held by Sununu
      3. Metro Fare box Recovery and Fare Hikes
      4. Expo Scoping Meetings Report / Review
      5. 710 Freeway Study: Prelim Engineering & Technical Study
      6. Metro Service Cut Proposals announced
   b. Metrolink Meeting: Friday, March 23, 2007
      1. Run Through Tracks Funding and Progress
      2. Antelope Valley Line Rehab; Possible Weekend Expansion
      3. Ridership, Revenue Performance
      4. SF Valley Service Campaign
   c. Amtrak Coast Starlight / LOSSAN & Federal Funding Issues
   d. High Speed Rail Status (Website: <http://www.setecssecurity.com/hsr/>)
      1. Scoping Meetings: March 28 to April 17
   e. Rail Customer Conference March 17 Meeting Review
   f. East LA Gold Line progress

3. Project update
   a. Metro LRTP Setting of Protocols & Dates (Summer) 7:55 – 8:00
   b. Website Reorganization & Design Update 8:00 – 8:05
   c. Sam’s Club & Hewlett Foundation grant (update) 8:05 – 8:10
   d. Metrolink Laguna to Chatsworth Corridor (if time) 8:10 – 8:15
   e. Newsletter (need articles for 16th issue, 15th issue distributed) 8:15 – 8:25
   f. Blog (<http://www.metroredline.blogspot.com> ) 8:25 – 8:27
   g. Discussion Board: New Registration Required Board 8:28 – 8:30

4. Treasurer’s Report 8:30 – 8:31

5. Membership renewal update 8:31 – 8:32

6. Board member announcements 8:32 – 8:36

7. Next general meeting Tuesday, Apr. 24 @ 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)
* Governor Raids Spillover Funds: Update, Legislative Actions
* 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”