



WESTSIDE CITIES

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WSCCOG Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 9:30 AM

Location: Beverly Hills City Hall
Third Floor, Conference Room A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Meeting Notes Revised

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by co-Chair Briskman

II. Follow-up to COG Board Meeting of 5/15/08

Jody Hall Esser updated those in attendance RE actions by the Board at its regular meeting on May 15th including adoption of the Legislative Platform for 2008-09, the Work Program for 2008-10, and the Board discussion regarding the upcoming Metro Board meeting.

III. Exposition Light Rail Project: Continued Discussion RE Proposed Phase I and Phase II Tour for Committee and Board members: Suggested Dates July 25, or Aug 1 or 8 – 3 hrs.)

It was decided that the tour would take place on August 8th, would start from Santa Monica and would commence at 9:30. The gathering place will be announced later; Mrs. Hall Esser will advise the Board. All interested will need to RSVP by the July 28th in order that transportation arrangements can be made.

IV. Project Updates:

A. Exposition Light Rail Project Update + Revised Fact Sheet

Gabby Gonzales provided an update regarding the project, points of neighborhood controversy and pending action by the PUC.

B. Westside Subway Extension Project

Jody Litvak provided an update regarding the status of project analysis.

V. Discussion RE Preparations for Presence/Comments at Metro Board Meeting 6/26/08.

Significant discussion ensued regarding plans for the WSCCOG and fellow advocates for Westside transportation projects presentation at the Metro Board meeting on June 26th. Anticipated speakers and outline of comments to ensure all points would be covered, preparation of a press packet, follow-up advocacy efforts, and the need for something to ensure our supporters would be easily identified were discussed. A series of follow-up conference calls with key staff was arranged to proceed with plans for this presentation.

VI. Receive and File

Copies of the final draft Expo Fact Sheet and Meeting Notes from the Transportation Committee meeting of April 10th were distributed for reference and file.

VII. Public Comment RE Items Not On the Agenda

Barbara Brodie requested all present take the opportunity to encourage their jurisdiction/organization to seize a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a major Westside transit center on the Westside. .

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2008

In Attendance:

Co-Chair Linda Briskman, Councilmember, City of Beverly Hills

Staff:

Beverly Hills: Aaron Kunz, Cheryl Friedling
Culver City: Art Ida, Diana Chang
Los Angeles: Jay Greenstein (CD5)
Santa Monica: Kate Vernez, Ellen Gelbard
West Hollywood: Joan English, Terri Slimmer

WSCCOG: Jody Hall Esser;

Other: Molly O'Brien (Senator Feinstein); Ellen Isaacs (Assembly Member Feuer); Jody Litvak (Metro) Gbby Gonzles (Expo); Barbara Broide (Westwood Neighborhood Council); Ken Ruben (So Cal Transit Advoates); David Murphy and Quinn Mitchell (Building LA's Future)