

AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
April 2, 2007

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

3:45 P.M.

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- 1. Roll Call and Introductions.** A quorum for the voting Rail Policy Committee members consists of a minimum of 6 of the following voting members: Potter (Chair), Smith (Vice-Chair), Armenta, Calcagno, Sollecito, Wilmot, Lutes, Morgan, Ortiz, Rubio.

If you are unable to attend, please make sure that one of your two alternates attends the meeting. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA.**

Any member of the public may address the Rail Policy Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Rail Policy Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for **item 3.1** below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

- 3.1 APPROVE** minutes of March 12, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

– Rodriguez

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** progress report on Monterey-Salinas Transit Bus Rapid Transit study. – Archer **Pages 7 - 9**

Mary Archer of Monterey-Salinas Transit will present a progress report on the Monterey Bay Bus Rapid Transit Study currently underway.

5. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Marina to Salinas Multi-Modal Corridor. – Hoschouer/Arnold **Pages 10 -11**

Stakeholders positioned along the future multi-modal corridor from Marina to Salinas are currently developing a plan line for potential bus rapid transit service. Jim Arnold from the Fort Ord Reuse Authority will give a presentation on the history and future of the corridor.

6. **RECEIVE** update on planned Monterey Peninsula Service state funding allocation and Parsons contract amendment. – Hoschouer **Page 12**

Staff is currently negotiating the first amendment to the contract with Parsons for the completion of the alternatives analysis for the Monterey Branch Line Project. To fund the work staff has requested an allocation of \$825,000 of state funding to be used to complete the federal news starts alternatives analysis and lay the groundwork for the environmental review.

7. **RECEIVE** update on funding from Santa Cruz County for the Pajaro Valley/Watsonville Junction rail station. – Hale **Pages 13 - 14**

On March 13, 2007, the Santa Cruz County Transportation Funding Task Force voted to include \$10 million in the local transportation sales tax expenditure plan for the construction of the Pajaro Valley/Watsonville Junction rail station.

8. **Announcements and/or comments from Rail Policy Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future Rail Policy Committee agendas.**
9. **TAKE** Committee Photo. **No Enclosures**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

Monday, May 7, 2007, 3:45 p.m.

Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901

Light refreshments will be provided

**If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

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- C1** March 7, 2007, letter from Executive Director Hale to Joe Grainger, Harden Foundation Executive Director, re: Support for Harvey-Baker House Application for Technical Assistance Grant.
- C2** March 9, 2007, letter from Executive Director Hale to Robert Chung, California Transportation Commission Deputy Director, re: Monterey Branch Line STIP Allocation Request.
- C3** March 21, 2007 letter from Executive Director Hale to Fred Keeley, Transportation Funding Task Force Convener, re: Santa Cruz contribution to Pajaro/Watsonville Junction Station.
- C4** March 16, 2007, article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, "Santa Cruz County's purchase of rail line in doubt."