

## AGENDA

### TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
January 8, 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, Della Sala, 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.

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**BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for items 4.1 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 November 6, 2006 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Moreno

- 3.2 RECEIVE** update on Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project.  
– Watson **Pages 7 - 9**

*Progress on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project includes comments from the Federal Transit Administration on the draft Alternatives Analysis; discussions with staff of the Caltrans Division of Rail, Caltrain and the Valley Transportation Authority; the production and delivery of the federal environmental report; initiation of the four-round-trip capacity study for Union Pacific; and development of the application for a Local Coastal Program amendment through the County planning department.*

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 4. Take Committee Photo** – Watson **No Enclosures**
- 5. RECEIVE** bus rapid transit presentation by Graham Carey, Project Engineer from Lane Transit District in Eugene, Oregon.  
– Hoschouer **Pages 10 - 12**

*By request of the Rail Policy Committee at the June 2006 meeting, Graham Carey, Bus Rapid Transit Project Engineer for Lane Transit District will present the planning experiences of Lane Transit District in bringing bus rapid transit to Eugene, Oregon.*

- 6. RECEIVE and COMMENT** on the draft 2007 Legislative Program. – Watson  
**Pages 13 - 17**

*The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed state and federal legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state and federal representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.*

The next Rail Policy Committee meeting will be on **February 5, 2006** at 3:45 PM. The RAIL Agenda will be prepared by Transportation Agency staff and will close at noon Tuesday nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

*Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)*

- C1** November 15, 2006 letter from Executive Director Hale to Bill Bronte, Caltrans Division of Rail, re: The Fixed Guideway Plans for Monterey County.
- C2** November 15, 2006 letter from Executive Director Hale to Gale Ogawa, Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation, re: The Fixed Guideway Plans for Monterey County.
- C3** November 27, 2006 letter from Executive Director Hale to Dwayne Weeks, Federal Transit Administration, re: Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Administrative Draft Environmental Assessment Submission.
- C4** November 27, 2006 letter from Executive Director Hale to Ray Sukys, Federal Transit Administration, re: Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Administrative Draft Environmental Assessment Submission.