

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
June 4, 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 TAMC 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 May 7, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

– Watson

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. Parsons Contract Amendment #1 for the Monterey Branch Line Project
– Hoschouer **Pages 8 - 28**

1. **RECOMMEND** that the Board approve amendment #1 to the contract with Parsons Transportation Group to perform an alternatives analysis in the amount of \$825,000, increasing the contract amount to \$1,625,000;
2. **RECOMMEND** that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. **RECOMMEND** that the Board authorize the use of \$825,000 from State Public Transportation Account funding for the contract and approve the sole source declaration to hire Parsons due to their "unique qualifications or experience" as this new work builds on the work they have already performed.

Parsons has been working with Transportation Agency staff on the Monterey Branch Line project for nearly three years and has successfully brought the project to the current stage. With this amendment Parsons will continue to move the project forward with the completion of the alternative analysis.

5. Parsons Contract Amendment #5 for the Caltrain Extension Project
– Watson **Pages 29 - 40**

1. **RECOMMEND** that the Board approve amendment #5 to the contract with Parsons Transportation Group to provide technical assistance to the Agency in negotiations with relevant entities on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project, including preparation of a federal New Starts report, in the amount of \$360,000, increasing the contract amount to \$2,894,270;
2. **RECOMMEND** that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. **RECOMMEND** that the Board authorize the use of \$360,000 from federal earmark funding for the contract and approve the sole source declaration to hire Parsons due to their "unique qualifications or experience" as this new work builds on the work they have already performed.

Parsons has been working with Transportation Agency staff on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project for over five years and has successfully brought the project to the current stage. With this amendment, Parsons will continue to participate in the project and provide technical assistance in strategy and negotiations with Federal Transit Administration, Union Pacific, Caltrain Joint Powers Board and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

6. **RECEIVE** draft scope of work for a consultant to assist with developing a scope of work and assisting with the selection and contract negotiations for the preliminary engineering and design phase of the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project for no more than \$10,000. – Watson

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The Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project is nearing the end of the Project Approval and Environmental Documents phase. The next phase of work, engineering and design, is budgeted at \$10,333,000. With the anticipated approval of the state funding request at the June 7, 2007 California Transportation Commission meeting, agency staff will have secured these funds from the state Traffic Congestion Relief Program, Public Transportation Account, and Proposition 116 Rail Bond funds.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** and/or **COMMENTS** from Rail Policy Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future Rail Policy Committee agendas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

Monday, August 6, 2007, 3:45 p.m.

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

***** Note: July 9, 2007 meeting has been cancelled *****

Light refreshments will be provided

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

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by Tuesday, July 23, 2007

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Online at www.tamcmonterey.org

- C-1** May 22, 2007 letter from Lisa Dobbins, Executive Director, Action Pajaro Valley, to Dwayne Weeks, Federal Transit Administration, re: Support for Caltrain Extension to Monterey County Project.
- C-2** May 18, 2007 letter from Watsonville Mayor Manuel Quintero Bersamin to Dwayne Weeks, Federal Transit Administration, re: Support for Caltrain Extension to Monterey County Project.
- C-3** May 17, 2007 letter from George Dias, Chair, Council of San Benito County Governments, to Dwayne Weeks, Federal Transit Administration, re: Council of San Benito County Governments Support for Caltrain Extension to Monterey County.
- C-4** May 8, 2007 letter from Executive Director Debra L. Hale to Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director, San Benito County Council of Governments, re: Support for Caltrain Extension to Monterey County Project.
- C-5** April 4, 2007 letter from Executive Director Debra L. Hale to the Honorable John Laird, re: Governor's Proposed 2007-08 Budget: Oppose Public Transportation Funding Cuts.
- C-6** March 26, 2007 letter from Executive Director Debra L. Hale to Howard Goode, Caltrain Special Project Director, re: Regional Rail Plan: Monterey County Section.