

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of June 4, 2007

Meeting held at

TAMC

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	AUG 06	SEPT 06	OCT 06	NOV 06	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	-	<b>C</b>	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P(A)	-	P	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)
J. Smith, Dist. 4 Vice Chair (C. Link)	P	<b>N</b>	P	E	<b>N</b>	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist. 5 Chair (K. Lee)	E	<b>C</b>	P	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P	P(A)	P	P
G. Wilmot, Marina (M. Morrison)	-	<b>E</b>	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, W. Reichmuth)	P	<b>L</b>	P	P	<b>L</b>	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)
J. Lutes, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Rifa)	P	<b>L</b>	P(A)	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
K. Morgan, Sand City (S. Matarazzo)	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	<b>E</b>	P(A)	<b>E</b>	P	P	E	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Ingersoll, S. Bloomer)	P	<b>D</b>	P	P	<b>D</b>	E	<b>D</b>	P	P	P	P
R. Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)		-	E		E		P	P(A)	P(A)	P
R. Rubio, AMBAG (M. Griffin)	P		P	P		E		P	P	P	P
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	-		-	P (VC)		-		E	P (TC)	P (VC)	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Archer)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)
<b>COMMITTEE STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P		P	P		P		P	P	P	P
D. Bachman, Dep. Exec. Director						P		P	P	P	P
K. Hoschouer, Trans. Planner	P		P	P		P		P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Sr. Admin. Asst.	P		P	P		P		P	E	E	E
C. Watson, Sr. Trans. Planner	P		P	P		P		P	P	P	P
E – Excused                      VC – Video Conference A – Alternate                    TC – Teleconference											

**1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Burke	Monterey resident	AJ Farrar	Bike/Ped. Committee
Ana Burke	Monterey resident	Mark Griffin	AMBAG
Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger Assn. of California	Bob Scales	Parsons

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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**M/S/C** Reichmuth/Armenta/unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of May 7, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. PARSONS CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROJECT**

**M/S/C** Armenta/Rubio/unanimous

- 1. RECOMMENDED** 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. RECOMMENDED** 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. RECOMMENDED** 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.

The Committee directed agency staff to meet with AMBAG staff to discuss options for the aerial photography.

5. **PARSONS CONTRACT AMENDMENT #5 FOR THE CALTRAIN EXTENSION PROJECT**  
M/S/C Armenta/Wilmot/unanimous

1. **RECOMMENDED** 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. **RECOMMENDED** 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. **RECOMMENDED** 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. **SCOPE OF WORK FOR PHASE II ASSISTANCE FOR THE CALTRAIN EXTENSION PROJECT**

The Committee received 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.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Staff reminded the committee of the cancellation of the July meeting.

Committee member Armenta noted that the Board of Supervisors has recess the first three weeks of August and that he would not attend the August 6, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting as a result.

Executive Director Hale noted that the agency was planning a community leaders meeting for 11:30 a.m. on June 28, 2007 at the Laguna Seca golf club to discuss the expenditure plan and survey information in preparation for a local transportation sales tax.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Correspondence is available online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org).

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair, Dave Potter, adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.