

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of March 12, 2007

Meeting held at

TAMC

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	MAY 06	JUN 06	JUL 06	AUG 06	SEPT 06	OCT 06	NOV 06	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	-	P	C	-	C	P(A)	P	C	P	C	P(A)
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	-	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)
J. Smith, Dist. 4 Vice Chair (C. Link)	P	P	N	P	N	P	E	N	P(A)	N	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist. 5 Chair (K. Lee)	P	P	C	E	C	P	P	C	P	C	P
G. Wilmot, Marina (K. Gray)	P	P	E	-	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
C. Della Sala, Monterey (F. Sollecito, R. Deal, W. Reichmuth)	P	P(A)	L	P	L	P	P	L	P(A)	L	P(A)
J. Lutes, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Rifa)	P(A)	P(A)	L	P	L	P(A)	P(A)	L	P(A)	L	P
K. Morgan, Sand City (S. Matarazzo)	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	P(A)	E	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Ingersoll, S. Bloomer)	P	E	D	P	D	P	P	D	E	D	P
R. Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		-	E		E		P
R. Rubio, AMBAG (T. Muck)	P	E		P		P	P		E		P
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	P (VC)	E		-		-	P (VC)		-		E
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Archer)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		P(A)
COMMITTEE STAFF											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P	P		P		P	P		P		P
D. Bachman, Dep. Exec. Director									P		P
K. Hoschouer, Trans. Planner				P		P	P		P		P
E. Rodriguez, Sr. Admin. Asst.	<i>E</i>	<i>P</i>		<i>P</i>		<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>		<i>P</i>		<i>P</i>
Jeff Morgan, Asst Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P		-		-	E		-		-
C. Watson, Sr. Trans. Planner	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, Dave Potter, called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Luis Osorio	County of Monterey	Rob Russell	City of Salinas
Howard Goode	Caltrain	Shandell Frank	County of Monterey
Chris Cypret	Division of Rail	Wendy Johnsen	Caltrans
Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger Assn. of California	Bob Scales	Parsons
Luis Mendez	SCCRTC	Barbara Nelson	City of Seaside
David Burke	Monterey resident	Anna Burke	Monterey resident
Marlys Maher	Salinas resident		

2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Wilmot/Reichmuth/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of January 8, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

Ralph Rubio abstained from the approval of the January 8, 2007, Rail Policy minutes, because he was not in attendance.

3.2 Received the list of dates and locations scheduled for community meetings in Monterey County.

3.3 Recommended that the Board of Directors reappoint Richard V. Ortiz, Mayor of the City of Soledad, as the representative to the Rail Policy Committee from South Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. REGIONAL RAIL PLAN

The Committee received a presentation from Howard Goode of Caltrain on the San Francisco Bay Regional Rail Plan, and provided input into the Regional Plan as it affects Monterey County. The Regional Rail plan objective is to set up a consistent framework for regional rail investment decisions that will lead to a safe, fast, reliable and integrated passenger and freight rail network.

5. **UPDATED CAPITAL, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR THE MONTEREY BRANCH LINE**

M/S/C Rubio/Lutes/unanimous

The Committee received a presentation from Bob Scales of Parsons on the updated capital, operations, and maintenance costs of the Monterey Branch Line project. The Monterey Branch Line project is currently undergoing an alternatives analysis to assist the Transportation Agency with its selection of a preferred transit mode and limits of operation along the branch line corridor. Alternatives include bus rapid transit, light rail transit or a combination of the two. An enhanced bus alternative has also been included, as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

Gary Wilmot, City of Marina, commented on the high cost for the Marina-to-Salinas fixed guideway as presented in Bus Rapid Transit Alternative 3. Jyl Lutes, City of Salinas, agreed with Mr. Wilmot that the alternative presented was too expensive and asked if Mr. Scales could return to the committee with an analysis of a cheaper bus rapid transit alternative for the congested Marina-to-Salinas corridor.

Chair Potter directed staff to agendize the discussion of the Marina-to Salinas corridor at a future date.

GROUP PHOTO

The Rail Policy Committee took a group photo.

6. **CALTRANS SITE VISITS**

Christina Watson reported that Wendy Johnsen of Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation, Chris Cypret of Caltrans Division of Rail, Howard Goode of Caltrain and Agency staff toured the rail projects' station sites on March 12, 2007.

7. **REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Rail Policy Committee meeting will be on April 2, 2007 at 3:45 p.m.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Correspondence is available online at www.tamcmonterey.org.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair, Dave Potter, adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.