

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
May 7, 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, 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.**
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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 April 2, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Watson

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** report on funding requests for the rail projects in Monterey County.
– Hale **Pages 7 - 10**

The California Transportation Commission will consider requests for a total of \$5,845,000 for rail projects in Monterey County at meetings in April, May and June 2007, for the alternatives analysis of the Monterey Peninsula Service project, improvements to the coast mainline track, and design and engineering of the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project.

5. **Parsons Contract Amendment #1 for the Monterey Branch Line Project**
– Hoschouer **Pages 11 - 14**

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.

6. **RECEIVE** update on Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project.
– Watson **Pages 15 - 19**

Recent progress on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project includes a revised Alternatives Analysis and revised federal environmental report and discussions with Union Pacific, Caltrain and the Valley Transportation Authority on technical requirements for the project.

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

Page	CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS
No.	<i>Online at www.tamcmonterey.org</i>
20-	March 22, 2007 letter from William Bassett, Attorney, Caltrans, to Debra
21	Hale, Executive Director, re: Use of Proposition 116 Funds on Monterey Branch Line Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

Monday, June 4, 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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