

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of September 10, 2007

Meeting held at

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

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

**1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Burke	Monterey resident	Debby Platt	City of Marina
Marlys Maher	Salinas resident	Bob Scales	Parsons
Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger Assn. of California	A.J. Farrar	Bike/Ped. Committee

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Agency staff announced that at the next Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting will be held on September 21, 2007 in Soledad.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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**M/S/C** Armenta/Wilmot/unanimous  
Approved minutes of June 4, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. CAPITAL COST REDUCTIONS FOR THE MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROJECT**

**M/S/C** Wilmot/Rubio/unanimous  
The Committee received a presentation from staff and Bob Scales of Parsons on reduced capital cost options for the Monterey Branch Line project. The agency is evaluating options for reducing capital project costs to make the project as competitive as possible for Federal "Small Starts" rail transit funding.

The Committee provided comments that the capital cost reductions made not constrain future options for transit service or capacity on the Monterey Branch line, and should take into account their impact on projected ridership.

**5. CALTRAIN EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

**M/S/C** Wilmot/Rubio/unanimous

The Committee received an update on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project.

Staff reported that recent progress on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project includes meetings with Federal Transit Administration to review revised Alternatives Analysis and federal environmental reports; Union Pacific to discuss progress on the mainline capacity study that is underway; and City of Salinas meetings on issues surrounding the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center and anticipated City selection of a preferred station site layout.

Ms. Watson announced that staff will report back to the Committee on new federal Small Starts Program guidance at a future date.

**6. REGIONAL RAIL PLANS**

**M/S/C** Rubio/Wilmot/unanimous

The Committee received a report on impacts of the San Francisco Bay Regional Rail plan, High-Speed Rail plan, and Caltrain's Project 2025 on Monterey County rail and rapid bus projects.

Staff noted that a letter was sent regarding the Regional Rail Plan incorporating the committee's comments. Agency representatives also provided public testimony in support of the Pacheco Pass alignment for future High-Speed Rail service being planned between San Francisco and Los Angeles, as this alignment would coordinate with Caltrain service and the agency's plan to extend Caltrain to Salinas. The Committee also received a report that electrification of the Caltrain corridor rail line would not impact the equipment options or costs for the agency's Caltrain extension project.

Chair Potter requested that staff send a comment letter on the High-Speed Rail project pertaining to the November 2008 ballot requiring support from coastal residents. Public testimony was provided asking the agency to lobby for better coordination between the various agencies involved in planning existing and future rail services in California.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

**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 4:35 p.m.