

AGENDA
*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 7, 2008
*****3:00 P.M.*****

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

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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), Rubio (Vice-Chair), Armenta, Calcagno, Mettee-McCutchon, Wilmot, Sollecito, Villegas, Morgan, Ortiz.
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 ON TODAY'S AGENDA.**
Any person may address the Transportation Agency Board at this time. Presentations should not exceed three minutes, *should be directed to an item on today's agenda*, and should be within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Agency Board.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for **items 3.1 - 3.3** 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 February 25, 2008 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Cook **Pages 5 - 8**

- 3.2 **APPROVE** change of start time for the regular monthly Rail Policy
Committee meetings from 3:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Watson
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*The Rail Policy Committee Chair requested approval of a change of
committee meeting start time from 3:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

- 3.3 **RECOMMEND** that the Board ratify agreement with Monterey-Salinas
Transit regarding funding for operations on the Caltrain Extension to
Monterey County project. – Watson **Pages 10 - 13**

*Attached is the Joint Transportation Agency for Monterey County/
Monterey-Salinas Transit Memorandum regarding Operations Funding:
Caltrain Extension to Monterey County Project that was approved by the
Monterey-Salinas Transit Board of Directors on March 17, 2008.*

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** draft final Union Pacific Capacity Study report “Gilroy-Salinas
Service Railroad Capacity and Performance Analysis”. – Watson
Pages 14 - 23

*Union Pacific requires the proponents of proposed new passenger rail
services to contract with Washington Group, Inc. to perform an analysis of
the capacity of the mainline track. This study shows improvements to the
track system that would be required in order to have no negative impact on
freight rail traffic.*

5. **RECEIVE** presentation on completed aerial photography and topographic
surveying of the Monterey Branch Line. – Hoschouer/Scales
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*The aerial photography and topographic surveying for the Monterey
Branch Line has been completed. Kristen Hoschouer and Bob Scales will
present the findings.*

6. **RECEIVE** report on March 10, 2008 trip on board the Tioga Pass Rail Car.
– Potter/Bachman **No Enclosures**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

Monday, May 5, 2008 3:00 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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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Online at www.tamcmonterey.org

- C-1** February 19, 2008 news release from Amtrak, “Amtrak Extends Coast Starlight Service: Thruway Motorcoach Service available between Sacramento and Portland Train Service continues between Los Angeles and Sacramento”.
- C-2** March 1, 2008 article in the *Ventura County Star*, “Commuter train to Santa Barbara in 2 years seen”.
- C-3** March 3, 2008 news release from Amtrak, “Amtrak to Celebrate National Train Day [May 10]: Events Scheduled in Washington, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles”.
- C-4** March 4, 2008 article in the *Register Pajaronian*, “Federal money sought for train station”
- C-5** March 6, 2008 staff report to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission from Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner, re: Federal Appropriation Request for Pajaro/Watsonville Rail Station.
- C-6** March 10, 2008 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Amtrak customers facing delays after freight train derailment”.
- C-7** March 13, 2008 letter from Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Rail Policy Committee Chair Dave Potter to Tioga Pass Railcar owner Norm Orfall, re: Thank you.
- C-8** Articles in the March 2008 RailPAC newsletter, “Amtrak Extends Coast Starlight Service” and “RailPAC Co-Sponsors Intercity Passenger Rail Day”.
- C-9** Articles from Railway Age’s Late Breaking Rail Industry News from February 27 – March 12, including several items about light rail projects.
- C-10** March 17, 2008 staff report to the Monterey-Salinas Transit Board of Directors from Hunter Harvath, Director of Administration, re: Caltrain Funding Memorandum of Understanding.
- C-11** March 20, 2008 article in the *Monterey County Weekly*, “Chugging Along: Officials are planning bigger, faster, more transit lines around Monterey County”
- C-12** March 20, 2008 article in the *Monterey County Weekly*, “Had It, Lost It: Passenger rail once connected the entire Central Coast.”
- C-13** March 20, 2008 article in the *Monterey County Weekly*, “Who’s on board? Supporters hope high-speed north-south train won’t be derailed by politics, money.”