

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Final Minutes of August 4, 2008*  
 Meeting held at  
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	<b>OCT 07</b>	<b>NOV 07</b>	<b>DEC 07</b>	<b>JAN 08</b>	<b>FEB 08</b>	<b>MAR 08</b>	<b>APR 08</b>	<b>MAY 08</b>	<b>JUN 08</b>	<b>JUL 08</b>	<b>AUG 08</b>
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	-	<b>C</b>	<b>N</b>	P	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P(A)
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	<b>O</b>	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>O</b>	P(A)
I. Mettee-McCutchon, Dist. 4 (C. Link)	P(A)	<b>N</b>		P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P		P(A)
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee)	P(A)	<b>C</b>	<b>M</b>	P	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>M</b>	P(A)
G. Wilmot, Marina (J. Ford)	-	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	-	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey ( <del>C. Della Sala</del> , W. Reichmuth)	P	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	P(A)	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P
S. Villegas, Salinas (R. Russell, <del>J. Serrano</del> )	P(A)	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	P(A)	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P	<b>T</b>	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (Vacant)	P	<b>E</b>	<b>I</b>	-	P(A)	<b>E</b>	-	<b>E</b>	P	<b>I</b>	P
R. Rubio, Seaside, Vice Chair (D. Ingersoll, S. Bloomer)	E	<b>D</b>	<b>N</b>	P	E	<b>D</b>	P	<b>D</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P
R. Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P		<b>G</b>	P	P		-		P	<b>G</b>	-
R. Rubio, AMBAG (M. Griffin)	E			P	E		P		P		P
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	P (VC)			P (TC)	P (TC)		E		P (TC)		P (TC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath)	P(A)			-	-		P(A)		-		P(A)
<b>STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P			P	P		E		P		P
D. Bachman, Dep. Exec. Director	P			P	P		P		E		E
K. Hoschouer, Trans. Planner	P			P	P		P		P		P
C. Watson, Sr. Trans. Planner	P			P	P		P		E		P
A. Cook, Assoc. Trans. Planner	P			P	P		P		P		P

E – Excused  
 A – Alternate  
 VC – Video Conference  
 TC – Teleconference

**1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chair Ralph Rubio called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jim Bogart	Grower-Shipper Association of Central CA	Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger Association of CA
Bob Scales	Parsons	Mike Gallant	MST
Tom Treanor	Carmel Valley resident	Marlys Maher	Salinas resident
A.J. Farrar	Monterey resident	James Serrano	City of Salinas
Todd Muck	TAMC staff	Carole Dawson	City of Seaside
Hank Myers	TAMC staff		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Wilmot/ Villegas/ unanimous - Matarazzo abstaining (3.2)

**3.1** Approved minutes of June 2, 2008 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**3.2** Recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Approve the scope of work for the contract with Woodside Consulting Group to provide Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Assistance with Negotiations services not to exceed the amount of \$200,000; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorize the use of no more than \$200,000 from federal earmark funding for the contract.

**3.3** Received report on 2008 APTA Rail Conference.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE: UPDATE ON MODE ALTERNATIVES AND SELECTION OF LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

M/S/C Wilmot/ Sollecito/ unanimous

The Committee approved the list of mode alternatives for the Monterey Branch Line.

Transportation Planner Kristen Hoschouer presented an updated list of alternatives and timeline for selecting a locally preferred alternative. The staff-recommended list eliminated the combination Bus Rapid Transit/Light Rail alternative from further consideration due to cost and ridership estimates.

In response to the Committee's discussion, staff agreed to return to the committee with additional information on bus-rapid transit guideway utilization by multiple Monterey-Salinas Transit lines at a subsequent meeting.

**4.1 RAIL FREIGHT PROGRAM: PARTICIPATION IN RAIL FREIGHT STUDY**

M/S/C Wilmot/ Sollecito/unanimous

Recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, to study the feasibility and industry interest in utilizing rail carriers for transport of agricultural products in addition to the current direct ship by truck to market;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to make changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorize the use of no more than \$15,000 from Regional Surface Transportation Program interest funding for the agreement.

Executive Director Hale made a presentation to the Committee on the Grower-Shipper Association's request that the Agency participate in a study to analyze the feasibility of transporting Monterey County agricultural products via Union Pacific rail in response to increased gas prices and trucking costs. Staff recommended that the Agency contribute \$15,000 to the cost of the study in order to be an equal partner in the project, with the option to increase the Agency's contribution at a later date if necessary to complete the study.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Executive Director Hale advised that the Agency received proof of placement of the Agency's transportation sales tax measure on the November 4, 2008 ballot, which has been designated as "Measure Z."

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Rubio adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.