

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

\*\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\*\*

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of February 25, 2008

Meeting held at

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

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

**1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair, Dave Potter, called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger Assn. of California	Rob Russell	City of Salinas
Marlys Maher	Salinas resident	Bob Scales	Parsons
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Tom Hicks	MST

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Armenta/Wilmot/unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of January 7, 2008 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**3.2** Received report on Federal Transit Administration New Starts allocations for fiscal year 2009.

**3.3** Recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the State of California Employment Development Department.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. CALTRAIN EXTENSION PROJECT BUDGET**

M/S/C Wilmot/Sollecito/unanimous

Received update on Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project budget.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that the total project cost is estimated at \$101 million in year-of-expenditure dollars. The Agency has secured over \$30 million to date for this project, including State Transportation Improvement Program, state Proposition 116 rail bond funds, state Transportation Congestion Relief Program funds, a federal earmark, federal air quality funds, and local contributions. The Agency is finalizing the requirements of an alternatives analysis to qualify the project for Federal Transit Administration "New Starts" ("Small Starts") funds to help fill the gap. The project's next milestones will be agreements with Caltrain and Union Pacific. The Transportation Agency is aiming for the start of service in early 2011.

5. **SCOPE OF WORK: CALTRAIN COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT ASSISTANCE WITH NEGOTIATIONS**

M/S/C Armenta/Sollecito/unanimous

Recommended the Board approve the draft scope of work for Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Assistance with Negotiations and authorize the Executive Director to release the request for proposals.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that Parsons is under contract to the Agency to provide technical assistance in strategy and negotiations with Federal Transit Administration, Union Pacific, Caltrain Joint Powers Board and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. This Request for Proposals is for additional outside contract assistance to Agency and Parsons staff in these negotiations.

Chair Potter reported that the San Jose City Council has expressed support for the Agency's Caltrain Extension project to Salinas.

6. **STEINBECK SALINAS SPECIAL**

Received information about a potential special train to Salinas in September 2008.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that Art Lloyd, Board Member of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and Peninsula Corridor Caltrain Joint Powers Board, is working with Caltrain staff to coordinate a possible Steinbeck Special train to Salinas on Sunday, September 21, 2008. Agency staff will coordinate with Mr. Lloyd and Caltrain staff to schedule events such as a luncheon at Steinbeck Center and a welcoming party at the train station as soon as it is confirmed.

Ms. Watson advised that this special trip to Salinas would use existing Caltrain cars.

7. **BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS IN THE INVESTMENT PLAN**

M/S/C Wilmot/Armenta/unanimous

Received information on the Bus Rapid Transit Projects in the Transportation Investment Plan.

Transportation Planner Kristen Hoschouer reported that transit projects are scheduled to receive 20% of the transportation sales tax funds. Seventy-five percent of the transit program funding will be devoted to rapid bus projects.

8. **COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

M/S/C Armenta/Wilmot/unanimous

The Committee elected District 5 Supervisor Dave Potter as Chair and Seaside Mayor Ralph Rubio as Vice Chair for 2008-2010.

9. **TAKE COMMITTEE PHOTO FOR 2008**

This item was postponed to a future date.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Chair Potter requested that future Rail Policy Committee Meetings be scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m. with the Committee's concurrence.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence is available online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org).

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair, Dave Potter, adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.