

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
January 7, 2008

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, Sollecito, 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.  
Any member of the public may address the Rail Policy Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Rail Policy Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

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**BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for **items 3.1-3.4** 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 October 1, 2007 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Cook

**Pages 5 - 7**

- 3.2 APPROVE** 2008 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings. – Watson  
**Pages 8**

*The proposed schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings for 2008 follows the existing pattern of meetings on the first Monday of the month at 3:45 p.m. except July and December, when all committee meetings are cancelled due to the summer holiday, and September, when the meeting is on the second Monday of the month due to Labor Day holiday conflicts.*

- 3.3 RECEIVE** report on Rail~Volution Conference. – Hoschouer  
**Pages 9 - 12**

*Kristen Hoschouer, Transportation Planner, attended the Rail~Volution conference this past October. Key themes for the conference were: creative and effective financing for public private or combination projects and building collaborative partnerships with the development community. Many of the workshops and charrettes are specifically applicable to the Monterey Branch Line Project and the Fort Ord Transit-Oriented Development project.*

- 3.4 RECEIVE** final 2008 Legislative Program. – Watson **Pages 13 - 18**

*The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed state and federal legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state and federal representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.*

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 4. RECEIVE** update on Monterey Peninsula Service project progress, options, and timeline and **DISCUSS** timing of selecting locally preferred alternative. – Hoschouer/Scales **Pages 19 - 20**

*The Monterey Branch Line project is continuing to progress. Transportation Agency staff has presented updates to the project at Monterey Peninsula City Council meetings this summer and fall. Aerial photography, noise studies, and transit patronage forecasts are presently being prepared for the Federal Alternatives Analysis.*

5. **RECEIVE** update on Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project progress and timeline. – Watson/Scales **Pages 21 - 22**

*Progress on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project since the last report to this committee in September 2007 includes meetings with the Caltrain Joint Powers Board on operations issues; Union Pacific on capacity study progress; City of Salinas on the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center; and Monterey County on the Castroville undercrossing project.*

6. **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, February 4, 2008, 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:**

**Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator**

**by Tuesday, January 22, 2007**

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The next Rail Policy Committee agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon Tuesday, January 22, 2007 nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

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**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**  
*Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)*

- C-1** September 28, 2007 letter from Transportation Agency for Monterey County Executive Director Debra L. Hale to Community Foundation for Monterey County President/ CEO Todd Lueders, re: Support for Harvey-Baker House Application for Technical Assistance Grant.
- C-2** September 30, 2007 letter from Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Executive Director George Dondero to California High Speed Rail Authority Chair Quentin L. Kopp, re: Support for the Pacheco Pass Alignment for the California High Speed Train.
- C-3** October 5, 2007 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Rail project first step approved; Salinas: Station would displace long-standing business”.
- C-4** October 24, 2007 letter from Caltrain Joint Powers Board Chair José Cisneros to Dwayne Weeks, Federal Transit Administration, re: Support for Caltrain Extension to Monterey County Project.
- C-5** October 25, 2007 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Panel gives buses a boost; Draft tax plan pulls rail funding”.
- C-6** November 18 and 15, 2007 articles from *Santa Cruz Sentinel*: “Transportation tax plan won't be an easy sell”, “As We See It: Transportation measure: End gridlock of special interests”, “Transit task force crafts \$600 million sales tax measure” and “Santa Cruz County transit task force crafts sales tax measure”.
- C-7** November 23, 2007 article in the *San Jose Mercury News*, “Caltrain may add two trains to weekday evening service: lower maintenance costs to help pay for additional trips”.
- C-8** December 4 and 6, 2007 articles in the *Salinas Californian*: “County transportation wish list goes to board: Rail extension no longer part of TAMC's \$1.8B proposal” and “Sales tax projects approved”.
- C-9** December 10, 2007 letter from Caltrans Director Will Kempton to Dwayne Weeks, Federal Transit Administration, re: Support for Caltrain Extension to Monterey County Project.