

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
September 8, 2008
3:00 P.M.

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

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1. **QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER.** 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, Matarazzo, 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 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.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for **item 3.1** 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 August 4, 2008 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Cook **Pages 4 - 6**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Coast Daylight project. – Watson/Rodgers
Pages 7 - 8

Peter Rodgers, Administrative Director, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, will attend this meeting to present on the Coast Daylight project.

5. **RECEIVE** report on Director's visit to the North County Transit District's SPRINTER light rail in Oceanside, California. – Hale **Pages 9 - 10**

While at the Coastal Commission meeting in August, the Executive Director had the opportunity to visit the SPRINTER light rail service that runs the 22 miles between Oceanside and Escondido.

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, October 6, 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:

Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator

by Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Christina@tamcmonterey.org

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Online at www.tamcmonterey.org

- C-1** August 2, 2008 letter from Ronald J. Pasquinelli, President, Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, to Debra L. Hale, Executive Director re: Monterey Branch Line project.
- C-2** August 8, 2008 article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, "County transportation leaders land \$14 million deal to buy Union Pacific rail line."
- C-3** August 8, 2008 article in the *Register Pajaronian*, "Regional Transportation Commission agrees to purchase Santa Cruz rail line."
- C-4** August 11, 2008 articles from www.ProgressiveRailroading.com: "Transit agencies kick their environmental efforts up a notch as they strive to become green leaders"; "Class Is draft sustainability programs with one eye on stewardship and the other on entrepreneurship"; "Shades of Green: Rail already is the choice for eco-friendly freight and passenger mobility. Now, railroads and transit agencies are setting their sustainability sights even higher".
- C-5** August 18, 2008 article from www.ProgressiveRailroading.com: "All-time-high 2.75 million passengers ride Amtrak in July".
- C-6** August 26, 2008 article in the *Sacramento Bee*, "Schwarzenegger reverses course; will sign high-speed rail bill."