

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

DRAFT Minutes of September 8, 2008

Meeting held at

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

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

E – Excused
A – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rubio called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

A.J. Farrar	Monterey resident	Robert Cruickshank	Member of Public
Marlys Maher	Salinas resident	Carole Dawson	City of Seaside
Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger Association of CA	Pete Rodgers	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
William Sabo	Monterey Peninsula Airport	George Dondero	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Mike Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Sollecito/ Villegas unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of August 4, 2008 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COAST DAYLIGHT PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the Coast Daylight project. Peter Rodgers, Administrative Director, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, reported on the Amtrak Coast Daylight project, a joint Caltrans/ Amtrak effort headed up by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council, chaired by Supervisor Dave Potter. The project calls for one daily round trip on the existing Union Pacific-owned tracks between downtown San Francisco and downtown Los Angeles to complement the existing Amtrak Coast Starlight service.

Staff announced that the next Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting will take place on September 19, 2008 at the Paraiso Winery in Soledad from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

5. VISIT TO SPRINTER IN OCEANSIDE

The Committee received a report on Executive Director Debbie Hale's visit to the North County Transit District's SPRINTER light rail in Oceanside, California. The SPRINTER runs 22 miles between Oceanside and Escondido.

Staff agreed to arrange a tour for interested committee members of the SPRINTER light rail service in San Diego County and the Los Angeles Orange Line bus rapid transit service. Staff also agreed to report back to the committee with additional information of the population and densities of the cities along the SPRINTER route for comparison purposes with the Agency's proposed service along the Monterey Branch Line.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Potter asked if anyone objected to canceling the October 6, 2008 Rail Policy Committee meeting due to a lack of critical reports. With no objections, Chair Potter cancelled the meeting and announced the next meeting would be on November 3, 2008.

George Dondero of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission announced that the Commission is in the process of working with Union Pacific Railroad to acquire the Santa Cruz Branch Line, and was interested in continuing dialogue and coordination with the Transportation Agency on each county's respective rail services. Mr. Dondero reported that the Commission was supportive of providing funds for the proposed Pajaro Rail station, which could be funded through a future Santa Cruz County sales tax measure.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.