

## **AGENDA**

### **TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of Monday  
**August 17, 2009**

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

**3:00 P.M.**

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- 1. Quorum Check, Call to Order 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), Rubio (Vice-Chair), Armenta, Calcagno, Parker, Delgado, 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.
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**BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for **items 3.1-3.2** 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 May 4, 2009 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Cook **Pages 7 - 9**

**3.2 RECIEVE** letters and discussions between TAMC and the Monterey County Hospitality Association regarding the Monterey Branch Line Project. – Hale **Pages 10 - 13**

*In July, Board Chairman Sollecito, Rail Policy Committee Chairman Potter, and Agency Staff met and resolved concerns addressed by the Hospitality Association in regards to the planned Monterey Branch Line Project.*

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. RECEIVE and DISCUSS** Monterey Branch Line Phasing Options.  
– Scales/Bachman **Pages 14 - 17**

*Near completion, the final chapter of the Monterey Branch Line Alternatives Analysis will highlight capital and operating cost estimates and ridership forecasts for phasing of mode alternatives. Staff and project consultant Parsons Transportation Group will present the phasing alternatives and report on the latest information in preparation for selection of a locally preferred alternative at the September 2009 board meeting.*

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Watson **Pages 18 - 19**

*Progress on the Commuter Extension project since the last report to this Committee includes revisions to the draft “Make The Case” document and Transit System User Benefits calculations, progress on the advance/ hardship acquisition of a property in Salinas, and discussions regarding the Castroville station.*

6. **Commuter Rail Extension Project Update - Watson**  
**Pages 20 - 29**

**RECOMMEND** that the Board of Directors:

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for the contract with Parsons Transportation Group to continue work on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$27,850;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment 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 \$27,850 from federal earmark funding for the contract.

*Staff has been in discussions with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Agency to run the proposed commuter rail service between Salinas and San Jose. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Agency have requested that we evaluate what design changes would be required to accommodate the longer Capitol trains at the Salinas layover facility and other station platforms, as well as other considerations. Staff requests a contract amendment for Parsons Transportation Group to continue project management, revise conceptual designs and estimate the probable cost of these design changes.*

7. **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, September 14, 2009**

**(due to Labor Day conflicts)**

**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, September 1, 2009**

[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)

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**Monday thru Friday**

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The next Rail Policy Committee agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon **Tuesday, September 1, 2009** 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** April 16, 2009 letter from Sam Farr, Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Jerry McNerney, Michael M Honda, Anna Eshoo, Jacki Speier, to Mr. Peter M. Rogoff, Federal Transit Administration, re: Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey county
- C-2** April 28, 2009 letter from S.O. Wilmert to The Transportation Agency for Monterey County, re: Rail Transportation in Monterey County
- C-3** April 2009 article in *Railway Age*, “Bus Rapid Transit: Option or Oxymoron”.
- C-4** May 4, 2009 letter from Debra L. Hale to S.O. Wilmert, re: Rail Transportation in Monterey County
- C-5** May 28, 2009 letter from Leslie T. Rogers to Debra L. Hale, re: Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension Project Request for Hardship Property Acquisition Categorical Exclusion.
- C-6** June 2, 2009 letter from Debra L. Hale to Don Gage, re: Support for Keeping Caltrain Gilroy Service.
- C-7** June 16, 2009 letter from Sarah Cruse, Monterey County Hospitality Association to Debra L. Hale, re: MCHA opposition to “branch line” rail proposal.
- C-8** June 19, 2009 letter from Kathy Anderson, Monterey Commercial Property Association to Debra L. Hale, re: Thank You for Monterey Branch Line Presentation.
- C-9** June 27, 2009 letter from Frank Sollecito, TAMC Chair to Sarah Cruse, re: Monterey Branch Line Project.
- C-10** June 29, 2009 letter from Debra L. Hale to Bob Scales, Parsons Transportation, re: Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Contract Amendment #6 Notice to Proceed: Effective Date: June 24, 2009.
- C-11** July 1, 2009 letter from Debra L. Hale to Bob Scales, Parsons Transportation, re: Monterey Branch Line Amendment #5 Notice to Proceed: Effective Date: July 1, 2009.