

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

*FINAL Minutes of March 2, 2009*

Meeting held at

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

	APR 08	MAY 08	JUN 08	JUL 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	NOV 08	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>O</b>	P(A)	P	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P		P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P	P
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee)	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>M</b>	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	E	<b>C</b>	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey ( <del>C. Della Sala</del> , W. Reichmuth)	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P	P
S. Villegas, Salinas ( <del>R. Russell</del> , J. Serrano)	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P	<b>T</b>	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P(A)	-
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	-	<b>E</b>	P	<b>I</b>	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	-	P
R. Rubio, Seaside, Vice Chair (D. Ingersoll, <del>S. Bloomer</del> )	P	<b>D</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P	P	<b>D</b>	P	<b>D</b>	P	P(A)
R. Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	-		P	<b>G</b>	-	P(A)		P (A)		P	E
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. Deshazo)	P		P		P	P		P		P	-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	E		P (TC)		P (TC)	E		E		E	E
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath)	P(A)		-		P(A)	-		-		P	P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport	-		-		-	P		P		-	-
<b>STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	E		P		P	P		P		P	P
D. Bachman, Dep. Exec. Director	P		E		E	P		P		P	P
K. Hoschouer, Assoc. Trans. Planner	P		P		P	P		P		P	P
C. Watson, Sr. Trans. Planner	P		E		P	P		P		P	P
A. Cook, Assoc. Trans. Planner	P		P		P	P		P		P	P

E – Excused  
A – Alternate

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

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

Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kristi Markey	District 4 Alternate	Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger
Mike Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit		Association of California
Erin Harwayne	Denise Duffy & Assoc.	Bob Scales	Parsons
Marlys Maher	Salinas Resident	A.J. Farrar	Monterey Resident

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Sollecito/ Armenta/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the February 2, 2009 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

The Committee received and discussed the Monterey Branch Line Alternatives Analysis.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that Parsons Transportation Group has completed the Alternatives Analysis for the Monterey Branch Line. Staff and Parsons distributed the Alternatives Analysis to committee members and reported on the latest information in preparation for Board selection of a locally preferred alternative, most likely in September 2009, previously scheduled for April 2009.

Ms. Hoschouer reported that an Alternatives Analysis is required for a project to qualify for federal "New Starts" capital funding. The analysis evaluates appropriate modal and alignment options for addressing mobility in a given corridor. The study provides information to local officials on the benefits, costs, and impacts of alternative transportation investments developed to address the purpose and need for an improvement in a corridor. Three alternatives are being evaluated: an enhanced bus alternative, a bus rapid transit alternative, and a light rail transit alternative.

Agency staff agreed to modify the cost and ridership tables to show total costs for each alternative, as well as data on the existing MST Line 20 bus service.

**5. COMMITTEE PHOTO**

The committee photo was taken.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The committee agreed to cancel its April meeting. The next Rail Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2009.