

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

*Final Minutes of May 4, 2009*

Meeting held at

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

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

Boardmember Jane Parker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carol Dawson	City of Seaside	A.J. Farrar	North Monterey County
Kristi Markey	District 4 Alternate	Mike Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Tom Treanor	Carmel Valley Resident	Chris Flescher	Rail Passenger
Bob Scales	Parsons		Association of California

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Gerbrandt/ Reichmuth/unanimous

- 3.1** Approved minutes of the March 2, 2009 Rail Policy Committee meeting with amendment to Item 4 requested by Boardmember Bruce Delgado to note that the approval date for the Monterey Branch Line Locally Preferred Alternative has been moved to September 2009.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. PARSONS CONTRACT FOR THE MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROJECT**

M/S/C Armenta/ Reichmuth/ unanimous

The Committee authorized the Executive Director to negotiate the contract with Parsons Transportation Group to prepare federal and state environmental documents and perform conceptual engineering for the Monterey Branch Line.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency has been approved for \$3,375,000 in State Public Transportation Account funds for the environmental review stage of this project. An additional \$131,525 in state rail funds is also available for this project. The exact contract amount will be negotiated in the following weeks. Staff administration costs will also be reimbursed from these funds.

**5. CALTRAIN EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received update on the Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that progress on the commuter rail extension to Monterey County project since the last report to this Committee includes the completion of the draft "Make The Case" document, the development of Transit System User Benefits calculations and Thematic maps, and the drafting of the Cultural Resources Technical Report. Additional items discussed regarding this project included a request for a Hardship Finding from a property owner in Salinas, participation in the Salinas Renaissance Charrettes, and discussions with the California Coastal Commission staff regarding the proposed Castroville station sites.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Chairman Dave Potter announced that he had met with the new president of Amtrak, who was familiar with the Agency's projects and offered to participate in upcoming meeting regarding the proposed Coast Daylight service between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Executive Director Debbie Hale and Ms. Watson announced that Agency staff was successful in securing signatures on a letter of support for the proposed commuter rail extension project from each Congressional representative along the Caltrain Corridor. The letter urges the Federal Transit Administration to move the project to the next phase.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.