

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
May 4, 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.**

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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 March 2, 2009 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Cook **Pages 4 - 5**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **AUTHORIZE** 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. – Hoschouer **Pages 6 - 7**

After a competitive procurement process with significant outreach and apparent interest, Parsons Transportation Group was the sole proposer for this stage of the project. With this contract Parsons will continue to move the project forward with the completion of the federal and state environmental documents.

5. **RECEIVE** update on Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Watson **Pages 8 - 16**

Progress on the Caltrain Extension 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 on this project include a request for a Hardship Finding from a property owner in Salinas, participation in the Salinas Renaissance Charrettes, and discussions regarding the Castroville station.

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, June 1, 2009

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, May 19, 2009

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