

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

FINAL Minutes of November 2, 2009

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	NOV 08	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	NOV 09
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	C	P	P	C	P	C	-	P	-	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	-	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P(A)	N	P	P	N	P	N	P	P	E	P
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee)	E	C	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala)	P	L	P	P	L	P(A)	L	P	P	P	P
S. Villegas, Salinas (R. Russell , J. Serrano)	P	L	P(A)	-	L	-	L	-	P	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	E	-	P	E	P	E	-	P	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside, Vice Chair (D. Ingersoll, S. Bloomer)	P	D	P	P(A)	D	-	D	P	P	P	P
R. Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt , S. McHarris)	P (A)		P	E		P(A)		P(A)	-	P	P(A)
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. Deshazo)	P		P	-		-		-	-	-	-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	E		E	E		-		E	E	-	P (VC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath)	-		P	P(A)		-		P	P	-	P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport	P		-	-		-		-	P	-	-
STAFF											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P		P	P		P		P	P	E	P
D. Bachman, Dep. Exec. Director	P		P	P		P		P	P	P	P
K. Hoschouer, Assoc. Trans. Planner	P		P	P		P		E	P	P	P
C. Watson, Sr. Trans. Planner	P		P	P		P		P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Assoc. Trans. Planner	P		P	P		P		P	E	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 3:00 p.m. Roll call was made and a quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kristie Markey	Monterey Co. Dist. 4	Alan Stumpf	City of Salinas
Leslie Llantero	City of Seaside	Sam Teal	Mont. Co. Hospitality Assoc.
Bob Leidig	Salinas Renaissance Partners	Curtis Leidig	Salinas Renaissance Partners
Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of Cal.	A.J. Farrar	North Monterey Co. Resident
Marlys Maher	Salinas Resident	Tom Treanor	Carmel Valley Resident

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Sollecito/Villegas/unanimous
Abstain: Armenta

3.1 Approved minutes of the October 5, 2009 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS RENAISSANCE PARTNERS

The Committee received a presentation from Bob Leidig and Curtis Leidig of the Salinas Renaissance Partners and Alan Stumpf of the City of Salinas regarding the rail station planning area in Downtown Salinas.

The City of Salinas has entered into negotiations with the Salinas Renaissance Partners to spearhead a project to revitalize 26.6 acres of city owned property in downtown Salinas. The draft "Revitalization Concept Plan" relates to the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center and the rail station planning area.

Mr. Bob Leidig noted that the draft plan was on the agenda for the November 17 City of Salinas City Council meeting.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson noted that the draft plan was also to be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the City's Intermodal Transportation Center subcommittee and an ad-hoc committee of the Monterey-Salinas Transit Board of Directors.

Mr. Stumpf noted the plan is on the web (<http://www.salinasrenaissance.com/>) and requested input from Committee members on the draft plan.

5. **COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE**

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

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee includes progress on the advance/ hardship acquisition of a property in Salinas, meetings with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Agency and Union Pacific, and revised conceptual plans for the three station sites.

Salinas resident Marlys Maher referred the Committee to an article from that day's San Jose Mercury News regarding funding shortfalls at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and expressed support for the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Agency operations scenario.

6. **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee reviewed and commented on draft 2010 Legislative Program.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

6.1 **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROJECT**

The Committee received a report and discussed next steps for environmental review of the Monterey Branch Line Project.

Associate Transportation Planner Kristen Hoschouer reported that a steering committee would be formed to guide the environmental review phase of the project. Input will be needed on technical issues as well as higher-level policy issues; therefore, representation from local agency staff and policymakers would be appropriate for this committee.

Mr. Curtis Leidig asked the Committee to consider input from the business community, given the potential economic impact of the project.

Committee member Armenta requested that staff inform interested parties on relevant transportation/ economic development studies the agency has done, such as for instance the agricultural freight rail study.

7. CLOSED SESSION: REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.

The Committee held a closed session regarding Real Estate negotiations. Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, the Committee conferred concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station.

Property: 20 New Street

Agency negotiator: Christina Watson

Negotiating parties: Paul Powers, III

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

No actions were reported from the closed session.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

No announcements were made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Rubio adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.