

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
October 5, 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.

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 September 21, 2009 Rail Policy Committee special meeting. – Watson

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- 3.2 RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the eighth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
– Hoschouer **Pages 8 - 12**

Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages committee members to submit nominations, which are due by December 7, 2009. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 2010 Transportation Agency board meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. RECEIVE** presentation from the City of Soledad regarding the rail station planning area. – Watson/ McHarris **Pages 13 - 15**

The City of Soledad will attend the meeting to present on the Soledad rail station planning area. The Coast Daylight project would stop at a station in Soledad, if the City builds the station.

- 5. DISCUSS** Castroville station site 1 conceptual plans. – Watson **Pages 16 - 18**

At the direction of the Rail Policy Committee, staff and consultants have refined the conceptual plans for the Castroville station site 1 at Blackie Road and Del Monte Avenue. Staff will present the updated designs at the meeting.

**6. Commuter Rail Extension Project Contract Amendment #8 – Watson
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RECOMMEND that the Board of Directors:

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for the contract amendment with Parsons Transportation Group to continue work on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$1,432,380 for the additional scope of work;
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;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the use of no more than \$1,432,380 from Public Transportation Account funding for the contract amendment; and
4. **APPROVE** the sole source declaration to hire Parsons due to their "unique qualifications or experience" as this new work builds on the work they have already performed.

Parsons has been working with Transportation Agency staff on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for over seven years and has successfully brought the project to the current stage. With this amendment, Parsons Transportation Group will perform preliminary engineering work for the project.

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, November 2, 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, October 20, 2009

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- C-1** September 16, 2009 article from MassTransitMag.com, reprinted from *The Denver Post*, “FasTracks on Learning Curve”
- C-2** September 21, 2009 article from *The San Mateo County Times*, “State to apply for \$1.28 billion for high-speed rail, Caltrain construction from SF to San Jose”