

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday

September 21, 2009

***** Special Meeting *****

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 August 17, 2009 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

– Cook

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- 3.2 **APPROVE** 2010 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings. – Watson
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The proposed schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings for 2010 follows the existing pattern of meetings on the first Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. except July and December, when all committee meetings are cancelled due to holidays, and September, when the meeting is on the second Monday of the month due to Labor Day holiday conflicts.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECOMMEND** Board approve Resolution 2009-13, adopting the Light Rail alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Monterey Branch Line transit corridor. – Hoschouer
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Adopting a locally preferred alternative among the two viable build alternatives, light rail or bus rapid transit, will allow the Agency to proceed with the federally required Environmental Assessment.

5. **DISCUSS** Castroville station site 1 conceptual plans. – Watson/Scales
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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. **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, October 5, 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, September 22, 2009

Christina@tamcmonterey.org

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Online at www.tamcmonterey.org

- C-1** July 8, 2009 article from the Oakland Tribune, “Spate of recent train-track deaths prompts interest in rail safety”
- C-2** July 14, 2009 article from the Mercury News, “Opinion: California must find a long-term solution for transit funding” By Carl Guardino and Lucy Dunn
- C-3** July 15, 2009 letter to Congressman Sam Farr, re: Land Use Developments Adjacent to Transportation Projects.
- C-4** August 20, 2009 letter to Dwayne Weeks, Federal Transit Administration, re: Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Summit Files.
- C-5** August 21, 2009 letter from Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority, re: Invitation to Become Participating Agency on the San Jose to Merced Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS.
- C-6** August 31, 2009 email from the California High-Speed Rail Authority, re: August/September Project Activities Update - San Francisco to San Jose High-Speed Rail Section.