

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
April 5, 2010

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 1, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Cook **Pages 5 - 8**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** update on the California High-Speed Rail project. – Watson/
Mansen/ Kennerly **Pages 9 - 14**

The Committee requested an update on the California High-Speed Rail project and its implications for rail service in Monterey County. Dave Mansen and Gary Kennerly of the California High Speed Rail Authority will present the status and progress on the overall High-Speed Rail project, and Staff will present the Transportation Agency's involvement and potential impacts on the Agency's rail projects.

5. **RECEIVE** and **DISCUSS** Monterey Branch Line Light Rail service video draft simulation. – Hoschouer/ Scales **Page 15**

As a public outreach tool, a draft version of the visual simulation of the Monterey Branch Line project will be shown at the meeting for review.

6. **Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Right-of-Way Acquisition Requests for Qualifications** – Zeller **Pages 16 - 28**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Directors:

1. **APPROVE** the scopes of work for the three Requests for Qualifications for right-of-way acquisition, appraisal, and legal services for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to circulate the three Requests for Qualifications for right-of-way acquisition, appraisal, and legal services, select consultants, and negotiate contracts with the selected consultants.

The Transportation Agency has secured Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds for the right-of-way acquisition phase of the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. In addition, staff has submitted a request to the California Transportation Commission for Proposition 116 Rail Bond funding to fully fund this phase of work. Staff requested approval for the Environmental Assessment from the Federal Transit Authority, with determination pending. Staff proposes to begin the right-of-way acquisition phase in order to expend the state funds by the deadline of June 30, 2011.

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, May 3, 2010

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, April 20, 2010

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29 March 18, 2010 letter from Brian Finegan re: Commuter Rail Extension – American Supply.