

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*FINAL Minutes of April 5, 2010*  
Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	<b>APR 09</b>	<b>MAY 09</b>	<b>JUN 09</b>	<b>AUG 09</b>	<b>SEP 09</b>	<b>OCT 09</b>	<b>NOV 09</b>	<b>JAN 10</b>	<b>FEB 10</b>	<b>MAR 10</b>	<b>APR 10</b>
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	-	P	-	P	<b>C</b>	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P (A)	P (A)	-	P (A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	<b>N</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P	P	E	P	<b>N</b>	P	P	P
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee)	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P	P	P	P(A)	<b>C</b>	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala)	<b>L</b>	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	P	P
S. Villegas, Salinas ( <del>R. Russell</del> , J. Serrano)	<b>L</b>	-	<b>L</b>	-	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	P	P(A)
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	-	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	P(A)	P
R. Rubio, Seaside, Vice Chair (D. Ingersoll, <del>S. Bloomer</del> )	<b>D</b>	-	<b>D</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>D</b>	E	P	P
R. Ortiz, Soledad ( <del>G. Gerbrandt</del> , S. McHarris)		P(A)		P(A)	-	P	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. Deshazo)		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5		-		E	E	-	P (VC)		P (TC)	E	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath)		-		P	P	-	P(A)		-	-	-
B. Sabo, Airport		-		-	P	-	-		-	P	-
<b>STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director		P		P	P	E	E		E	P	P
D. Bachman, Dep. Exec. Director		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
C. Watson, Sr. Transp. Planner		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
K. Hoschouer, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P		E	P	P	P		P	P	E
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P		P	E	P	P		P	P	P
H. Myers, Assoc. Transp. Plan. Eng.		-		-	-	-	-		-	P	-
Mike Zeller, Assoc. Transp. Planner		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	P
E – Excused A – Alternate											
VC – Video Conference TC – Teleconference											

**1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Introductions were given but a quorum was not established. A quorum was established at 3:05pm.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve McHarris	City of Soledad	Gary Kennerley	CA High Speed Rail Auth.
Debby Platt	City of Marina	Jim Cook	Mo. Co. Red. Agency
Theo Kosub	Monterey-Salinas Transit	Rangirah Azimzadeh	Mo. Co. Red. Agency
Dave Mansen	Parsons	Bob Scales	Parsons
A.J. Farrar	North Mo. Co. Resident	Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assoc.
Marlys Maher	Salinas Resident	Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of Cal.
Eric Peterson	Salinas Resident	Tom Treanor	Carmel Valley Resident

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Sollecito/Parker/unanimous

3.1 Approved amended minutes of the March 1, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received 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 presented a report on progress made on the overall High-Speed Rail project, and Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a report on the Transportation Agency's involvement and potential impacts on the Agency's rail projects.

**5. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE LIGHT RAIL SERVICE VIDEO DRAFT SIMULATION**

The Committee received a presentation from Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman and Bob Scales, Parsons regarding a draft version of the visual simulation of the Monterey Branch Line project being developed at the request of the Board of Directors as a public outreach tool for the project.

Transportation Agency staff has heard concerns from residents and businesses along the corridor about safety and the aesthetics of a light rail train running through their cities, particularly along the Window on the Bay Park in Monterey and through downtown Marina. The computer simulation showing light rail running and stopping at stations on the Monterey Branch Line corridor through Monterey Peninsula cities will provide residents a better idea of what the light rail line will look and feel like.

In response to committee discussion, staff agreed to include simulations of the Canyon Del Rey station located in Seaside, and add imagery from each of the communities along the branch line in the video introduction. The committee also suggested that the op-ed being drafted for the project make reference to the conditions placed on funding secured by the City of Monterey to construct Window on the Bay Park and the Monterey Bay Recreation Trail, which required that the City of Monterey preserve a transportation easement for future rail or fixed guideway service along the Branch Line.

**6. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

M/S/C Rubio/Parker/unanimous

The Committee recommended 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; and
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.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that 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 proposes to begin the right-of-way acquisition phase in order to expend the state funds by the deadline of June 30, 2011. Associate Transportation Planner Mike Zeller presented the three Requests for Qualifications for right-of-way acquisition, appraisal, and legal services, and discussed the timeline for submitting proposals.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported on budget cuts to Caltrain service affecting service along the Caltrain corridor and noted that the Agency has entered into preliminary discussions with the Capitol Corridor staff regarding operations of the rail extension to Salinas. Chairman Potter noted that discussions with the Capitol Corridor to date had been very positive.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.