

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
February 1, 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 November 2, 2009 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Cook

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** presentation from the City of King regarding the rail station planning area. – Watson/ Powers **Pages 10 - 12**

City of King staff will attend the meeting to make a presentation on the City's proposed rail station in the historic downtown area. The Coast Daylight project would stop at a station in the City of King, if the City builds the station.

5. **RECEIVE** presentation from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission on the rail line acquisition project. – Watson/ Mendez **Pages 13 - 19**

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has been pursuing acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line right-of-way for a decade. Luis Mendez, Commission Deputy Director, will attend the meeting to present on the Santa Cruz branch rail line acquisition project.

6. **RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Watson **Page 20**

Progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on November 2, 2009, includes progress on the advance/ hardship acquisition of a property in Salinas and a meeting with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Agency.

7. **RECEIVE** update on the Monterey Branch Line Light Rail project. – Hoschouer **Page 21**

The environmental review for the Monterey Branch Line project is moving forward. Staff will give an update on the progress of the project.

8. **HOLD** elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010-2012. – Watson **Page 22**

The bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year, beginning in 2008.

9. **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, March 1, 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, February 16, 2010

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Online at www.tamcmonterey.org

- C-1** October 22, 2009 article in the *Californian*, “100 block first step in Salinas revitalization plan: Plaza, hotel and offices envisioned”
- C-2** October 22, 2009 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Downtown Salinas plan presented: City’s core to include hotel, new City Hall, library and mixed-use projects”
- C-3** October 22, 2009 article in the *Oregonian*, “U.S. inks deal for millions for Portland Streetcar, pledges more nationwide”
- C-4** October 25, 2009 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Commuter service plans moving ahead: TAMC, Monterey City Council plan meetings this week”
- C-5** October 25, 2009 letter to the editor in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Light rail a wonderful opportunity”
- C-6** October 26, 2009 article in the *New York Times*, “Funding a Desire Named Streetcar”
- C-7** October 28, 2009 article from the *Rail Passenger Association of California & Nevada*, “Outstanding Guest Speakers at San Carlos RailPAC/NARP meeting; Skoropowski honored”
- C-8** October 28, 2009 article on KION News, “Monterey-Marina Light Rail Plans Move Forward”
- C-9** October 28, 2009 article in the *Californian*, “Cycling around Monterey Bay gets bridge boost”
- C-10** October 28, 2009 article in the *Californian*, “TAMC chooses light rail as main option for Monterey-Castroville”
- C-11** October 29, 2009 article in the *Californian*, “TAMC picks light rail for Monterey, advances commuter rail for Salinas”
- C-12** October 29, 2009 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “TAMC chooses light rail for rapid transit line: Monterey wants more study”
- C-13** October 30, 2009 article in *Progressive Railroading*, “California agency chooses light rail for Monterey corridor, advances commuter-rail project”

- C-14** October 30, 2009 article in *Metro Magazine*, “Monterey, Calif., taps light rail for transit corridor”
- C-15** October 30, 2009 article in *The Gilroy Dispatch*, “Briefs: VTA double tracking begins”
- C-16** October 31, 2009 article in the *San Jose Mercury News*, “VTA faces \$98 million deficit – far worse than projected”
- C-17** November 2, 2009 article from the *Associated Press*, “Sparks fly from US city halls as streetcars become objects of desire, scorn”
- C-18** November 4, 2009 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Buffett buys Burlington rail: Railroad is nation’s second largest”
- C-19** November 16, 2009 article in the *San Mateo County Times*, “SamTrans to lay off 45 bus drivers, employees”
- C-20** January 9, 2010 article in *The Californian*, “TAMC working to give Salinas commuter rail link to Silicon Valley”
- C-21** January 15, 2010 letter from Carl Sedoryk, MST General Manager/CEO, in *The Californian*, “MST is county’s current link to the Bay Area, beyond”