

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Final Minutes of June 7, 2010
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

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

OTHERS PRESENT

A.J. Farrar	North Mo. Co. Resident	Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of Cal.
Mike Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit	Tom Treanor	Carmel Valley resident
Kristi Markey	Monterey County District 4	Theo Kosub	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Brian Finegan	Rep. Molinari Family	Bob Scales	Parsons
Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assoc.		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Treanor, Carmel Valley resident, asked if it was yet known whether the railroad ties for the Monterey Branch Line are going to be replaced with concrete or wood. Bob Scales, Parsons, replied that in the places where the ties need replacing, concrete ties would be used.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Villegas/Armenta/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the May 3, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CONTRACTS: COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND ON-CALL APPRAISERS

M/S/C Rubio/ Sollecito/unanimous

The Committee recommended that the Board approve contracts with consultants for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project as follows: Overland Pacific & Cutler for right-of-way acquisition assistance, Meyers Nave for legal services, and a list of seven firms to be on an on-call list for appraisal services: Bender Rosenthal, Burchard & Rinehard, Desmond, Marcelo & Amster, Donna Desmond Associates, Greg Sessler Real Estate, Hansen & Co., and Hodges Lacy & Associates.

Transportation Planner Mike Zeller reported that staff is preparing to move forward with the right-of-way phase of the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project and requires professional assistance with the appraisal and acquisition of parcels in the project corridor. To select qualified consultants to assist with the project, staff published three requests for qualifications: Acquisition Agent, Legal Services and on-call appraisal. He noted that the review panel (staff from the Transportation Agency, County, City of Salinas and Caltrans) unanimously selected, and reference checks verified, Meyers Nave for the legal services work. He announced that Overland Pacific & Cutler was selected for the acquisition assistance for their depth of experience on relevant projects and excellent referrals. He reported that eight proposals for the on-call appraisal were received; seven of the appraisal firms that were selected fell into three categories: real estate; business goodwill; and fixtures and equipment. Universal Field Services was not selected due to their listing a sub-consultant as the appraisal service firm.

In conclusion, Mr. Zeller reported that the schedule calls for completion of contract negotiations mid-June, and Board approval of the consultant contracts on June 23, 2010.

5. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT CONTRACT AMENDMENT #10

M/S/C Parker/Rubio/unanimous

The Committee recommended 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 \$303,765 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 \$303,765 from Traffic Congestion Relief Program 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.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that Parsons Transportation Group has been working on the preliminary engineering for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. Staff now requests the Committee to approve this contract amendment in order to prepare for the acquisition of right-of-way for this project. With this amendment, Parsons will perform the Phase II hazardous materials investigations and appraisals for right-of-way needed for the project.

6. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE

Received update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that recent progress on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project includes a meeting with Federal Transit Administration staff regarding the Administrative Draft Environmental Assessment and California Transportation Commission approval of a schedule update for the project. She noted the project is estimated to cost \$110.15 million in year-of-expenditure dollars for the planning, design, engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction of the three stations and improvements to the mainline track. The project assumes a federal Small Starts allocation of \$75 million and an additional estimated \$503,776 of local matching funds from an unidentified source. Ms. Watson noted a contract amendment with Parsons to bring the designs to the 95% level would be on the June 23, 2010 Board agenda. She also announced staff would attend the June 16, 2010 Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Agency Board meeting to answer questions about the project.

7. **MONTEREY BRANCH LINE UPDATE**

Received information about outreach efforts for the Monterey Peninsula Light Rail Service project.

Associate Transportation Planner Kristen Hoschouer reported that public outreach efforts are underway for the Monterey Branch Line light rail project. She noted that Transportation Agency staff has shown and will be showing the simulation video to cities and groups throughout the Monterey Peninsula. She announced that the simulation video was available on the Agency website and Facebook.

Ms. Hoschouer highlighted the schedule for presenting the simulation to the public:

Monterey Waterfront Planning Meeting #2:	April 22
Monterey Peninsula Chamber Government Affairs Committee:	May 12
Monterey City Council Meeting:	May 18
Seaside City Council Meeting:	May 20
Marina Democratic Club:	May 27
Sand City Council Meeting:	June 15, 7:00pm
LandWatch Around the County: Kula Ranch, Marina:	June 17, 5:00pm
Monterey Green Action Council: Monterey:	June 24, 6:45 pm
Del Monte Beach Town Houses:	June 25, 7:00pm
FORA Board meeting:	July 9, 4:00pm
Marina City Council: Marina City Hall:	July 20, 6:30pm
Marina Rotary:	August 4, 1:00pm
AMBAG Board: Marina City Library:	August 11, 6:30pm

Presentations still to be scheduled:

Monterey Commercial Properties Owners Association
Old Monterey Business Association
Aquarium employees and/or volunteers
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration docents
Monterey and Marina area service clubs (Rotary)

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.