

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
June 7, 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 May 3, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

– Cook

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **RECOMMEND** consultants to provide contracts to provide Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project right-of-way acquisition, appraisal, and legal services assistance for approval to the Transportation Agency Board. – Zeller/Watson

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*The Agency has secured Traffic Congestion Relief Program and Proposition 116 Rail Bond funding for the right-of-way acquisition phase of the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. 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.*

5. **Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project hazardous materials investigations** – Watson

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**RECOMMEND** 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.

*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. **RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Watson **Pages 13 - 21**

*Progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on May 3, 2010, 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. This report includes updated cost estimates.*

7. **RECEIVE** information about outreach efforts for the Monterey Peninsula Light Rail Service project. – Hoschouer **Page 22**

*Public outreach efforts are underway for the Monterey Branch Line light rail project. Transportation Agency staff has shown and will be showing the video to cities and groups throughout the Monterey Peninsula.*

8. **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, August 2, 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, July 20, 2010**

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**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

*Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)*

- C-1** February 27, 2010 letter from Mr. and Mrs. Donald Henderson, to Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala; Council Members; City of Monterey Principal Planner Elizabeth Caraker; Mrs. Deborah Hale and Ms. Kristen Hoschouer of TAMC; TAMC Board Members; Bob Scales, Parsons; and Daniel T. Albert, Re: Proposed Rapid Transit on Fixed Guideway (from Marina to Portola Plaza) - Stop at Case Verde or Naval Post Graduate School.
- C-2** April 22, 2010 guest commentary in the *Monterey Herald*, “Dave Potter: Light rail project exciting addition to Peninsula”
- C-3** April 24, 2010 letter in the *Monterey Herald*, “Light rail to nowhere?”
- C-4** April 28, 2010 letters in the *Monterey Herald*, “Light rail will be unsightly, costly” and “Buses more flexible than light rail”
- C-5** May 1, 2010 letters in the *Monterey Herald*, “Move the light rail” and “TAMC should look for link to bullet train”
- C-6** May 18, 2010 article in the *Monterey Herald*, “Monterey: Light rail, waterfront plan top topics for joint meeting”
- C-7** May 18, 2010 letter in the *Monterey Herald*, “An advocate for local light rail”
- C-8** May 18, 2010 guest commentary in the *Monterey Herald*, “William Douros: Give rail another chance”