

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Final Minutes* of March 1, 2010

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kristi Markey	Monterey Co. Dist. 4	Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assoc.
A.J. Farrar	North Mo. Co. Resident	Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of Cal.
Eric Peterson	Salinas Resident	Theo Kosub	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Bob Scales	Parsons		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Sollecito/Villegas/unanimous

**3.1** Approved amended minutes of the February 1, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting. Minutes amended to show last two columns on first page to be Jan '10 and Feb '10.

**3.2** Regarding the Commuter Rail Extension Project Contract Amendment #9:

Recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Approve the scope of work for the contract amendment with Parsons Transportation Group to continue preliminary engineering work on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$1,450,000 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 \$1,450,000 from Public Transportation Account funding for the contract amendment; and
4. Approve the sole source declaration to hire Parsons due to their "unique qualifications for experience" as this new work builds on the work they have already performed.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT LAYOUTS**

The Committee reviewed and commented on revised layouts for the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center and layover facility, the Castroville Station at Del Monte Avenue and Blackie Road, the Pajaro/Watsonville Station and the Gilroy yard.

Bob Scales, Parsons Transportation Group, reported that Parsons has developed new layouts for the Pajaro/ Watsonville, Castroville and Salinas stations and layover facility and the Gilroy yard per our current contract with them for preliminary engineering. He noted that the project is estimated to cost \$101 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.

In response to committee comments, Agency staff agreed to:

- Consider “green” details, such as landscaping, drainage, bike parking and accommodation for electrical vehicle charging stations as part of the design phase for the project;
- Verify that plans meet codes regarding parking spaces according to the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
- Schedule a mobile Committee meeting to tour planned station sites.

Next steps to be taken on the rail extension project include reviewing plans with the Salinas City Council, Monterey-Salinas Transit Board of Directors, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, California Public Utilities Commission and Union Pacific Railroad.

5. **PROPOSITION 116 RAIL FUNDS**

M/S/C Sollecito/Rubio/unanimous

The Committee recommended the Board approve a programming and allocation request of \$4,180,000 in Proposition 116 Rail Bond funding to the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for the right-of-way acquisition phase; and recommended the Board approve an allocation request of \$2,067,813 of programmed Proposition 116 funds to the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for the right-of-way acquisition phase.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that the California Transportation Commission requires that all recipient agencies program Proposition 116 funds to projects by June 30, 2010 or risk losing their funds to another rail project in the state.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Transportation Planner Kristen Hoschouer announced that the City of Monterey would hold a community meeting for the Waterfront Master Plan project, which includes consideration of the Monterey Branch Line, on March 10, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Gilbert's on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

Board member Delgado requested an update on the op-ed piece being drafted for the Monterey Branch Line project. Staff reported that the article would be completed in April pending completion of visual simulations requested by the Board for the Monterey Branch Line light rail project, and that a draft of the article and outreach plan would be presented to potential signatories in advance.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.