

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
March 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 **items 3.1-3.3** 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 February 1, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Cook

**Pages 5 - 8**

**3.2 Parsons Contract Amendment for Preliminary Engineering and Design**  
– Watson **Pages 9 - 11**

**RECOMMEND** 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 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 since October 2009, to be completed February 2010. The Agency is spending state Public Transportation Account funding on this phase of work; the funds expire on December 31, 2010, so staff recommends proceeding with this phase of work "at risk". Staff now requests the Committee to approve this contract amendment in order to continue the Planning, Specifications and Estimates phase of the project so that the Agency does not lose these funds. With this amendment, Parsons will perform the next steps in preliminary engineering work for the project.*

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 4. REVIEW and COMMENT** 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. – Watson/Scales **Pages 12 - 18**

*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. Bob Scales of Parsons will present the designs for Committee comment.*

**5. Proposition 116 Rail Bond Programming and Allocation Request – Watson  
Pages 19 - 20**

1. **RECOMMEND** 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
2. **RECOMMEND** 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.

*The California Transportation Commission requires that all recipient agencies program Proposition 116 funds to projects by June 30, 2010 or be at risk of losing their funds to another rail project in the state. The 1990 Proposition 116 Rail Bond dedicated \$17,000,000 to rail projects in Monterey County. Staff recommends a request to program and allocate the remaining \$6,247,813 to the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for right-of-way acquisition.*

6. **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, April 5, 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, March 23, 2010**

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**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

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

- C-1** January 2010 article in *King City Rustler*, “King City sets sights on building train station: plans would integrate extending downtown and Broadway”
- C-2** January 19, 2010 article in *American City & County*, “ Federal public transportation policy shifts toward ‘livability’”
- C-3** January 23, 2010 article in *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “Davenport Cemex plant to shut down for good”
- C-4** February 1, 2010 article in *Passenger Transport*, “Working to ensure connectivity between intercity passenger and high-speed rail”
- C-5** February 3, 2010 articles in *King City Rustler*, “Historic corridor workshops come to a close: next step for Broadway plan is to head to planning commission” and “Third downtown workshop held in City Hall”