

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
September 13, 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 June 7, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Rodriguez

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- 3.2 **RECEIVE** information on Federal Transit Administration Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the New Starts program. – Watson

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*On June 3, 2010, the Federal Transit Administration published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the New Starts program. Agency staff participated in a webinar and an outreach session on the notice and sent a comment letter.*

- 3.3 **RECEIVE** information on the Final Program Environmental Impact Report on the Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train project. – Watson

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*The California High-Speed Rail Authority has released its Final Program Environmental Impact Report on the Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train project for public review. Comments were due August 27, 2010.*

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **DISCUSS** and **PROVIDE** direction regarding solicitation for an Independent Ridership Review and Economic Analysis of the Monterey Branch Line corridor. – Hoschouer

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*The California Transportation Commission has requested that further analysis on the economic benefits of the corridor as well as verification of the ridership forecasts be conducted before the agency requests the allocation for engineering funds.*

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project, and **PROVIDE** direction regarding the selection of firms to provide project management and value engineering services. – Watson

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*Progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on June 7, 2010, includes the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority meeting at which this project was a discussion item, meetings to discuss the project designs, and a kick-off meeting for the right-of-way acquisition phase.*

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, October 4, 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, September 21, 2010**

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### **CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

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

- C-1** May 4, 2010 article in the Morgan Hill Times, “High-speed rail officials unveil route plans”
- C-2** May 6, 2010 article in the San Jose Mercury News, “Caltrain releases budget but still has balancing to do”
- C-3** May 11, 2010 article in the San Jose Mercury News, “SamTrans riders facing possible service cuts, fare hike”
- C-4** May 20, 2010 article in the Monterey County Weekly, “City of Monterey could block TAMC’s light rail plans”
- C-5** May 21, 2010 blog post in the Palo Alto Weekly, “Is California high-speed rail the future or a slow-motion train wreck?”
- C-6** May 24, 2010 article in the Morgan Hill Times, “Caltrain mulls brake on service”
- C-7** May 26, 2010 blog post on the San Francisco Chronicle’s City Insider page, “Money shuffle could help Muni, Caltrain”
- C-8** May 27, 2010 article in the San Jose Mercury News, “Electric train plan granted key waiver”
- C-9** May 27, 2010 article in the Central Valley Business Times, “Capitol Corridor train service gets \$6.2 million federal grant”
- C-10** June 2, 2010 article in the Mountain View Voice, “Who should pick up Caltrain tab? Council says VTA should step up, but with consequences for northern counties”
- C-11** June 2, 2010 commentary by Anna Eshoo in the San Francisco Chronicle, “Ensure high-speed rail is on the right track”
- C-12** June 10, 2010 article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, “Despite questions, commission moves forward on rail line purchase”
- C-13** June 12, 2010 commentary in the Monterey County Herald, “James Toy: Light rail sidetracks Monterey to San Francisco plan”
- C-14** June 15, 2010 letter in the Monterey County Herald, “TAMC project a waste of money”

- C-15** June 23, 2010 letter from Ellen and Richard Brown to Associate Transportation Planner Kristen Hoschouer, re: Proposed Light Rail.
- C-16** July 1, 2010 letter from Executive Director Debbie Hale to Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala, re: timing for consideration of a Monterey Branch Line Light Rail Referendum.
- C-17** July 2, 2010 letter from James B. Toy to the RPC, re: Monterey waterfront planning and rail transportation corridor.
- C-18** Letter received July 26, 2010 from Bob Reynolds, Secretary, Train Riders Association of California, inviting Executive Director Hale to present at the November 13, 2010 conference.
- C-19** August 4, 2010 article on KION, "Light rail causing slight drama on Peninsula"
- C-20** August 5, 2010 article in the Hollister Free Lance, "Caltrain wants comments on suspending service"
- C-21** August 13, 2010 email: Waterfront Master Plan - Public Workshop #4
- C-22** August 18, 2010 article in the Monterey Herald, "Monterey panel mulls waterfront plan: Monterey's planning staff has developed two options for area"
- C-23** August 23, 2010 letter from Executive Director Debbie Hale to Marina City Manager Anthony Altfeld, re: Monterey Branch Line Light Rail Conceptual Plans Review
- C-24** August 25, 2010 letter from Monterey City Manager Fred Meurer to Joanne and Alan Eagle, re: Monterey Branch Line
- C-25** August 30, 2010 article in Palo Alto Online, "Caltrain likely to keep weekend service"