

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

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*FINAL Minutes of February 7, 2011*

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	<b>FEB 10</b>	<b>MAR 10</b>	<b>APR 10</b>	<b>MAY 10</b>	<b>JUN 10</b>	<b>AUG 10</b>	<b>SEP 10</b>	<b>OCT 10</b>	<b>NOV 10</b>	<b>JAN 11</b>	<b>FEB 11</b>
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	E	P	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P	P	P	P	P	<b>N</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P	P	P
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee)	P	P	P	P	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	E	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Vice Chair (C. Della Sala)	P	P	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P	P	E
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	<b>L</b>	-	<b>L</b>	P	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	P(A)	P	-	P(A)	<b>E</b>	P(A)	<b>E</b>	P(A)	P	P
F. Bachofner, Seaside (D. Ingersoll, S. Bloomer)	E	P	P	P	P	<b>D</b>	-	<b>D</b>	E	-	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P		P		P(A)	P	P
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. Deshazo)	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	P (TC)	E	-	P (TC)	P (TC)		-		P (TC)	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath)	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	P(A)	-
B. Sabo, Airport	-	P	-	-	-		P		P	-	P
<b>STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	E	P	P	P	E		P		E	P	P
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	E	P
K. Hoschouer, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	E	P	P		P		P	P	P
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	E		P		P	E	P
H. Myers, Assoc. Transp. Planning Engineer	-	P	-	-	E		-		P	-	E
M. Zeller, Assoc. Transp. Planner	-	-	P	-	P		P		P	P	E
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**

Rob Russell	City of Salinas	Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of Cal.
Leslie Llantero	City of Seaside	Sam Teel	Monterey County Tax Payers
A.J. Farrar	North Mo. Co. Resident	Mike Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit
John Kilpatrick	Cal Am Water	Jim Heitzman	Marina Coast Water District
Rich Svindland	Cal Am Water	Michael Keller	Pebble Beach Resident
Sharon Gavin	TAMC		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

---

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Armenta/Craig

Bachofner abstained

3.1 Approved minutes of the January 10, 2011 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

---

**4. MONTEREY BAY REGIONAL DESALINATION PROJECT**

M/S/C Armenta/Delgado/unanimous

The Committee recommended that the Board authorize the Executive Director to provide a letter of support for the Monterey Bay Regional Desalination Project Coastal Development Permit.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the Marina Coast Water District and California American Water have requested a letter of support from the Transportation Agency for a Coastal Development Permit, to be obtained from the California Coastal Commission for the Monterey Bay Regional Desalination Project. A portion of the project will be located on the Monterey Branch Line right of way.

Staff agreed to bring back an appraisal for Monterey Branch line leases at a future meeting, as well as to provide a history of the Monterey Branch Line project and actions.

**5. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE**

M/S/C Bachofner/Parker/unanimous

The Committee received an update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to the Committee in January 2011, includes meetings with Union Pacific and Capitol Corridor staff, presentations to the Salinas City Council and Design Review Board, meetings of the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center and County Project Development Teams, progress on the acquisition of one parcel

needed for the Salinas layover facility, and a phone call with Federal Transit Administration staff.

**6. MARCH 3, 2011 COAST RAIL TOUR**

**M/S/C** Delgado/Parker/Unanimous

The Committee received a report on the planned Coast Rail Tour, scheduled for March 3, 2011. Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the trip itinerary will include shuttle transportation from the Salinas Amtrak Station in downtown Salinas to San Jose Diridon Station in time for the group to board the Amtrak Coast Starlight's scheduled 12:07pm southbound departure. Participants will have the option to detrain in Salinas at the train's scheduled 1:48pm Salinas arrival time.

The Agency has arranged for a special stop of the Coast Starlight in Soledad, where the City of Soledad will provide a short tour of the planned Coast Daylight station site in downtown Soledad. Shuttle transportation will be provided from Soledad to the Salinas Amtrak Station following the Soledad tour.

Mr. Cook also reported that committee members must reimburse the Agency for the cost of the train ticket purchased for the tour under a discounted group reservation.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Member Armenta announced that he will not be attending the March 7 meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Executive Director Hale announced that staff will be meeting with the City of Marina to confirm whether or not the economic analysis proposed by AMBAG for the Strategic Growth Council-funded Sustainable Communities Strategy project will include the analysis requested by the Federal Transit Administration to confirm ridership potential for the Monterey Branch Line light rail project. If the analysis requested was not actually included in the scope of the AMBAG project, staff would be amending the scope of work for the Branch Line analysis to again include this required work.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:21pm