

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
February 7, 2011

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), Sollecito (Vice Chair), Armenta, Bachofner, Calcagno, Chavez, Craig, Delgado, Matarazzo, and Parker.  
*If you are unable to attend, please make sure that one of your 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.**

Any member of the public may address the Rail Policy Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Rail Policy Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

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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 January 10, 2011 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Zeller **Pages 5 - 7**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **RECOMMEND** that the Board authorize the Executive Director to provide a letter of support for the Monterey Bay Regional Desalination Project Coastal Development Permit.- Hoschouer **Pages 8 - 9**

*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.*

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Watson **Pages 10 - 11**

*Progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on January 10, 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. **RECEIVE** update on the planned Coast Daylight train service field trip. – Cook **No Enclosures**

*Staff will give a verbal update on the proposed itinerary for the March 3, 2011 Coast Daylight train service field trip.*

7. **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, March 07, 2011**

**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, February 22, 2011  
[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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

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

- C-1** January 5, 2011 article on *SFGate.com*, “Calif. Amtrak ridership rising on state trains”
- C-2** January 7, 2011 letter from Christine di Iorio, Community Development Director, City of Marina, to Debbie Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, re: Monterey Branch Line Contract for Independent Ridership Review and Economic Analysis
- C-3** January 10, 2011 letter from Timothy F. Trainor, Chief, Geography Division, to the Honorable Sam Farr, Member, U.S. House of Representatives, re: Census Bureau urban area designation.
- C-4** January 10, 2011 article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “U.S. Census Bureau reverses course designating Santa Cruz, Watsonville and Salinas as one urban area”
- C-5** January 11, 2011 email from Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/ CEO of Monterey-Salinas Transit, re: Urban Zone Designation plan repealed.
- C-6** January 13, 2011 article in the *Monterey County Weekly*, “Greener Burbs: Marina’s Dunes to receive special state cash as a sustainable community pilot”
- C-7** January 14, 2011 blog post in the *Monterey County Weekly*, “Seaside announces plans to make West Broadway more transit-friendly”
- C-8** January 14, 2011 article in the *Mercury News*, “Panel to vote funding for Davenport-Watsonville rail line”
- C-9** January 19, 2011 article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “State approves \$14.2M, clearing the way for Santa Cruz County to purchase UP rail line”
- C-10** January 19, 2011 editorial in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “As We See It: Rail purchase deserves OK”
- C-11** January 20, 2011 news release from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, “California Transportation Commission APPROVES Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Purchase”
- C-12** January 20, 2011 article in the *Register-Pajaronian*, “Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line purchase approved”
- C-13** January 20, 2011 article in the Palo Alto Online, “Caltrain faces \$30M gap, ‘drastic’ cutbacks: On eve of two major ‘save Caltrain’ meetings, officials announce massive budget shortfall, plan huge service reductions”
- C-14** January 24, 2011 article in the Sacramento Business Journal, “Capitol Corridor releases business plan, seeks comments”