

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL Minutes of January 10, 2011
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	MAY 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	NOV 10	JAN 11
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	C	P	P	P	P(A)	P	C	P	C	E	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	P	P
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee)	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Vice Chair (C. Della Sala)	L	P	P	P	P	P	L	P	L	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	L	P	P	P(A)	P	P	L	-	L	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	E	P	P(A)	P	-	P(A)	E	P(A)	E	P(A)	P
Seaside (D. Ingersoll, S. Bloomer)	D	E	P	P	P	P	D	-	D	E	-
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P		P		P(A)	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	-
STAFF											
D. Hale, Exec. Director		E	P	P	P	E		P		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	E
K. Hoschouer, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P	P	E	P	P		P		P	P
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P	P	P	P	E		P		P	E
H. Myers, Assoc. Transp. Planning Engineer		-	P	-	-	E		-		P	-
M. Zeller, Assoc. Transp. Planner		-	-	P	-	P		P		P	P
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 3:03 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Russell	City of Salinas	Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of Cal.
Christi DiIorio	City of Marina	Sam Teel	Monterey County Tax Payers
Theresa Szymanis	City of Marina	A.J. Farrar	North Mo. Co. Resident
Debby Platt	City of Marina	Eric Peterson	Salinas Resident

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Parker/Sollecito/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the November 1, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. WELCOME NEW RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ELECT NEW VICE CHAIR

M/S/C Armenta/Craig/unanimous

The Committee welcomed new Rail Policy Committee members Kimbley Craig, City of Salinas, and Alejandro Chavez, City of Soledad, and elected Frank Sollecito as Vice Chair for 2011.

5. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROJECT UPDATE

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the environmental review for the Monterey Branch Line project is underway. A draft document will be available to the public for review this Spring. Public outreach efforts are continuing and staff has shown the simulation video to cities and groups throughout the Monterey Peninsula. Staff will present the project to the Board of Directors in March 2011.

6. CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT RIDERSHIP REVIEW

M/S/C Armenta/Sollecito/unanimous

The Committee discussed the scope of work for the contract with Marc Warner Transportation and recommended that the Board approve selection of Marc Warner Transportation for an Independent Ridership Review of the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that a separate economic analysis will be completed by AMBAG as part of the Sustainable Communities Strategy. The Transportation Agency staff will work closely with AMBAG to gather the information needed for the Monterey Branch Line with this analysis.

7. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT

The Committee received an update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director, reported that progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on November 1, 2010, includes meetings with Union Pacific and Capitol Corridor staff, meetings of the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center and County Project Development Teams, and progress on the acquisition of one parcel needed for the Salinas layover facility.

8. COAST DAYLIGHT TRAIN SERVICE FIELD TRIP

The committee received an update from Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director, on the plans for a field trip on the Amtrak Coast Starlight on March 3, 2011, which will provide an opportunity for the Rail Policy Committee to discuss and directly experience the proposed Coast Daylight service.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Potter reported on attending the Intercity Rail Chairs meeting on December 15, 2010 in Los Angeles.

The Committee requested that Paul Schlesinger, the Agency's legislative advocate, provide information at a future meeting about the status of the federal New Starts grant program and the federal transportation reauthorization bill.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.