

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
January 10, 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), Armenta, Calcagno, Craig, Delgado, Matarazzo, Parker, Sollecito, and a new representative each from Seaside and Soledad.

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.**

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.

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 November 1, 2010 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Cook

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **WELCOME** new Rail Policy Committee members and **ELECT** new Vice Chair. – Potter **No Enclosures**

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Monterey Branch Line project. – Hoschouer
Pages 8 - 9

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.

6. **DISCUSS** the scope of work for the contract with Marc Warner Transportation and **RECOMMEND** that the Board approve selection of Marc Warner Transportation for an Independent Ridership Review of the Monterey Branch Line corridor. – Hoschouer **Pages 10 - 16**

The Transportation Agency Board requested that the Rail Policy Committee discuss the scope of work for the Independent Ridership Review and Economic Analysis before returning to the Board with the contract in January.

7. **RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Bachman **Pages 17 - 18**

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. **RECEIVE** update on the planned Coast Daylight train service field trip. – Cook **Pages 19 - 20**

At the Committee's request, staff has coordinated with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to schedule 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** from Rail Policy Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future Committee agendas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

Monday, February 7, 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, January 25, 2011

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Online at www.tamcmonterey.org

- C-1** November 2, 2010 article in the *Register Pajaronian*, “Rail line deal chugs slowly ahead”
- C-2** November 8, 2010 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Public gets chance to weigh in on TAMC light rail project tonight”
- C-3** November 28, 2010 article in the *Mercury News*, “Stimulus help for state roads, rail lines almost complete”
- C-4** December 2, 2010 article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “Santa Cruz County could lose millions with new census designations”
- C-5** December 3, 2010 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “TAMC to buy land for rail line”
- C-6** December 3, 2010 letter from TAMC Executive Director Debra L. Hale to Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, re: Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project (CA-03-0649) Request for Review and Circulation of Draft Environmental Assessment
- C-7** November 2010 Capitol Corridor Service Performance Report
- C-8** December 20, 2010 article in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Your Town: Water plan, museum, light rail on Monterey City Council agenda”
- C-9** December 20, 2010 article in the *Weekly*, “City of Monterey considers wading into water war, taking on TAMC”
- C-10** December 22, 2010 opinion piece in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Light rail — Pro: Tourism dollars depend on improved public access”
- C-11** December 22, 2010 opinion piece in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Light rail — Con: Bus Rapid Transit would solve public transportation issues”