

**AGENDA Item: 3.1**

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)  
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
FINAL Minutes of May 2, 2011  
Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

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

**1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kristy Markey	District 4 Office	Elizabeth Caraker	City of Monterey
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Debby Platt	City of Marina
Deanna Smith	MST	Theresa Szymaris	City of Marina
Linda Meckel	AMBAG	Marti Noel	Monterey County
Steph Nelson	AMBAG	Bob Scales	Parsons
Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assn.	Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of CA
Marlys Maher	Salinas Resident		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Parker/Armenta/Unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the March 7, 2011 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT CONTRACT AMENDMENT #12**

M/S/C Armenta/Delgado/unanimous; Matarazzo - recused

The Committee recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Approved the scopes of work for the contract amendment with Parsons Transportation Group to continue work on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$678,673 for the additional scope of work;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel;
3. Authorized the use of no more than \$678,673 from project funding for the contract amendment; and
4. Approved the sole source declaration to hire Parsons due to their "unique qualifications or experience" as this new work builds on the work they have already performed.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that Parsons Transportation Group has been working on the preliminary engineering for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project, and that the proposed amendment would enable Parsons to continue to perform the project management, design coordination, assistance to the right-of-way team, and institutional support for the project, including the update of the state and federal Environmental Documents.

5. **FEDERAL NEW/SMALL STARTS**

The Committee received a presentation on the Federal New/Small Starts evaluation and rating process.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported all fixed guideway transit projects requesting federal capital funds through the New Starts or Small Starts grant program must meet the approval of the Federal Transit Administration, based on an evaluation of specified criteria. To qualify for the funds, a project must achieve an overall rating of at least Medium. This rating is based on the project's cost-effectiveness, land use, economic development, and financial plan. Ms. Hoschouer noted that the Monterey Branch Line's preliminary rating appears to be a medium to medium-high for project justification and a medium-high for the financial plan.

Committee Member Delgado inquired whether the Branch Line's score could be improved based on results of the economic study underway by AMBAG and asked for a timeline for seeing the results of that study. Ms. Hoschouer agreed that the study could be helpful in determining the project's rating, and said that the study results were expected in the fall.

Committee Alternate Gowin inquired whether a similar chart was available for the Commuter Rail Extension project, and Ms. Watson noted that it was under development.

6. **UPDATED CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE MONTEREY BRANCH LINE**

The Committee received a presentation on updated capital and operating costs for the Monterey Branch Line project.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported on the updated capital and operating costs for the light rail line from Monterey to Marina.

Committee Member Bachofner requested that cost estimates be shown in constant dollars to ensure accurate comparisons.

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

The Committee received an update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project **(Item was moved before item 4 on the agenda).**

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since February includes tours of the stations for the Federal Transit Administration, Assembly Member Luis Alejo and the Capitol Corridor staff. Staff also participated in meetings regarding proposed Caltrain service cuts south of San Jose, High Speed Rail station sites in Gilroy, the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center plans, and County Project Development Team meetings regarding Castroville and Pajaro station plans.

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

Committee Member Delgado requested that the next Committee agenda include staff's latest responses to questions on the Monterey Branch Line project from the Marina City Council.

Committee Member Armenta requested staff prepare a presentation on rail services now available in the region and planned rail service, where the stations are for each service and how they all fit together.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.