

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
October 3, 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, Parker, Delgado, Craig, Matarazzo, and Chavez.  
*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.**  
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**BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for **items 3.1-3.3** 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 August 1, 2011 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Zeller

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- 3.2 RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the tenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County. – Hoschouer  
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*Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages committee members to submit nominations, which are due by December 5, 2011. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 2012 Transportation Agency board meeting.*

- 3.3 APPROVE** 2012 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings. – Watson  
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*The proposed schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings for 2012 follows the existing pattern of meetings on the first Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. except July and December, when all committee meetings are cancelled due to holidays, and January and September, when the meeting is on the second Monday of the month due to New Year's and Labor Day holiday conflicts.*

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 4. RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Watson  
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*Progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on May 2, 2011, includes the submittal of the Cultural Resources Technical Report to the State Historic Preservation Office and the submittal of the fourth Administrative Draft Environmental Assessment to the Federal Transit Administration, as well as meetings with responsible and stakeholder agencies.*

- 5. RECEIVE** update on Monterey Branch Line project schedule. – Hoschouer  
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*The Federal Transit Administration is currently reviewing the Alternatives Analysis for the Monterey Branch Line Project. Next steps are to complete the Environmental Review.*

6. **RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Fall Rail Tour. – Gavin **Pages 21 - 23**

*Staff is coordinating a Fall Rail Tour on the Amtrak Coast Starlight, which will provide an opportunity for the Rail Policy Committee and other interested persons to discuss and directly experience the proposed Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County service.*

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, November 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, October 25, 2011  
[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

*None this agenda*

**REPORTS**

- C-1** July 2011 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- C-2** August 2011 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

**MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

- C-3** August 7, 2011 article in *Auburn Journal*, “Placer on track for share of fed rail funds, new passenger train car”
- C-4** August 18, 2011 article in *Gilroy Patch*, “Public gets glimpse of high-speed future, suggesting tweaks; Members of the Gilroy High-Speed Train Visioning Project shared simulations of what future development might look like around a station in Gilroy”
- C-5** August 18, 2011 article on *SFGate.com*, “Caltrain could share tracks with high-speed rail”
- C-6** August 19, 2011 article in *The Mercury News*, “Caltrain may drop Amtrak, switch to new conductor provider”
- C-7** August 19, 2011 article in *The Gilroy Dispatch*, “Caltrain nets federal funds for maintenance”
- C-8** August 19, 2011 article in *Belmont Patch*, “Caltrain execs: Transition to Be Seamless; Changeover and high-speed rail proposal ‘are unrelated’ spokesman says”
- C-9** August 23, 2011 article in *The Huffington Post*, “California High-Speed Rail faces trouble in Palo Alto – and more in Washington”
- C-10** August 24, 2011 article on *Rail.co*, “Caltrain recommends new operator to run rail system”
- C-11** August 30, 2011 article in *Palo Alto Online*, “Plan for ‘blended’ rail system gains steam; Rail Authority’s peer review group latest panel to support Peninsula lawmakers’ proposal to blend Caltrain, high-speed rail”
- C-12** August 31, 2011 article in *The San Clemente Times*, “Grants to Boost Rail Safety”
- C-13** August 31, 2011 article in *The Mercury News*, “Caltrain rejects lowest bidder to operate system”

- C-14** August 31, 2011 article in *Sign On San Diego*, “Caltrans awarded \$55M to improve Surfliner operations”
- C-15** September 1, 2011 article in *The Sacramento Bee*, “Caltrain selects new company to run rail line”
- C-16** September 2, 2011 article in *Foster City Patch*, “Caltrain approves operating contract with TransitAmerica; Amtrak will continue to run Caltrain through a five-month transition period”
- C-17** September 6, 2011 article on *KION Right Now*, “MST Introduces Rapid Transit Service to Monterey County”
- C-18** September 7, 2011 article in *Metro Magazine*, “Monterey, Calif., partners with music festival to launch BRT”
- C-19** September 7, 2011 article in *RailwayAge Magazine*, “Railhead Corp. tapped for Caltrain project”
- C-20** September 8, 2011 article on *Streetsblog Capitol Hill*, “House GOP’s 2012 Transportation Budget: Deep Cuts, Especially for Livability”
- C-21** September 12, 2011 article on *Streetsblog Capitol Hill*, “House and Senate Agree on 6-Month Transpo Extension”