

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
January 9, 2012

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 3.1-3.2** 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 October 3, 2011 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Cook

- 3.2 RECEIVE** information about the National Transit Institute courses scheduled for Monterey County. – Watson **Pages 10 - 14**

*Four courses provided by the National Transit Institute are scheduled for Monterey County: Introduction to Metropolitan Transportation Planning, Transportation and Land Use, Financial Planning in Transportation, and Transit-Oriented Development.*

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

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- 4. RECEIVE** update, including a revised schedule and budget, on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. – Watson **Pages 15 - 20**

*Progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on October 3, 2011, includes feedback on the fourth Administrative Draft Environmental Assessment from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as meetings with responsible and stakeholder agencies. This update includes a revised project schedule and budget.*

- 5. RECEIVE** update on the Monterey Branch Line project, including land use discussions and Alternatives Analysis. – Hoschouer **Page 21**

*The Federal Transit Administration is currently reviewing the Alternatives Analysis for the Monterey Branch Line Project. Discussions about land use policies and practices around stations continue with peninsula cities.*

- 6. RECEIVE** update on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Rail Tour. – Gavin **Pages 22 - 24**

*Staff is coordinating a 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. The trip is planned for Friday, February 3, 2012.*

- 7. RECEIVE** overview of existing and proposed passenger rail services in California. – Watson **Pages 25 - 35**

*There are multiple passenger rail services now available in the state of California. In addition, several entities are planning extensions of service or new rail service for the State, including the Transportation Agency, sponsor of two rail projects for Monterey County. This presentation will explain the various existing and planned services, where the stations are for each service and how they all fit together.*

8. **REVIEW** and **COMMENT** on the draft 2012 Legislative Program. – Watson  
**Pages 36 - 38**

*The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.*

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 6, 2012**

**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 24, 2012  
[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

*None this agenda*

### **REPORTS**

- R-1** June 2011 Capitol Corridor Survey Results
- R-2** September 21, 2011 Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority meeting agenda and staff report related to Extension to Salinas project
- R-3** September 2011 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-4** October 2011 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-5** October 2011 survey results on California passenger rail operators in *Progressive Railroading*: “Passenger Rail at a Glance 2011: Agency Profiles” & “Sounding Off: Transit agencies address 'hot issues' in 2011 Passenger Rail At-a-Glance surveys”
- R-6** November 2011 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

## MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- M-1** October 2, 2011 opinion piece in *The Monterey County Herald*, “Phil Bowhay: Train beats the airport any day”
- M-2** October 5, 2011 article in *The California Progress Report*, “State Transit Systems Gain Traction Despite or Perhaps Because Of Economic Downturn”
- M-3** October 5, 2011 article in *The Examiner*, “Transportation agencies’ funds put Caltrain budget on solid ground”
- M-4** October 6, 2011 article in *San Jose Business Journal*, “Caltrain officials adopt tentative 2013 budget”
- M-5** October 7, 2011 article in *The Daily Journal*, “Caltrain solves its budget”
- M-6** October 17, 2011 article in the *Peninsula Press*, “As other Bay Area transport services adopt Wi-Fi, pressure on Caltrain mounts”
- M-7** October 18, 2011 article in the *Sacramento Business Journal*, “Capitol Corridor service boasts strong ridership”
- M-8** October 19, 2011 article in the *Auburn Journal*, “Auburn to see second passenger train? Proposition funds could move Donner tracks forward”
- M-9** October 26, 2011 article in *Streetsblog Capitol Hill*, “How a Twin Cities community fought for transit equity – and won”
- M-10** November 1, 2011 article in *Bloomberg*, “CA Rail Cost Soars to \$98.5B Under New Plan”
- M-11** November 1, 2011 article in the *Washington Post*, “Plan says total California high-speed rail system to cost \$98 billion but will make money”
- M-12** November 2, 2011 article in the *San Jose Mercury News*, “Bullet train doubts rise with cost”
- M-13** November 2, 2011 article in the *Millbrae Patch*, “High-Speed Rail Plan Electrifies Caltrain: Local elected officials score rare victory in new business plan”
- M-14** November 3, 2011 article in the *San Mateo Daily Journal*, “Caltrain ridership continues climbing”
- M-15** November 8, 2011 article in the *San Mateo Daily Journal*, “[Dumbarton] Bridge rail plan picks up speed”
- M-16** November 16, 2011 article in the *Railway Age Magazine*, “Amtrak funding nearly set for FY12”
- M-17** November 2011 article in *Progressive Railroading*, “High speed rail: California transit agencies aim to integrate lines to create a multi-modal state network”
- M-18** November 17, 2011 report from Rail Passenger Association of California & Nevada, “Capitol Corridor November 16 meeting report: changes are coming”
- M-19** November 18, 2011 commentary in *Passenger Transport*, “Transit Systems in Peril: Why Care?”

- M-20** November 19, 2011 article in *Crain's Detroit Business*, "Obama signs bill that green lights Woodward light rail private funding deal"
- M-21** November 22, 2011 article in *Streetsblog Capitol Hill*, "What will the Senate bill's transit section look like?"
- M-22** November 25, 2011 article in the *San Jose Mercury News*, "Key step for BART to San Jose"
- M-23** November 28, 2011 article in *SF Gate*, "Capitol Corridor train introduces Wi-Fi service"
- M-24** December 13, 2011 article in *The Atlantic Cities*, "5 Small City Transit Projects in Progress"