

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL Minutes of January 10, 2022
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
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	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	DEC 21	JAN 22
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	E	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		E	P(A)	P	P(A)		P
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney)	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	M	P(A)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	P	L	A	A	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P(A)	E	A
E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	P	L	P	P	E	T	E	P	A	P	T	P
K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	E	E	P	P	P	I	P	A	P	P	I	A
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz)	P(A)	D	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P		P	P	P	G	P	P	P	P	G	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P		A	P	P		P	A	A	P		A
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair	E		P	P	P		P	P	A	E		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5	P		A	A	A		A	P	P	A		A
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E		P(A)
STAFF												
T. Muck, Executive Director	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P		P	P	E		P	P	P	P		P
T. Wright, Outreach Coordinator	P		P	A	P		A	A	A	A		A
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P
D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer			P	A	A		A	A	A	P		P
A. Guther Assis. Transp. Planner										P		P

TC: via teleconference; VC: via video conference

P = Present
A = Absent
P(A) = alternate present
E = Excused

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Benson Kwong	Caltrans	Tarah Brady	Caltrans
Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas	Allan Miller	Caltrans

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Smith/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the November 1, 2021 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COAST CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C Askew/Oglesby /unanimous

The Committee received an update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles; and recommended the Board of Directors appoint Dave Potter and Mike LeBarre as representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that in January 2021, the TAMC Board approved the Rail Policy Committee recommended appointment of Dave Potter as the TAMC representative and Mike LeBarre as the TAMC alternate for a one-year term, and the CRCC Policy Committee selected Mr. Potter as the Chair. She noted that the Rail Policy Committee is now asked to recommend appointments to the CRCC Policy Committee for the period ending January 2023. Ms. Watson reported that the appointment involves attending up to four meetings of the Committee and potentially representing the group at a legislative day in Sacramento with the Intercity Passenger Rail group and the California Passenger Rail Summit, should they occur in 2022. She noted that a meeting schedule has changed: the updated February meeting date is February 25, 2022; the other dates remain the same as in the report.

Committee Member Potter expressed appreciation to Chair LeBarre and thanked him for his participation in the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

5. **SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, reported that the City of Salinas should be closing out the Package 1 construction permit soon. Ms. Williamson noted that staff closed out the construction contract in December.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that staff is coordinating with Caltrans and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City of Salinas. He noted that the land transfer must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to empower the City and TAMC to approve transfer agreements. Mr. Zeller noted that it will go to the CTC for approval in the January 26, 2022, unless it gets moved to the March meeting.

Mr. Zeller reported that the Agency is pursuing the acquisition of five privately-owned parcels for the layover facility for Package 2. One acquisition has been finalized and the remaining four are still in negotiations. He noted that staff would also bring a contract with Bender Rosenthal, with Nossaman as legal counsel, to assist with Union Pacific Railroad property acquisition to the January Board meeting.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that amendment #2 for Caltrain design review will be going to the January Board meeting. She noted that staff continues to work on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between TAMC and Caltrain outlining the process towards an operating agreement, and an MOU among TAMC, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the City of Gilroy for improvements near the Gilroy train station. She noted the MOUs might be on the February Board meeting agenda.

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

None

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.