

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of May 1, 2023

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 - Transportation Agency Conference Room

Alternate location: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933 - Supervisor Askew's Office

	JUN 22	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	NOV 22	DEC 22	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	A	N	P(A)	A	C	P(A)	N	P(A)	P	C	P	P
G. Church, Dist. 2 (M. Vierra , L. Gray)	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	O	A	P	A	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson, E. Mora)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	N	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (C. Courtney)	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	M	E	A	C	P(A) (VC)	E
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	A	P	E	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	A	E	P	P	L	P	E	P	P	L	A	A
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	A	T	P	P	L	A	T	P	A	L	P	A
A. Sandoval, Salinas, (A. Rocha)	P	I	P	P	E	P	I	P	P	E	E	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder, K. Cruz)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	D	P(A)	N	A	A	D	A	A
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	G	P	P		P	G	P	P		P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Cabera, D. Wilcox)	P		P	A		A		P	P		P	P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair (J. Barron)	P		P	P		P		P	P		E	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, P. Hierling)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		A	P(A)		P(A)	P(A) (VC)
J. Xiao, Caltrans District 5	P		P	P		P		P	P		A	P (VC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ M. Overmeyer)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		E	P(A)		P(A)	P (VC)
STAFF												
T. Muck, Executive Director	P		P	P		P		P	P		E	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P		P	P		P		P	P		P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P		P	P		P		E	P		P	P (VC)

M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P		P	P		P		P	P		P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		P	P		P		P	P		P	P (VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	A		P	P		P		A	P		P	P (VC)
A. Guthrie, Assis. Transp. Planner	E		P	P		P		P	P		P	E
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	A		P	A		P		A	P		E	A
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	-		P	A		A		A	A		A	A
A. Hernandez Assis. Transp. Planner									P		A	A
Emily Belding Transportation Intern									P		P	A

P = Present A = Absent P(A) = Alternate Present E = Excused (VC) = Video Conference

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas	Michael Gomez	Public
Roland Lebrun	Public	Shannon Simonds	Caltrans
Matt Schoeder	SCCRTC	Josh Pulverman	Caltrans

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Alejo/Potter /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the April 3, 2023, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CALTRANS 2023 STATE RAIL PLAN

The Committee received a presentation from Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation staff and provided feedback on the 2023 State Rail Plan.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, introduced Josh Pulverman, Integration and Network Planning Branch Chief with the Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT), who reported that they released the draft 2023 California State Rail Plan on March 10, with a deadline for comments of May 10. He noted that the Rail Plan outlines a long-term vision to guide incremental services planning to support development of a statewide network, a 10-year service and capital plan representing phased goals for advancing the network design, and a 5-year capital program supporting near term funding and programming needs.

Chair LeBarre asked what “open loop” means. Mr. Pulverman replied that it is a seamless transfer between operators, being planned via the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP). Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, added that it is contactless fare payment that enables passengers to pay with credit card or cell phone regardless of transit agency or operator.

Committee Member Chavez asked why the City of Soledad station was not included in the 2023 plan. Shannon Simonds, Caltrans DRMT, replied that not all stations are shown on the map and noted that it is definitely still part of the plan. She noted that Caltrans can help to fund project development and delivery.

Committee Member Alejo thanked Caltrans for their help in securing \$2.3 million in pre-construction funding for the Pajaro/ Watsonville station and asked what that funding would accomplish. Executive Director Muck replied that it will fund the update to the state environmental review for the station and federal environmental review that will make the station eligible for federal grant funding. He noted the environmental phase includes conceptual design and public engagement.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

6. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.