

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of September 9, 2024

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

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

11140 Speegle Street, Castroville CA, 95012 Supervisor Church's Office

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, Supervisor Alejo's Office

	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MA Y 24	JUN 24	JUL 24	AUG 24	SEP 24
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P	C	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	C	P(A) (VC)	N	P	P
G. Church, Dist. 2 (M. Vierra , L. Gray)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	A	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	A	P (VC)	O	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson, E. Mora)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	N	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	N	P(A) (VC)	M	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (C. Courtney)	A	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	C	P(A) (VC)	E	C	A	E	A	E
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (J. McAdams)	A	A	P (VC)	A	L	P (VC)	A	L	P (VC)	T	A	E
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	A	P	P	E	L	P	P	L	P	I	P	P
A. Sandoval, Salinas, (A. Rocha)	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P	A	E	A	N	A	A
M. Carbone, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	A	A	P	A	D	P	P	D	P	G	P	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	A	P		A	A		E		A	A
F. Cabrera, Soledad (A. Velazquez)	P	A	A	P		P	E		E		P	P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair (J. Barron)	A	E	P	P		P	P		P		P	E
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A) (VC)	E	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
A. Lopez, Caltrans District 5	A	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)		P (VC)	A		A		P (VC)	P (VC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ M. Overmeyer)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)

STAFF	SEP	OCT	NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	C	P	N	E	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	O	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	E	E	P (VC)	E	N	P (VC)	E	N	E	M	P (VC)	P (VC)
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P	P	P	P	C	P	E	C	E	E	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P (VC)	A	P	P	E	E	E	E	P	E	P (VC)	P (VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	A	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	L	P (VC)	A	L	P	T	A	A
A. Guther, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	L	P	I	P	P
A. Sambrano Transp. Planner	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	E	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P	N	P (VC)	P (VC)
J. Strause, Associate Transp. Planner	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	A	D	E	E	D	E	G	P	P
J. Kise, Director of Finance & Administration	-	-	-	A		A	P		P		A	P
M. Park, Finance Officer/Analyst	-	-	-	-		-	-		P		P	P

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

Tarah Gatten	Caltrans	Frank Lopez	Public
Linda Gonzalez	Alternate District 1	Roland LeBrun	Public
Javier Gomez	Alternate District 1		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Smith/Alejo/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the August 5, 2024, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received media clippings attached online.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COAST CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Committee met on August 22-23 in San Luis Obispo discussed the following:

- Legislative Update, including Senate Bill 1098, state budget challenges, and a potential qualified voter initiative involving passenger rail services;
- Federal Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) program updates included that Caltrans is reviewing projects for the program and will then develop a Service Development Plan to be completed in the next few years;
- Senate Bill 125 fund allocations; and
- Dreamstar overnight rail service proposal and information on their potential ridership and train set design, and a discussion on how the service could conflict with planned operations from Metrolink, LOSSAN, CCJPA, and other plans.

Chair LeBarre noted that the Dreamstar proposal lacked specificity but shows that the underused rail line is an important asset.

5. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported the design team has continued to coordinate design review with Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Salinas.

Mike Zeller, Director of Planning and Programming, reported that four parcels remain that are potentially required for the layover facility and Gilroy track improvements, which are owned by Union Pacific. He noted that Property rights negotiations are on hold pending Union Pacific's review of the design plans. Mr. Zeller noted that the staff has requested permission to begin discussions with the Union Pacific real estate division to secure a right-of-way certification by the end of the year for the February CTC meeting.

Ms. Watson reported that staff continue to work with Caltrain on operations and announced a train tour in Palo Alto on Saturday, September 21.

6. PAJARO MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Pajaro Multimodal Station Project.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that the Board approved a contract with HDR Engineering. She noted that a kickoff meeting and site visit was held on August 14, 2024.

Ms. Guther noted that a Notice of Preparation workshop is proposed for November 20, 2024, to engage the community.

Committee Member Alejo also noted that to celebrate local railroad history staff should work with the Arts Council on murals about the all-women railroad crew working in the area in the 1940's.

Chair LeBarre asked staff to schedule another joint meeting with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and invite the Watsonville Mayor.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced that the next Rail Policy meeting is scheduled on October 7, 2024.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.