

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of February 3, 2025

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~~
 248 Main St., Soledad, CA 93960 Mayor Velazquez's Office

	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MA Y 24	JUN 24	JUL 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	C	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	C	P(A) (VC)	N	P	P	N	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E
G. Church, Dist. 2 (M. Vierra , L. Gray)	A	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	A	P (VC)	O	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	O	E	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson , E. Mora)	N	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	N	P(A) (VC)	M	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	M	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
K. Daniels, Dist. 5, (TBA)	C	P(A) (VC)	E	C	A	E	A	E	E	P(A) (VC)	A*	P
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E
B. Delgado, Marina (J. McAdams)	L	P (VC)	A	L	P (VC)	T	A	E	T	A	A	P (VC)
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	L	P	P	L	P	I	P	P	I	P	P	A
A. Sandoval, Salinas, (A. Rocha)	E	P	A	E	A	N	A	A	N	P	A	A
M. Carbone, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	D	P	P	D	P	G	P	P	G	P	P	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)		A	A		E		A	A		A	A	A
A. Velazquez, Soledad (F. Ansaldo-Sanchez)		P	E		E		P	P		P	A*	P (VC)
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
A. Lopez, Caltrans District 5		P (VC)	A		A		P (VC)	P (VC)		A	A	P(VC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ M. Overmeyer)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)	A	A

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

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

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Carbone called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Cunningham Caltrans

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Daniels/Church/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of January 13, 2025, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received Media Clippings

3.3 Received Correspondence

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN & CORRIDOR ID UPDATES

The Committee received a presentation on the 2024 State Rail Plan and update on the Federal Railroad Administration Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) process.

Rob Cunningham, Caltrans Division of Rail, reported that the Rail Plan outlines a long-term vision to guide incremental service planning to support development of a statewide network, a 10-year service and capital plan representing phased goals for advancing network design, and a 5-year capital program supporting near-term funding and programming needs. He noted that California State Rail Plan provides solutions for congested corridors across California and identifies how the State will prioritize investments that provide Californians with more frequent, reliable rail service to more destinations, with travel times that are competitive with traveling by air and auto. Mr. Cunningham noted that projects in the near-term scenario with secured funding include the Salinas rail extension, positive train control, and a central coast layover facility. He noted there are challenges with implementing the 2035 mandate for zero-emission train equipment on the Coast Line.

Mr. Cunningham noted that Caltrans is working with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and regional partners (TAMC, SCCRTC, and SLOCOG) to develop a scope, schedule, and budget for a Service Development Plan for the Central Coast Corridor via the Corridor ID program. The service Development Plan is expected to begin late spring/early summer. He noted that even if federal funding is not available for these projects in the near term, Caltrans is committed to the process for moving the projects through the planning stages.

Committee Member Delgado asked for a description of the central coast layover facility. Mr. Cunningham replied that the San Louis Obispo Layover Facility expansion would allow for more service on the Coast.

Committee Member Velazquez asked about the cost estimate for the mid/long term projects at \$250 billion. Mr. Cunningham replied that it is an estimate for all projects statewide in the mid- and long-term list, including High Speed Rail.

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 that the activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update include operations scenario discussions, design coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Package 2 and 3, and right-of-way appraisals for Union Pacific Railroad-owned property. Ms. Watson noted that since the last report to this committee, the design team has continued to coordinate design reviews with Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Salinas. Ms. Watson noted that staff will be requesting extension on the right-of-way funds at the March California Transportation Commission meeting.

Mike Zeller, TAMC Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reported that the team continues to work through the Union Pacific process for identifying the property rights that TAMC may need to acquire from Union Pacific Railroad.

6. PAJARO MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE

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

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that the Pajaro Multimodal Station project held meetings with Caltrans staff to discuss the federal Corridor ID funding program. Ms. Guther noted that she gave a presentation to the Watsonville Rotary Club last month and attended a Pajaro disaster recovery alliance meeting. Ms. Guther noted that Transportation Agency staff continue to work to set up a meeting with the Army Corps to discuss levee repair work. She noted that she would post links to relevant nearby work to the Pajaro project website.

Committee Member Church expressed concerns about potential cost increases due to key cost drivers being forgotten in early estimates. Executive Director Todd Muck replied that adding certain components to the station such as transit access could increase the cost of the station project but may also make the project eligible for additional fund sources.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Carbone adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.