



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 7, 2022

****3:00 PM****

REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY

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1. Quorum Check, Call to Order and Introductions

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA.

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encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Thursday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed 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 the Rail Policy Committee meeting of January 10, 2022.

- Montiel

The draft minutes of the January 10, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

3.2. RECEIVE update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

- Watson

Progress since the last update to this Committee in January includes the scheduling of Policy Committee and Working Group meetings for 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. HOLD elections for Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-24.

- Watson

The bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year.

5. RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

- Watson

Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update in January include work related to transferring the properties acquired for Package 1 (Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) to the City of Salinas and design coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy track connections).

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS from Rail Policy Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future Committee agendas.**
7. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:
Monday, March 7, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

**If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator
Christina@tamcmonterey.org**

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information is as follows:

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- C 1. RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.
- C 2. RECEIVE** reports attached online.
- C 3.** No media clippings this agenda.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: February 7, 2022
Subject: **Draft January RPC Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of January 10, 2022.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the January 10, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft January RPC Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT Minutes of January 10, 2022

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

ZOOM REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY

	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.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: February 7, 2022
Subject: **Coast Corridor Rail Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

SUMMARY:

Progress since the last update to this Committee in January includes the scheduling of Policy Committee and Working Group meetings for 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Coast Rail project capital and operation costs are under evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a multi-agency advisory and planning organization focused on improving the rail corridor between Los Angeles and the San Francisco bay area along the California Central Coast. Members of Council include all regional transportation planning agencies along the Central Coast – all of which have a strong interest in improving rail service and the rail infrastructure along the Central Coast’s portion of the California Coast Passenger Rail Corridor.

Attached is the tentative schedule of CRCC meetings for 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CRCC Meeting Schedule



2022 Meeting Schedule

Updated 1/3/22 (subject to change)

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, January 21, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

POLICY MEETING

Friday, February 25, 2022 Teleconference* 8:30-10:00*

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, March 18, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, April 15, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

POLICY Meeting

Friday, May 20, 2022 Monterey* 8:30-10:00*

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, June 17, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, July 15, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

POLICY MEETING

Friday, August 19, 2022 Santa Barbara* 8:30-10:00*

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, September 16, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, October 21, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

POLICY MEETING

Friday, November 18, 2022 San Luis Obispo* 8:30-10:00*

WORKING GROUP MEETING

Friday, December 9, 2022 Teleconference 8:30-9:30

* We may try to hold CRCC Policy Meetings in person, but this will depend on current public health requirements as well as in-person participation. If virtual, meetings will take place from 8:30-10:00am.

Additional meeting(s) may be added subject to need.

1. Most meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Friday of the month. If significant conflicts occur, it is rescheduled.
2. Policy meetings occur 4-5 times per year; Working Group meetings are monthly teleconference meetings.
3. Meetings will be canceled one month in advance as necessary

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Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: February 7, 2022
Subject: Rail Policy Committee Elections

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

HOLD elections for Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-24.

SUMMARY:

The bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

From the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bylaws, section 12.4:

"A **Rail Policy Committee** composed of TAMC Board members or their alternates from the following jurisdictions on the rail lines: Cities of Salinas, Marina, Sand City, Seaside, and Monterey, Supervisorial District 1, Supervisorial District 2, Supervisorial District 4, Supervisorial District 5 and two representatives from South Monterey County: either (a) the 3rd District County Supervisor and a voting TAMC Board member from one of the South Monterey County Cities, or (b) two voting TAMC Board members from South Monterey County Cities. In addition, the TAMC Board may appoint one at-large member from the TAMC Board, taking into account interest and expertise in rail issues. The TAMC Chair may appoint annually ex-officio members as needed.

"The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership for a two-year term at the end of the February meeting of every even year, beginning in 2008. The Chair may rotate between the County Supervisors and the Cities, and/or between Salinas Valley and the Monterey Peninsula or the existing Chair may be reappointed to a new term. **To be eligible to serve as the Chair or Vice Chair, the person must be a voting Agency Board Member and have served on the Rail Policy Committee for at least one year.** The Rail Policy Committee advises the Transportation Agency Board on matters related to the establishment of passenger rail service in Monterey County."



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: February 7, 2022
Subject: Salinas Rail Kick Start Project Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

SUMMARY:

Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update in January include work related to transferring the properties acquired for Package 1 (Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) to the City of Salinas and design coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy track connections).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The capital cost of the Monterey County Rail Extension project, Phase 1, Salinas Kick Start project (the Salinas station and improvements in Santa Clara County), is estimated at \$81 million. The Kick Start project is proceeding with secured state funding under the adopted state environmental clearance.

DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Rail Extension Project will extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas. TAMC is pursuing a phased implementation of the Project. Phase 1, known as the Kick Start Project, includes Salinas train station circulation improvements, a train layover facility in Salinas, and track improvements at the Gilroy station and between Salinas and Gilroy. The Kick Start Project has wrapped up construction of Package 1, improvements at the Salinas train station. The layover facility (Package 2) and track improvements (Package 3) are now in final design.

Construction of Package 1: Salinas Station Improvements

TAMC staff is coordinating with Caltrans and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City, pursuant to the adopted Memorandum of Understanding. The land transfer must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to empower the City and TAMC to approve transfer agreements. The CTC is requiring the City to commit to replacing any parking spaces used for future development in a location walking distance from the station. The CTC considered the requested transfer at its January 26-27 meeting. Staff will provide a verbal update at the Committee meeting.

Property Acquisition for Package 2: Salinas Layover Facility

On December 4, 2019, the Transportation Agency Board approved Resolutions of Necessity on portions of four parcels and one full parcel needed for the Salinas layover facility. TAMC staff continues to oversee the right-of-way consulting team of AR/WS and Meyers Nave to further negotiations and finalize the remaining acquisitions in Salinas, and the team of Bender Rosenthal and Nossaman for Union Pacific property access negotiations.

Final Design for Package 2 and Package 3: Gilroy Station & Track Improvements; Operations Scenarios

HDR Engineering prepared the 90% plans, specifications and estimates for stakeholder review on November 8. Comments were due from partner agencies by January 7. HDR is now working on responding to comments, with the goal of preparing 100% plans by May.

The final design team held the following meetings to further the project's design:

- Amtrak and Union Pacific - February 2
- Caltrans and Caltrain - January 14
- City of Gilroy and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) - January 11
- City of Salinas - January 25

Documents the team is preparing for future Committee/Board approval include the following:

- Memorandum of Understanding between TAMC and Caltrain outlining the process towards an operating agreement.
- Memorandum of Understanding among TAMC, VTA and Gilroy for improvements near the Gilroy train station to support the extension of passenger rail service south from Gilroy.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: February 7, 2022
Subject: **Correspondence**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [2022-01-04 Email from Gunnar Henrioulle Colfax](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: February 7, 2022
Subject: Reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE reports attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Capitol Corridor monthly report for November 2021](#)