

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

FINAL Minutes of April 1, 2013

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	APR 12	MAY 12	JUN 12	AUG 12	SEP 12	OCT 12	NOV 12	JAN 13	FEB 13	MAR 13	APR 13
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	C	P	C	E	C	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	C	E
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	N	P(A)	N	E	N	P(A)	E	P	-	N	E
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee, J. Mohammadi)	C	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	P	C	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	E	-	E	E	E	-	-	P	-	E	P(A)
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Vice Chair (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	L	P	L	P	L	P	P	P	P	L	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell , J. Serrano)	L	P	L	P	L	P	P	P	P	L	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (L. Gomez)	E	E	E	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P(A)
R. Rubio, Seaside (A. Edwards)	D	P	D	P(A)	D	P	P	P	P	D	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		P		E		P	E	P	P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)		-		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5		E		E		-	-	-	-		-
C. Sedoryk, MST (M. Hernandez, M. Gallant)		-		-		P(A)	-	-	P(A)		P
M. Nelson., Airport (R. Searle)		P		-		P	P	P	-		-
STAFF											
D. Hale, Exec. Director		P		P		P	P	P	P		P
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director		P		P		P	P	P	P		E
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner		P		P		P	P	P	P		P
A. Green, Transp. Planner								P	-		P
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P		E		P	P	P	P		P
M. Zeller, Sr. Transp. Planner		-		-		-	P	P	P		P
S. Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator		-		-		P	P	-	-		-
H. Myers, Assoc. Transp. Planning Engineer		-		-		P	-	P	P		P
E – Excused	VC – Video Conference										
P(A) – Alternate	TC – Teleconference										

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assoc.	Michael Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit
James Serrano	City of Salinas	Stephen Judd	Seaside Resident
Bill Godwin	Carmel Resident	Eric Petersen	Salinas Resident
Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of CA		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made at the meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rubio/Sollecito/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the February 4, 2013 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received update on the California Statewide Rail Plan.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CLOSED SESSION: REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS

The committee conferred with real property negotiators concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station.

Property: 20 West Market Street, Salinas, CA

Agency negotiators: Christina Watson, Mike Zeller, Todd Muck

Negotiating parties: Patrick Redo, CEO, Monterey County Employees Credit Union

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

The committee reconvened in open session. Chair Potter reported that the committee received the report and that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors would receive a report in closed session at its April 24, 2013 regular meeting.

5. RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received a project update and provided staff direction on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

Progress since the last update to the Committee about the project on February 4, 2013 included meetings in Washington, DC, meetings with the Valley Transportation Authority and the City of Gilroy related to funding for the proposed Gilroy Station improvements, and the adoption of joint principles of agreement by both the Capitol Corridor and Transportation Agency boards. Chair Potter, Committee Member Craig, and Director Hale reported on meetings that they attended in Washington DC regarding the rail extension project.

The committee provided direction to staff to schedule further meetings with the state's federal delegation to pursue a legislative solution regarding the issue of eligibility for Federal Transit

Administration Small Starts Grant Funding. Chair Potter directed staff to report to the Board of Directors on the project. The committee also directed staff to work with Congressman Farr's office to assist in securing the federal approval of the project's environmental document.

Staff also agreed to schedule meetings with California Transportation Commissioners prior to the Commission's consideration in June of a funding transfer from the Valley Transportation Authority to the Transportation Agency to construct planned Gilroy station improvements.

6. COAST DAYLIGHT

The committee received an update on the status of the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Coast Daylight on October 1, 2012 includes an administrative draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Report for the segment of the Coast Rail Line corridor between San Luis Obispo and Salinas, ongoing negotiations with Union Pacific, and meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council. Staff reported that the Agency is pursuing an amendment to the State Transportation Improvement Program to help fund construction of the project.

Chair Potter commented that the Council and staff should discuss this project with the California High Speed Rail Authority in order to pursue additional funding for the project, given its importance as a regional feeder line for the planned High Speed Rail service. Chair Potter also commented that the Council is making progress in negotiations with Union Pacific over improvements to the Coast Mainline tracks.

7. APRIL 30 RAIL TOUR

The committee received information about the planned April 30, 2013 rail tour with Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board representatives on the Coast Starlight.

Staff reported that the planned tour will include transportation from Salinas to the San Jose Diridon rail station, a trip on the southbound Amtrak Coast Starlight between San Jose and Salinas, which will be followed by a tour of the Salinas rail station to present the Agency's Salinas station plans. Staff extended an invitation to the committee to participate.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

April Fool's Day announcements were made by committee members.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.