

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
August 5, 2013

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

3:00 P.M.

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1. **Quorum Check, Call to Order and Introductions.** A quorum for the voting TAMC Rail Policy Committee members consists of a minimum of 6 of the following voting members: Potter (Chair), Sollecito (Vice-Chair), Armenta, Rubio, Calcagno, Parker, Delgado, Craig, Matarazzo, and Chavez.

If you are unable to attend, please make sure that one of your two alternates attends the meeting. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA.**
Any member of the public may address the Rail Policy Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Rail Policy Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1-3.2 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 May 6, 2013 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
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**3.2 Salinas Rail Extension Project Delivery Assistance contract – Watson
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RECOMMEND the Board:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract not to exceed \$22,000 with Apex Strategies for Salinas Rail Extension Project Delivery Assistance, including intergovernmental coordination and stakeholder outreach;
2. Approve the use of \$22,000 in funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

Apex Strategies has been supporting the Salinas Rail Extension project over the years via various mechanisms, including as a subcontractor to Parsons and via a contract for general project management support for the agency. Staff recommends a new, separate contract with Apex Strategies strictly for the Salinas Rail Extension Project for support services.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**4. Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase Request for Proposals –
Watson Pages 12 - 19**

1. **RECOMMEND** the Board approve the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase Request for Proposals Scope of Work; and authorize staff to release the Request for Proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant contract, including the final scope of work, and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board approve the Contract Amendment #13 and Novation for Parsons to close out the current contract.

The purpose of the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase Request for Proposals is to select a consultant to complete the final design for the Salinas down-sized station and temporary layover facility and Santa Clara County track and platform improvements. Closing out the current Parsons contract will eliminate any potential conflict between previous and future design contracts.

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project. – Watson
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Progress since the last update to the Committee about the project on May 6, 2013 includes the approval of a transfer of \$18 million for the Gilroy station project and presentation of a draft operations plan at the June 11, 2013 California Transportation Commission meeting, meetings with Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and Federal Transit Administration, and work on the environmental documents.

6. **RECEIVE** update on the status of the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and report from a meeting of the Intercity Rail Chairs group. – Watson
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Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Coast Daylight on April 1, 2013 includes an allocation of regional funds to the project approvals and environmental documents phase of the project; ongoing negotiations with Union Pacific, Caltrain and Amtrak; and meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council. Chair Potter and staff will report on a meeting of the Intercity Rail Chairs group in Monterey on July 18-19, 2013.

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

8. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

Monday, September 9, 2013

3:00 p.m.

Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901

Light refreshments will be provided

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator

by Tuesday, August 20, 2013

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS
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CORRESPONDENCE

- C-1** April 9, 2013 letter from Robert J. Ernst, III, to Debra L. Hale, TAMC Executive Director, re: El Aguila Food Products, Inc., Chisum Trail LLC – Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center
- C-2** April 26, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, TAMC Executive Director, to Andre Boutros, CTC Executive Director, re: STIP Allocation Request for Coast Daylight/ Salinas Rail Extension Track Improvements (PPNO 1971)

- C-3** May 6, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, TAMC Executive Director, to Leslie T. Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator, re: Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project CA-03-0649 Request for Hardship Finding CE(d)(12)
- C-4** May 29, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, TAMC Executive Director, to Ray LaHood, USDOT Secretary of Transportation, re: Support for TIGER FY13 Application: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Revitalization, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
- C-5** June 12, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, TAMC Executive Director, to David Kustrosky, CCJPA Managing Director, re: Anticipated Agreement between TAMC and CCJPA Outlining Shared Responsibilities and Costs for Rail Extension to Salinas Activities
- C-6** June 19, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, TAMC Executive Director, to Andre Boutros, CTC Executive Director, re: Rail Extension to Monterey County: Proposition 116 Project Application Amendment

REPORTS

- R-1** March 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-2** April 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-3** May 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- M-1** June 13, 2013 article in the *Californian*, "Commuter rail service into Monterey County gets funding boost"
- M-2** June 13, 2013 article on *KION*, "Not The High Speed Rail, But Another Step In Local Train Service"
- M-3** June 14, 2013 article in *Passenger Transport*, "Coverage of the 2013 APTA Rail Conference: Panel: No Easy Answers for Funding Challenges"
- M-4** June 17, 2013 article in the *International Railway Journal*, "Funding boost for Capitol Corridor extension"
- M-5** June 22, 2013 article in the *Californian*, "Train trip relaxing, fun and often scenic"
- M-6** July 11, 2013 article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "Salinas, Silicon Valley plant seeds of technology: Initiative raising capital for startups linking Silicon, Salinas valleys"