

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*FINAL Minutes of August 4, 2014*

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	AUG 13	SEPT 13	OCT 13	NOV 13	JAN 14	FEB 14	MAR 14	APR 14	MAY 14	JUNE 14	AUG 14
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	-	P	-	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P	P(A)
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	-	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	E	<b>N</b>	P(A)	-	<b>N</b>	P(A)	P(A)
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair ( <del>K. Lee</del> , J. Mohammadi)	P	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	-	<b>E</b>	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	E	<b>L</b>	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas, Vice Chair ( <del>R. Russell</del> , J. Serrano)	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	P
K. Morgan, Sand City (L. Gomez)	P(A)	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	-	-	<b>E</b>	P(A)	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (A. Edwards)	P	P(A)	P(A)	<b>D</b>	P	<b>D</b>	P	P	<b>D</b>	P	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)		P(A)	-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	E	E	-		-		P (TC)	-		-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath)	P(A)	P	P(A) (TC)		P(A)		P(A)	P		-	-
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)	-	-	-		-		-	-		-	-
<b>STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P	P	P		P		P	-		P	P
T. Muck, Deputy, Exec. Director	E	P	P		P		P	P		P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P		E		P	P		P	P
A. Green, Transp. Planner	P	P	P		P		P	P		P	-
M. Zeller, Sr. Transp. Planner	E	-	-		P		P	-		-	P
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Engineer	P	P	-		-		P	P		-	P
Theresa Wright, Outreach Coordinator	-	-	-		-		-	-		-	P
	<b>E – Excused</b> <b>P(A) – Alternate</b>										
	<b>VC – Video Conference</b> <b>TC – Teleconference</b>										

**1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Leon Gomez	City of Sand City
Eric Peterson	Citizen	MacGregor Eddy	Reporter, Californian
Bernard Green	Citizen	Chris Flescher	RailPAC

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Sollecito/Markey/unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of the June 2, 2014 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update regarding a proposed express busway on the Monterey Branch Line.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, presented an update on MST's proposal to build an express busway along the Monterey Branch Line. She noted that, according to current Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations for Very Small Starts projects, MST had to remove toll credits from the project funding. She also noted that the proposed 10-mile busway on the Monterey Branch Line has a cost estimate of approximately \$30 million. MST is pursuing other monies (cap and trade funds, for example) as a replacement for toll credits.

Vice Chair Craig requested that staff coordinate with MST to bring this item back again in September with a presentation from Carl Sedoryk, MST General Manager.

**5. COAST DAYLIGHT PROJECT UPDATE**

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

Christina Watson reported that the Coast Daylight project is a joint Caltrans/Amtrak effort headed up by the Coast Rail Coordinating Council that would extend the existing Pacific Surfliner train from Los Angeles and Paso Robles to San Francisco. Progress on this project includes meetings with Amtrak regarding their operational feasibility study for the service; a draft report is expected to be available for review in October. Staff has also been working with San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and consultants on the administrative draft federal and state environmental documents.

**6. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Christina Watson reported that the California Transportation Commission approved a revised schedule for Trade Corridor Relief Program funds, so that the project budget now matches the funding schedule. She noted that Capitol Corridor ridership estimates have been updated and will be presented to the committee at a future meeting. She also noted that staff is working with Caltrans Audits to finalize the contract for the design phase of the project. For the right-of-way phase, Ms. Watson reported that appraisals have been completed on all the parcels required for the Salinas Rail Station. She also noted that staff is continuing to work with Congressman Farr's office to propose changes to federal law to enable future phases of the project to be eligible for federal funding.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported that staff is continuing to work with Caltrans Audits on an action plan in response to their recent audit of the Agency, which focused on contracts for the Salinas Rail Extension, but the plan is not expected to affect project funding.

Don Reynolds, City of Salinas, provided a presentation on the Downtown Vibrancy Plan, the City's plans for redeveloping the downtown area, which includes the Salinas Intermodal Station.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Member Rubio announced the news that Bob Antle (of Tanimura & Antle) had just passed away.

**8. ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.