

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
March 2, 2015

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), Craig (Vice-Chair), Armenta, Bodem, Chavez, Delgado, Parker, Phillips, Rubio, and Smith.

*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.

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**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 January 12, 2015 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Murillo

- 3.2 **RECEIVE** report on Monterey Branch Line right of way easement for proposed Cal Am water pipeline. – Myers **Pages 9 - 10**

*Agency staff has been in discussion with Cal Am for a water pipeline easement along the Agency-owned Monterey Branch Line Right-of-Way. The discussions involve easements for incidental uses that do not negatively impact the planned passenger rail project.*

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#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **RECEIVE** update from Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) regarding a proposed express busway on the Monterey Branch Line. – Harvath **Pages 11 - 13**

*Hunter Harvath, MST's Assistant General Manager, Finance & Administration, will present an update on MST's proposal to build an express busway on the Monterey Branch Line. MST is looking to apply for \$9.8 million in cap and trade funding to match federal funding for the project.*

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project. – Watson **Pages 14 - 16**

*Progress since the last update to the Committee about the project on January 12, 2015 includes a meeting with the City of Salinas City Council Intermodal Transportation Center subcommittee, regular check-in calls with the consultant team for the design phase, and meetings with right-of-way consultants. Staff is also working on an application for cap and trade funding for the project, which is due on April 10.*

6. **RECEIVE** update on the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles. – Watson **Pages 17 - 19**

*Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Coast Daylight on January 12, 2015 includes a meeting of the California Intercity Rail Corridor chairs and vice chairs; a meeting of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee on January 30 in Santa Barbara and a Technical Committee meeting on January 16; meetings with the team working on the environmental review; and with Amtrak regarding the feasibility study.*

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, April 6, 2015**

**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, March 24, 2015**

**[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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The next Rail Policy Committee agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon Tuesday, March 24, 2015, nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- C-1** December 19, 2014 letter from Noland, Hamerly, Etienne, Hoss to Debra Hale, Executive Director, re: Tony Brigantino.
- C-2** January 5, 2015 letter from Kathryn Reimann, Sr. Deputy County Counsel, to Michael Masuda, Noland, Hamerly, Etienne, Hoss, re: Your Letter to Debra Hale Dated December 19, 2014
- C-3** February 10, 2015 letter from Toni G. Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly, announcing the establishment of the Select Committees for the 2015-16 regular session
- C-4** February 10, 2015 news release: Transportation Agency Seeks Applicants for Transit & Intercity Rail Program
- C-5** February 11, 2015 letter from Robert F. MacDonald, Transportation Specialist and Historian, to TAMC Board of Directors, re: Train Rides for History

### **REPORTS**

- R-1** December 2014 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-2** January 2015 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

### **MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

- M-1** January 4, 2015 column in the *Salinas Californian*, "We Could Car Less: Become a game changer in Salinas area transit policymaking"
- M-2** January 5, 2015 article in the *Transport Politic*, "Openings and Construction Starts Planned for 2015"
- M-3** January 6, 2015 article in the *Sacramento Bee*, "Caltrans reviewing Dixon's downtown 'depot' financing"
- M-4** February 9, 2015 column in the *Salinas Californian*, "We Could Car Less: Biking downtown Salinas from N. Main a hassle"
- M-5** February 2-9, 2015 article in *Engineering News-Record*, "Calif. Pol Questions State of State's Rail Infrastructure"