

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR0. MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL Minutes of February 4, 2013
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	FEB 12	MAR 12	APR 12	MAY 12	JUN 12	AUG 12	SEP 12	OCT 12	NOV 12	JAN 13	FEB 13
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	E	C	P	C	E	C	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	-	P(A)	N	P(A)	N	E	N	P(A)	E	P	-
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee, J. Mohammadi)	P	P(A)	C	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	E	-	E	E	E	-	-	P	-
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Vice Chair (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P	L	P	L	P	L	P	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	L	P	L	P	L	P	P	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (L. Gomez)	P	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)
R. Rubio, Seaside (A. Edwards)	P	P	D	P	D	P(A)	D	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P		P		E		P	E	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)	-	-		-		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	E	E		E		E		-	-	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (M. Hernandez, M. Gallant)	-	P(A)		-		-		P(A)	-	-	P(A)
M. Nelson., Airport (R. Searle)	-	P		P		-		P	P	P	-
STAFF											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P	P		P		P		P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P	P		P		P		P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P		P		P		P	P	P	P
A. Green, Transp. Planner										P	-
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P		P		E		P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Sr. Transp. Planner	-	-		-		-		-	P	P	P
S. Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	-		-		-		P	P	-	-
H. Myers, Assoc. Transp. Planning Engineer	-	-		-		-		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 3:01 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assoc.	Ben Tripousis	CA High Speed Rail Auth.
Eileen Goodwin	Apex Strategies	Patrick Dobbins	Harris & Associates
Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	Eric Petersen	Salinas Resident
Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of CA		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Potter introduced Ben Tripousis as the new High Speed Rail Authority Policy Director for Northern California, who will be responsible for the San Francisco to Merced segments of the High Speed Rail project, as well as the Phase II segments between Los Angeles and San Diego, and Merced to Sacramento. Mr. Tripousis provided an update on the status of the High Speed Rail plans and characterized the Agency's Rail Extension to Salinas as being an important regional connection for the High Speed Rail project. He also noted there is funding available for station area planning and development via the blended rail plan and federal high-speed rail support.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Craig/Sollecito/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the January 7, 2013 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. UPDATE RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT

M/S/C Rubio/Chavez/unanimous

The Committee received an update on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project and approved a draft Principles of Agreement for consideration by the Board of Directors with edits requested by the Committee.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the progress on the Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on January 7, 2013, includes a meeting of the Committee's Ad-hoc group for the Salinas rail project, presentations to the Salinas City Council and the Salinas City Council Intermodal Transportation Center Subcommittee, as well as meetings with Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and Union Pacific staff.

Ms. Watson reviewed a draft of the Principles of Agreement to be adopted by the Transportation Agency and Capitol Corridor Boards, and requested that the Committee approve the draft for consideration by the Board of Directors. The agreement, which generally describes the project and defines the roles of each agency involved in implementing and operating the proposed service, was requested by the California Transportation Commission when it approved an extension of state funding allocated to the project. Ms. Watson commented that the agreement would also be useful in future discussions with the Federal Transit Administration.

Ms. Watson also provided a report on the committee's January 24 Ad-hoc group meeting. That meeting was requested by the Committee in January to discuss the Agency's strategy for funding and delivering the project. Staff noted that the key request is that the Federal Transit Administration reconsider its recent determination that the project would be ineligible for Small Starts funding without significant changes to the project related to the fact that the Capitol Corridor is an intercity service, including separate branding, ticketing and marketing from the current system, which the Capitols would not support.

Staff agreed to correct typographical errors in the draft Principles of Agreement document and incorporate other minor edits requested by the Committee in the document to be presented to the Agency Board on February 27, 2013 and to the Capitol Corridor Board on February 20, 2013.

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

Christina Watson announced that Caltrans would be holding open houses for the draft State Rail Plan, and that staff would be reviewing the document to ensure that the Agency's planned rail projects were accurately reflected in the plan.

The Committee agreed to cancel its scheduled March meeting due to overlapping and conflicting DC trips by several Committee members.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.