

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
January 7, 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 November 5, 2012 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Cook

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- 3.2 **RECEIVE** information regarding free rail passes for elected officials.
– Watson **Pages 8 - 15**

The question came up at the November Rail Policy Committee meeting that if all rail tickets are free, whether local officials are allowed to accept them under the state constitution. Agency staff requested an opinion from Agency Counsel. The conclusion is that in situations where all rail tickets are free, it would not be a conflict for elected officials to accept a free ticket. In other situations, legal counsel should be consulted.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **REVIEW** and **COMMENT** on the draft 2013 Legislative Program. – Watson
Pages 16 - 19

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project and **PROVIDE** input on proposed implementation plans. – Watson
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Progress on the Rail Extension project since the last report to this Committee on November 5, 2012, includes continuing to work with the Federal Transit Administration and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to ensure the project is eligible for the FTA Small Starts funds as well as meetings with the City of Salinas. Staff will present proposed implementation plans for Committee input.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:
Monday, February 4, 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, January 22, 2013
Christina@tamcmonterey.org**

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

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CORRESPONDENCE

None this agenda

REPORTS

- R-1** October 2012 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- M-1** Article in November 16, 2012 *Monterey County Herald*, “MST’s JAZZ bus line gets rolling”
- M-2** Article in November 17, 2012 *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “Hundreds climb aboard for inaugural train ride up the coast; \$14.2 million acquisition of rail line celebrated countywide”
- M-3** Article in the November 21, 2012 *Californian*, “New buses JAZZ up busy route”
- M-4** Article in November 21-December 5, 2012 *Monterey Bay News & Views*, “All Aboard? The Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway debuts with celebration”
- M-5** Article in the November 23-29, 2012 *Carmel Pine Cone*, “Feds spend big \$\$\$ on JAZZ buses, shelters: Traffic jams tie up New Monterey”