

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR0. MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Final Minutes of January 7, 2013

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

	JAN 12	FEB 12	MAR 12	APR 12	MAY 12	JUN 12	AUG 12	SEP 12	OCT 12	NOV 12	JAN 13
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P	E	C	P	C	E	C	P	P(A)	P(A)
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P(A)	-	P(A)	N	P(A)	N	E	N	P(A)	E	P
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee, J. Mohammadi)	P	P	P(A)	C	P	C	P	C	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	E	P	P	E	-	E	E	E	-	-	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Vice Chair (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P	P	L	P	L	P	L	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P	L	P	L	P	L	P	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (L. Gomez)	E	P	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Ingersoll, A. Edwards)	P	P	P	D	P	D	P(A)	D	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P		P		E		P	E	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)	-	-	-		-		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	E	E	E		E		E		-	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (M. Hernandez, M. Gallant)	-	-	P(A)		-		-		P(A)	-	-
W. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)	P	-	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, Sr. Transp. Planner	P	P	P		P		P		P	P	P
A. Green, Assoc. Transp. Planner											P
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P		P		E		P	P	P
M. Zeller, Assoc. Transp. Planner	-	-	-		-		-		-	P	P
S. Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	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 3:00 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assoc.	James Serrano	City of Salinas
Hunter Harvath	Monterey-Salinas Transit	Patrick Dobbins	Harris & Associates
Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	Bob Scales	Parsons
Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of CA	Eric Petersen	Salinas Resident

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Petersen commented that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission rail event in November to celebrate the purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Line was a success.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, introduced Ariana Green as the Agency's new planner for the Monterey Branch Line and Multimodal Corridor projects.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Craig/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the November 5, 2012 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received information regarding free rail passes for elected officials.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

M/S/C Sollecito/Craig/unanimous

Committee reviewed and provided comment on the draft 2013 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the Agency's draft Legislative Program for 2013. The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues.

Committee member Sollecito expressed support for federal initiatives to streamline the project delivery process.

5. RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project and provided input on proposed implementation plans.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that progress on the Rail Extension project since the last report to the Committee on November 5, 2012, includes continuing to work with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 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. Ms. Watson presented a phasing plan proposed by staff for the project using the funds secured by the Agency for the project, should the FTA conclude that the project was not eligible for Small Starts grant funding, or should the Board of Directors choose to move forward with the

project in phases without federal support in the early phases.

The Committee directed staff to continue to pursue federal support for the project and to secure FTA approval of the project environmental document before considering any phasing alternative. The Committee specifically requested that the project Ad Hoc Committee be convened to discuss a strategy for supporting the project, which could include meetings with federal staff and legislative representatives to lobby in support of the project. The Committee also requested that staff seek further assistance from the Agency's federal legislative analyst to support the project and to schedule meetings with the appropriate contacts if necessary. Hunter Harvath, Monterey-Salinas Transit Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration, suggested that the Agency direct comments to the Senate Banking Committee, which may be the appropriate body to consider support for the project.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson announced that a draft California State Rail Plan is available for review and that staff is looking at the document to make sure the Agency's planned rail projects in Monterey County are accurately reflected in the document.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 4:11p.m.