

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL Minutes of June 2, 2014
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

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

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Chris Flescher	RailPAC
Sam Teel	Monterey County Hospitality Assoc.	Eric Peterson	Citizen
Michael Powers	City of King		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Craig/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the April 7, 2014 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CITY OF KING TRAIN STATION

The Committee received a presentation from the City of King regarding the Draft Multi Modal Transportation Center Concept Design and provided input on the train station plans.

City of King City Manager Michael Powers presented on the City's Draft Multi-Modal Transportation Center Concept Design. He noted that the Coast Daylight project would stop at a train station in the City of King, if the City builds the station. Mr. Powers discussed some potential multimodal opportunities at the station, such as connections to the De Anza Trail and shuttle service to Pinnacles National Park and Fort Hunter Liggett. Mr. Powers noted that the City of King has approved this draft for public review and aims to adopt the final design this summer.

Committee member Delgado inquired as to the cost and timeline of the project. Mr. Powers responded that the cost is estimated to be \$2.8 million, and that they have secured funding through design and \$1 million for right-of-way acquisition. The timeline for the project is approximately 3 to 4 years, depending on stakeholder cooperation.

Committee member Armenta asked if major military stand-downs would reduce demand for training at Fort Hunter Liggett. Mr. Powers replied that the training projections are strong, despite military stand-downs abroad.

Chair Potter remarked that this has been a planned stop for the Coast Daylight for some time and recognized the importance of an ongoing partnership with King City.

5. COAST DAYLIGHT

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

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner reported that the Coast Daylight project is a joint Caltrans/ Amtrak effort headed up by the Coast Rail Coordinating Council. The project is an extension of the existing Pacific Surfliner trains between Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo. Progress on this project includes telephone meetings with Amtrak, who is now under contract to develop a feasibility study for the service. Ms. Watson noted that the Agency staff has been participating in regular phone meetings of the staff of California Intercity Passenger Rail (CIPR) corridors.

Chair Potter remarked that rail in California does not have a dedicated source of funding for operations and maintenance and that a collective advocacy group in the capital may help to secure such funding through Cap and Trade and other sources of funding in the future. He noted that TAMC staff is well recognized in rail advocacy circles.

Committee member Delgado inquired about how a senate select committee would benefit local rail projects. Chair Potter explained that the committee could be a voice for rail advocates and unite the common goal of supporting and improving rail projects across the state.

Committee alternate Markey asked how much of the Cap and Trade funding rail advocates are asking for and how that money would be spent. Chair Potter replied that they are asking for 5% of the total cap and trade revenues which are estimated to be between \$3-5 billion.

Executive Director Hale reported that she had a positive meeting with Chad Edison, Deputy Secretary for Transportation and High-Speed Rail at the California State Transportation Agency. He was knowledgeable and supportive of Monterey County rail projects and asked if TAMC was considering applying for a TIGER grant. Executive Director Hale suggested inviting Mr. Edison to visit Monterey County for a tour of local rail projects.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.