

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
March 3, 2014

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.

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**BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for **items 3.1-3.4** 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 6, 2014 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Green

- 3.2 RECEIVE** map showing existing and planned rail services in California.  
– Watson **Pages 9 - 10**

*At the request of this Committee, staff commissioned the development of a statewide and regional map reflecting existing and proposed rail services. The map is attached.*

- 3.3 RECEIVE** update on the status of the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles. – Watson **Pages 11 - 15**

*Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Coast Daylight on January 6, 2014 includes meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and staff of the intercity passenger rail corridors. This report includes some answers to questions posed at the January Committee meeting.*

- 3.4 DEFER** elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2014-2016 to April 7, 2014.  
– Watson **Pages 16 - 17**

*The bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year. The February meeting was cancelled, and the current Chair Dave Potter cannot attend the March meeting. In the history of the Rail Policy Committee, elections have not been held in the absence of the sitting Chair and Vice Chair. Staff anticipates that both Chair Potter and Vice Chair Sollecito will be present at the April meeting. Staff recommends the Committee defer elections to the beginning of the April meeting.*

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

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- 4. RECEIVE** update on the Santa Cruz Branch Line rail service. – Mendez  
**Pages 18 - 20**

*Luis Pavel Mendez, SCCRTC Deputy Director, will attend the meeting to present an update on the Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway and other activities on the Santa Cruz Branch Line.*

- 5. RECEIVE** update on the Monterey Branch Line Project. – Harvath  
**Pages 21 - 28**

*Hunter Harvath, MST's Assistant General Manager, Finance & Administration, will present an update on MST's proposal for the use of the Monterey Branch Line as an express busway.*

6. **RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project. – Watson  
**Page 29**

*Progress since the last update to the Committee about the project on January 6, 2014 includes coordination with the California Transportation Commission staff regarding the Agency's request for state-only funding for this project, meetings with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and solicitation of a design firm (see other report on this agenda).*

7. **RECOMMEND** the Board approve selection of consultant for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase. – Watson  
**Pages 30 - 31**

*The Agency released a Request for Proposals for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase in November to select a consultant to complete the final design for the Salinas down-sized station and interim layover facility and Santa Clara County track and platform improvements. Staff will present the recommended consultant at the meeting for the Committee to consider.*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

**Monday, April 7, 2014**

**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 25, 2014  
[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- C-1** December 13, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Bob Scales, Program Director, Parsons Transportation Group Inc., re: Monterey Branch Line Contract Closeout.

**REPORTS**

- R-1** November 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-2** December 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

**MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

- M-1** Article in the January-February 2014 issue of *Steel Wheels*, “Census Driven Service Planning”
- M-2** January 9, 2014 editorial in the *Monterey County Herald*, “Jerry Edelen: Transport agency productive in 2013”
- M-3** February 10, 2014 article in *Forbes*, “America’s Second Rail Boom”
- M-4** February 16, 2014 article in *The Sacramento Bee*, “Viewpoints: A different vision for train travel”