

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*FINAL Minutes of May 6, 2013*

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	MAY 12	JUN 12	AUG 12	SEP 12	OCT 12	NOV 12	JAN 13	FEB 13	MAR 13	APR 13	MAY 13
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	<b>C</b>	E	<b>C</b>	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	E	P
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	-
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	E	<b>N</b>	P(A)	E	P	-	<b>N</b>	E	P(A)
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee, J. Mohammadi)	P	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>C</b>	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	-	<b>E</b>	E	<b>E</b>	-	-	P	-	<b>E</b>	P(A)	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Vice Chair (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas ( <del>R. Russell</del> , J. Serrano)	P	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (L. Gomez)	E	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P(A)	<b>E</b>	P(A)	P(A)
R. Rubio, Seaside (A. Edwards)	P	<b>D</b>	P(A)	<b>D</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>D</b>	P	E
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P		E		P	E	P	P		P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)	-		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		-	-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5	E		E		-	-	-	-		-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (M. Hernandez, M. Gallant)	-		-		P(A)	-	-	P(A)		P	-
M. Nelson., Airport (R. Searle)	P		-		P	P	P	-		-	-
<b>STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P		P		P	P	P	P		E	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P
A. Green, Transp. Planner	-		-		-	-	P	-		P	-
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P		E		P	P	P	P		P	-
M. Zeller, Sr. Transp. Planner	-		-		-	P	P	P		P	-
S. Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator	-		-		P	P	-	-		-	-
H. Myers, Assoc. Transp. Planning Engineer	-		-		P	-	P	P		P	P
M. Montiel, Admin. Assistant	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	P
<b>E – Excused</b> <b>VC – Video Conference</b> <b>P(A) – Alternate</b> <b>TC – Teleconference</b>											

**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**

Sam Teel	Mo. Co. Hospitality Assoc.	James Serrano	City of Salinas
Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of CA	Paul Hierling	AMBAG
Hunter Harvath	Monterey Salinas Transit	Tim O'Halloran	Seaside Resident
Bill Godwin	Carmel Valley Resident		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made at the meeting.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Delgado/ Sollecito/unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of the April 1, 2013 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**3.2** Received update on the Monterey Branch Line project.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that progress since the April update to the Committee about the project included several meetings with Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority staff and their consultants developing ridership estimates in preparation for delivering an operating plan to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on June 11, 2013. She also reported on potential federal legislation enabling commuter services to be provided by intercity trains and vice versa. She noted that Congressman Farr offered to sponsor the legislation.

Ms. Watson said Agency staff coordinated with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to transfer \$18 million in state funds for improvements at the Gilroy station. She noted that the VTA Transit Planning and Operations committee unanimously supported the request at its April 18, 2013 meeting and the VTA Board of Directors unanimously approved it at its May 2, 2013 meeting. The request goes to the CTC on June 11.

Chair Potter, Committee Member Craig, Executive Director Hale and Ms. Watson reported on meetings that they attended regarding the rail extension project.

The committee directed staff to pursue getting support letters for the transfer of funds for the Gilroy improvements. Chair Potter directed staff to continue to work with FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff on the federal legislative language and with the FTA Region IX office on the environmental document preparation.

**5. CALIFORNIA RAIL ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP FORUM AND INTERCITY RAIL CHAIRS LEGISLATIVE DAY**

The committee received an update on the California Rail Advocacy Leadership Forum and the Intercity Rail Chairs Legislative Day.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director reported that she, Chair Potter, Committee Member Craig and Ms. Watson attended the California Rail Advocacy Leadership Forum that was organized by the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board. She noted that Chair Potter and Ms. Watson were also involved a day full of meetings with state legislators, key committee chairs, and their staff. She noted that the Intercity Rail corridors represented were: Capitol Corridor, San Joaquins, Los Angeles- San Diego Surfliner, and the Coast Daylight.

**6. APRIL 30 RAIL TOUR**

The committee received a recap from the April 30 rail tour.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that Chair Potter, Committee Member Craig and staff participated in a tour from San Jose to Salinas on the Coast Daylight on April 30 with representatives of the Capitol Corridor.

Chair Potter noted this event was a good opportunity to network with the Capitols representatives. Chair Potter directed staff to set up a meeting of the Ad Hoc committee to discuss the next steps for coordination.

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

No announcements or comments were made at the meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.