

## AGENDA

### TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
May 4, 2015

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), Craig (Vice-Chair), Armenta, Bodem, Chavez, Delgado, Parker, Phillips, Rubio, and Smith.

*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 **item 3.1** 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 March 2, 2015 Rail Policy Committee meeting.  
– Watson

**Pages 5 - 8**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **RECEIVE** update on the status of the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles. – Watson **Pages 9 - 11**

*Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Coast Daylight on March 2, 2015 includes meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee and Technical Committee; meetings with the team working on the environmental review; and with Amtrak regarding the feasibility study. Agency representatives also attended a Passenger Rail Summit on April 29.*

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project. – Watson **Pages 12 - 13**

*Progress since the last update to the Committee about the project on March 2, 2015 includes meetings with the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center Steering Committee and Gilroy station team, and meetings in Washington, DC. Staff submitted an application for cap and trade funding for the Pajaro/ Watsonville station project on April 10.*

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, June 1, 2015**

**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, May 19, 2015**

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

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**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- C-1** February 19, 2015 letters re: Issuance of a Combined Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the Coast Corridor Improvements Project from David Valenstein, Division Chief, Environment and Systems Planning Division, Federal Railroad Administration, to: US Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Surface Transportation Board, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, US National Park Service, US Department of Defense, Federal Transit Administration.

**Online**

**REPORTS**

- R-1** February 2015 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-2** March 2015 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

**Online**

**MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

- M-1** February 23, 2015 article in *The Atlantic CityLab*, “The Myth That Everyone Naturally Prefers Trains to Buses: When you focus on what really matters – service – much of the difference actually disappears.”
- M-2** February 23, 2015 column in *The Salinas Californian*, “We Could Car Less: More trains will be rolling toward Salinas”
- M-3** February 26, 2015 article in *The Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “La Selva Beach rail trestle completion celebrated”
- M-4** March 1, 2015 column in *The Salinas Californian*, “We Could Car Less: Cap and trade financing will aid trains”
- M-5** March 16, 2015 article in *The Salinas Californian*, “More oil trains may run via county”
- M-6** March 16, 2015 column in *The Salinas Californian*, “We Could Car Less: Traffic and train plans for Salinas area deserve your input”
- M-7** March 19, 2015 article in *The Monterey County Weekly*, “Salinas approves plan to revitalize downtown”
- M-8** April 19, 2015 letter to the editor in *The Monterey Herald*, “Return of Peninsula train would ease road woes”