

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
October 7, 2013

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.

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 September 9, 2013 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Green

- 3.2 RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the twelfth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
– Gavin **Pages 10 - 12**

Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages Committee members to submit nominations, which are due by December 6, 2013. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 2014 Transportation Agency board meeting.

- 3.3 APPROVE** 2014 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings. – Watson
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The proposed schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings for 2014 follows the existing pattern of meetings on the first Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. except July and December, when all committee meetings are cancelled due to holidays, and September, when the meeting is on the second Monday of the month due to the Labor Day holiday.

- 3.4 RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project. – Watson
Pages 14 - 15

Progress since the last update to the Committee about the project on September 9, 2013 includes meetings with Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, and City of Salinas.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE ALTERNATIVES & SHORT-TERM BUSWAY PLAN**
- 1. DISCUSS** alternatives for short-term uses and future light rail service along the Monterey Branch Line and Short-Term Busway Plan;
 - 2. RECOMMEND** the Board approve the matching funds for the Short-Term Busway Plan. – Green **Pages 16 - 18**

Monterey-Salinas Transit is interested in providing dedicated right-of-way for bus rapid transit service between Monterey and Marina. A short-range plan would identify potential alternative routes and serve as a basis for future funding opportunities.

5. **DISCUSS** Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan and public outreach strategy.– Green **Pages 19 – 21**

This project will plan for a multimodal corridor that will connect the Monterey Peninsula to Salinas. Transportation Agency staff will work with partner agencies and members of the public to develop the plan.

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, November 4, 2013

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, October 22, 2013
Christina@tamcmonterey.org**

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The next Rail Policy Committee agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon Tuesday, October 22, 2013, nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- C-1** September 6, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Interested Parties, re: Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase.

REPORTS

- R-1** August 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- M-1** Article on the Independent Traveler, "Top 10 Reasons to Travel by Train"
M-2 September 25, 2013 article in *Progressive Railroading*, "Rail News: Passenger Rail: SMART project accepted into federal 'Small Starts' program"