

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
September 9, 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 **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 August 5, 2013 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Green **Pages 7 - 10**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project. – Watson
Pages 11 - 13

Progress since the last update to the Committee about the project on August 5, 2013 includes the approval of a change to the Proposition 116 Rail Bond funding allocation at the August 6, 2013 California Transportation Commission meeting, meetings with Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and completion of the environmental documents.

5. **Capitol Corridor Reimbursement Agreement** – Watson
Pages 14 - 20

RECOMMEND the Board:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a reimbursement agreement not to exceed \$45,000 with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to review designs and assist with planning for the Salinas Rail Extension Project, for two years;
2. Approve the use of \$45,000 in state funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

The Transportation Agency and the Capitol Corridor have a short-term reimbursement in place that expires on September 30, 2013 for review of engineering designs and assistance with planning for the project to extend Capitol Corridor trains to Monterey County. This longer, more comprehensive, two-year agreement is in conjunction with the previous agreement and is for actual costs incurred for Capitol Corridor staff work related to this project.

6. **RECEIVE** update on the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles. – Watson
Pages 21 - 29

Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Coast Daylight on August 5, 2013 includes ongoing negotiations with Union Pacific, Caltrain and Amtrak; and meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and staff of the intercity passenger rail corridors. This report also summarizes a recently completed Service Development Plan.

7. Amtrak Reimbursement Agreement – Watson

Pages 30 - 37

RECOMMEND the Board:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a reimbursement agreement not to exceed \$70,000 with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to perform a feasibility and implementation study for the Coast Daylight Project;
2. Approve the use of \$70,000 in state funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

This reimbursement agreement enables the Transportation Agency to reimburse Amtrak to perform a feasibility and implementation study for the Coast Daylight Project. This agreement is for actual costs incurred for Amtrak staff work related to this project.

- 8. DISCUSS** proposal to develop a short-term plan for the Monterey Branch Line that includes bus rapid transit service within or near the railroad right-of-way and consider request to AMBAG to allocate federal planning funds.
– Green **Pages 38 - 39**

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.

- 9. RECEIVE** report on Monterey Branch Line right-of-way easements. – Myers
Pages 40 - 41

Agency staff has been in discussions for various easements along the Agency-owned Monterey Branch Line Right-of-Way. The discussions involve easements and leases of property for incidental uses that do not negatively impact the planned passenger rail project.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

Monday, October 7, 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, September 17, 2013

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- C-1** August 5, 2013 letter from Robert Murdoch, P.E., Public Works Director, County of Monterey, to Christina Watson, Principal transportation Planner, re: Draft addendum to the Capitol Corridor Extension to the Environmental Impact Report
- C-2** August 26, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Robert Murdoch, P.E., Public Works Director, County of Monterey, re: Response to County Comments: Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report: Capitol Corridor Extension to Monterey County
- C-3** August 6, 2013 letter from Robert J. Ernst, III, to Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, re: El Aguila Food Products, Inc., Chisum Trail LLC – Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center
- C-4** August 26, 2013 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Robert J. Ernst, III, re: El Aguila Food Products, Inc.

REPORTS

- R-1** June 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results (revised)
- R-2** July 2013 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- M-1** July 12, 2013 article by the Rail Passenger Association of California and Nevada, “The grim prospects ahead for our long distance trains”

- M-2** August 1, 2013 article in *Transportation Daily*, “TIGER CUBS, a new federal transportation proposal”
- M-3** August 3, 2013 article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “Rails of debt: Parent company of local train operator struggles”
- M-4** August 4, 2013 article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, “Street Smarts: Rail right of way – current, future uses”
- M-5** August 7, 2013 article in the *LA Times*, “Legal dispute prompts feds to withhold \$2 billion for transit”
- M-6** August 9, 2013 article in *Railway Age*, “FRA issues RFP for PRIIA 305 HrSR locomotives”
- M-7** August 13, 2013 article in the *Ventura County Star*, “State pension changes imperil transit money”
- M-8** August 14, 2013 article in *The Atlantic Cities*, “Public transit is worth way more to a city than you might think”
- M-9** July-August 2013 article in *Steel Wheels*, “Passenger Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Update”