

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
August 7, 2017

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
TAMC Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

3:00 PM

Complete agenda packets are on display at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County office and at these public libraries: Carmel, Monterey, Salinas Steinbeck Branch, Seaside, Prunedale, and King City. Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call the Agency Secretary to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Please recycle this agenda.

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: Adams, Alejo, Bodem, Chavez, Craig, Delgado, LeBarre, 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.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed 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 the May 1, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

- Murillo

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

- Watson/Zeller

Activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on May 1, 2017 include meetings of the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center Steering Committee and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas.

5. **RECEIVE** update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

- Watson

Progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on May 1, 2017 includes meetings and progress on SB 477 (Cannella), permitting the extension of rail services.

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

7. **ADJOURN**

Next Meeting September 11, 2017

Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. Documents distributed to the Committee at the meeting by staff will be available at the meeting; documents distributed to the Committee by members of the public shall be made available after the meeting.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901-2902
Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
TEL: 831-775-0903
FAX: 831-775-0897**

The Committee Agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon 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.

If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Individuals requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may contact Transportation Agency at 831-775-0903. Auxiliary aids or services include wheelchair accessible facilities, sign language interpreters, Spanish Language interpreters and printed materials, and printed materials in large print, Braille or on disk. These requests may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting, and should be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the request.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- C 1. RECEIVE** March, April and May CCJPA Monthly Reports
- C 2. RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.
- C 3. RECEIVE** media clippings (web attachments).



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 7, 2017
Subject: Rail Policy Committee meeting minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the May 1, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft May 1, 2017 RPC Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT Minutes of May 1, 2017

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	APR 16	MAY 16	JUNE 16	AUG 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez)	C	C	E	-	E	P(A)	P(A)	P	C	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	A	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	N	N	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	-
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	C	C	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	E	C	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	E	E	P	P	-	P(A)	P	P	E	P
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	L	L	P(A)	E	E	-	P	E	L	P
K. Craig, Salinas, Chair (J. Gunter)	L	L	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	E	L	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	E	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	E	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	D	D	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	D	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)			E	P	P	E	P	P		-
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)			-	-	P	P	P	P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)			P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	-	P(A)		P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5			-	-	P	E	-	-		-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, L. Rheinheimer)			P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)			-	-	P	-	-	-		-
STAFF										
D. Hale, Exec. Director			P	P	E	P	E	P		E
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director			P	P	P	P	P	P		P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner			P	P	P	P	P	P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner			P	P	P	P	P	P		P
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Engineer			P	-	-	-	-	-		-
V. Murillo, Transp. Planner			P	P	P	P	P	P		P
A. Green, Associate Trans. Planner			-	-	-	-	-	P		-
T. Wright Community Outreach Coordinator			-	-	-	-	-	P		P

1. **QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Cook Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation
Cheryl Ku Monterey County Resource Management Agency
Don Reynolds City of Salinas

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Delgado/LeBarre /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the March 6, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **2018 CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN**

The Committee received a presentation on the 2018 California State Rail Plan.

Andy Cook, Chief, Rail Planning Branch, Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation, reported that Caltrans will soon publish the draft 2018 California State Rail Plan for public review. He reported that the State Rail Plan serves as a guide for state investment in passenger rail service. He noted that the plan includes separate sections for passenger and freight rail, including a near-term four-year program of projects, a 10-year interim program, and long-term vision with a 2040 horizon year. The passenger component of the plan is based on a proposed integrated network to provide “Core Services” with coordinated schedules and efficient transfers providing access to and supporting convenient intercity rail travel.

Mr. Cook reported that the Salinas Rail Extension project is included in the 2022 near-term program of projects. He noted that the project will serve as a pilot project for a new model of service where the State will make access payments to Union Pacific for use of the rail line. Coast corridor station developments at Pajaro/Watsonville, Soledad and King City are also included in the near-term scenario. Additional trips to and from Salinas, and train service between Salinas and San Luis Obispo are included in the 2027 interim program of projects. Hourly service to Salinas and service to Pajaro/Watsonville and Castroville are included in the long-term 2040 scenario.

Committee member LeBarre said that train service should be both cost and time competitive. He asked when cities should start coordinating on station development plans. Mr. Cook said that now is a good time to begin coordinating with TAMC, and aim to complete stations by 2022.

Committee member Smith asked if the State Rail Plan identifies the location in Monterey where train service would stop. Mr. Cook said the State Rail Plan will be neutral about operators and equipment, and that the State would support the local plans for any future rail stations in Monterey.

Committee Member Delgado asked which timeframe service in Monterey is identified in the State

Rail Plan. Mr. Cook said rail service on the Monterey Branch line is included in the long-term scenario given funding constraints, but that the rail plan supports bus investments in the near term.

Don Reynolds, City of Salinas, asked if the operator for the Salinas Kick Start is identified in the plan. Mr. Cook said the State strategy in the near term is to work with Caltrain for weekday commute hour service, and with Capitol Corridor for weekend service.

Mr. Harvath said that when he was State Assembly Member, Simón Salinas sponsored AB 765, to allow MST to serve as an Amtrak thruway connector. He noted that MST is now also a Greyhound connector service. Mr. Harvath asked if the State Legislature has to approve the State Rail Plan. Mr. Cook said the State Legislature receives the Rail Plan but does not have to vote on it.

5. **SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the progress on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on March 6, 2017, includes a meeting with Salinas staff, a presentation to the Salinas Chamber of Commerce on the project, the California Passenger Rail Summit, and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that escrow will close on the 26 West Market Street property soon. He reported that TAMC is in the process of acquiring the remaining 6 properties, and TAMC is currently planning to demolish existing buildings in the fall.

Committee alternate Stratton suggested demolition of the former credit union building in June to avoid more controversy, and asked that demolition be discussed during the next Executive Committee meeting. Committee member Smith agreed. Committee alternate Anderson abstained from that recommendation.

Committee member LeBarre suggested selling off pieces of the soon-to-be demolished buildings and donating the proceeds to homeless service providers.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, said staff is analyzing the procurement procedures for property demolition.

6. **COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update of the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner reported that the progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on March 6, 2017, includes a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on March 10 and a Policy Committee meeting on April 7, 2017, submittal of legislative language permitting the extension of rail services, and progress on the federal environmental document.

Chair Craig reported that both she and Ms. Watson were in Sacramento on April 25 to meet with legislators and advocate for the Salinas Rail Extension project. Chair Craig reported that they met with Chad Edison, Deputy Secretary of Rail, who was enthusiastic about the Salinas Rail Extension

project and offered creative service operator ideas to get rail service to Salinas. Ms. Watson noted that Mr. Edison encouraged TAMC to apply for State cap and trade funds as the next round will be a 5-year program of projects. Ms. Watson reported that the Coast Corridor planned stops in Pajaro, Soledad and King City are all eligible for State cap and trade funding, and under SB 1, the new State transportation funding bill.

Committee Member LeBarre requested TAMC's assistance in preparing for a cap and trade application for the King City station.

Ms. Watson reported that Senator Canella introduced SB 477 to extend rail services to the Central Coast. She noted that Assembly member Caballero agreed to coauthor the legislation. The Senate Committee on Housing and Transportation approved SB 477 on April 25.

Ms. Watson reported that the federal environmental document for the Salinas to San Jose corridor is anticipated to be ready for public review in August.

Ms. Watson notified the Committee that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council is planning for a tour of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) on August 11.

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

Committee member LeBarre asked that staff notify Committee members once the State Rail Plan becomes available for public review.

8. **ADJOURN**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 7, 2017
Subject: Salinas Rail Extension project update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

SUMMARY:

Activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on May 1, 2017 include meetings of the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center Steering Committee and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The capital cost of the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start project (a phased implementation of the Salinas station and improvements in Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Jose - Tamien) is estimated at a total of \$70-80 million, including funds already expended on planning, environmental, and right-of-way to date. The Kick-Start project is proceeding with design and right-of-way acquisition under the adopted state environmental clearance. The funding plan does not include the acquisition of equipment to support the service, which is expected to be a Caltrans-funded effort to acquire two new trainsets and spare cars.

DISCUSSION:

Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center Steering Committee

The Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center Steering Committee met on May 3. A meeting to discuss utility relocation was held on May 22. Future meetings are set for August 8 and 14. The Committee is continuing to review the 75% designs for Package 1, including utility relocation designs and the location of trash enclosures and electric vehicle charging conduit. The City would like to relocate the storm drain and sanitary sewer line while the project utilities are being relocated onto the new Lincoln Avenue extension (after the structures are demolished and prior to construction start). The team is preparing encroachment permit packages for Caltrans for the improvements to Highway 183/ Market

Street.

Requests for Proposal (RFPs)

Two RFPs are out right now, one for Construction Management and one for Structure Hazardous Materials Testing and Monitoring (approved by the TAMC Board on June 28). The deadline for both is August 3. A verbal update will be presented at the meeting.

Property Acquisition

Staff will present an update on the status of property acquisition at the Salinas train station.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 7, 2017
Subject: **Coast Corridor Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

SUMMARY:

Progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on May 1, 2017 includes meetings and progress on SB 477 (Cannella), permitting the extension of rail services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The project costs are still under evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

Coast Rail Coordinating Council

The CRCC Policy Committee met on June 23 in Salinas to discuss legislative efforts, new state funding for rail, the state rail plan (expected to be published in July for a 60-day review period), and the request for the Coast Starlight to stop in King City. The group also discussed the proposed tour of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) line on August 11. The CRCC Technical Advisory Group next meets on July 20. Staff will give a verbal update at the meeting.

Senate Bill 477 (Cannella)

Senator Cannella's SB 477 will permit intercity rail corridors to extend beyond their legislatively designated boundaries. Senator Galgiani, Assembly Members Caballero, Mark Stone and Cunningham signed on as coauthors. The bill was passed by the Senate floor unanimously on May 31 and was heard by the Assembly Transportation Committee on July 10 and the Assembly Local Government Committee on July 12. Staff will report back on the status of the bill at the meeting. The bill is a **web attachment**.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[SB 477 \(Camella\)](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 7, 2017
Subject: Reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE March, April and May CCJPA Monthly Reports

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [March 2017 Capitol Corridor Monthly Performance Report](#)
- [April 2017 Capitol Corridor Monthly Performance Report](#)
- [May 2017 Capitol Corridor Monthly Performance Report](#)



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 7, 2017
Subject: Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Rendering of a light rail system into Monterey by Richard Turner](#)
- [June 19, 2017 letter to Richard Turner](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 7, 2017
Subject: **Media Clippings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings (web attachments).

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [April 20, 2017 column in *The Californian*, "Cannella bill makes rail service to Salinas possible"](#)
- [May 12, 2017 blog post on Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, "California's Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail"](#)
- [June 15, 2017 article in the San Jose Mercury News, "SJ Eyes Higher Towers Amid Downtown Transit Village Quest"](#)
- [June 18, 2017 article in the San Jose Mercury News, "Google SJ renewal plan - Grand Central of the West"](#)
- [June 20, 2017 article on SFBay.ca, "San Jose steps up talks to woo Google into downtown"](#)
- [June 23, 2017 column in *The Californian*, "Salinas' only passenger train set for elimination under federal budget"](#)
- [June 23, 2017 article in the Contra Costa Times, "New Sales Tax for Caltrain"](#)
- [June 26, 2017 article in the San Jose Mercury News, "Poll - Caltrain sales tax hike draws huge voter support"](#)
- [June 30, 2017 column in *The Californian*, "More pedestrians killed in Salinas than in similar California cities"](#)
- [July 6, 2017 column in *The Californian*, "Monterey-Salinas Transit doubles special medical trips, cuts price"](#)