



## AGENDA TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday  
September 11, 2017

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

**3:00 PM**

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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: 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 Rail Policy Committee meeting of August 7, 2017.

**- Murillo**

*The draft minutes of the August 7, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.*

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**- Watson/Zeller**

*Activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on August 7, 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 August 7, 2017 includes meetings and a tour of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit train and operations center.*

#### **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 October 2, 2017**

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## **CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

- C 1. RECEIVE** June CCJPA Monthly Report.
- C 2. RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.
- C 3.** No media clippings this agenda.



***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** September 11, 2017  
**Subject:** Rail Policy Committee minutes of August 7, 2017

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of August 7, 2017.

**SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the August 7, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This item has no financial impact.

**DISCUSSION:**

The draft minutes of the August 7, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Rail Policy Committee draft minutes of August 7, 2017

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*DRAFT Minutes of August 7, 2017*

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	MAY 16	JUNE 16	AUG 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez)	<b>C</b>	E	-	E	P(A)	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P(A)	E
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, <del>C. Link</del> )	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	<b>N</b>	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	-	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	<b>C</b>	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	E	<b>C</b>	P(A)	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	<b>E</b>	P	P	-	P(A)	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	<b>L</b>	P(A)	E	E	-	P	E	<b>L</b>	P	E
K. Craig, Salinas, Chair (J. Gunter)	<b>L</b>	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	E	<b>L</b>	P	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P	-	P	<b>E</b>	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	<b>D</b>	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	<b>D</b>	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		E	P	P	E	P	P		-	P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)		-	-	P	P	P	P		P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)		P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	-	P(A)		P(A)	E
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5		-	-	P	E	-	-		-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, <del>L. Rheinheimer</del> )		P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)		-	-	P	-	-	-		-	-
<b>STAFF</b>										
D. Hale, Exec. Director		P	P	E	P	E	P		E	P
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Engineer		P	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
V. Murillo, Transp. Planner		P	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 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Cheryl Ku	Monterey County RMA	Paul Greenway	MNS Engineers
Maizie Blake	CSUMB	Paul Goryl	MNS Engineers
John Paul Harwayne	BLM		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C LeBarre/Rubio/unanimous

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

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that activities of the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on May 1, 2017 include release of a Request for Proposals for construction management services and hazardous materials testing and monitoring, meetings of the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center Steering Committee and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that property acquisition for the Salinas Rail Extension project continues to move forward. He noted that there will be 3 property settlement agreements on the August TAMC Board of Directors agenda and that he would present an update to the RPC in September in closed session on the remainder of the properties.

Committee member Mike LeBarre asked how many properties have been acquired. Mr. Zeller said TAMC has acquired 3 properties to date.

5. **COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on 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 May 1, 2017 includes meetings and progress on SB477 (Canella), permitting the extension of rail services. She noted that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) met on June 23 in Salinas to discuss legislative efforts, new state funding for rail, the state rail plan, and the request for the Coast Starlight to stop in King City. The next meeting will be on August 10 followed by a train trip on the SMART line on August 11.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Technical Advisory Committee met on July 21. The Committee discussed SB 1 funding opportunities and formalizing the Coast Rail Coordinating Council via an interagency MOU.

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

None.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.





## *Memorandum*

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** September 11, 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 August 7, 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 August 14. At that meeting, the committee discussed utility relocations, electric vehicle charging station conduit locations, lighting fixtures, trash enclosure locations, the dedication of Lincoln Avenue, the Caltrans Encroachment Permit for work on Highway 183 (Market St.), and Founders Day (April 14, 2018).

TAMC staff also met with City staff on August 8 to discuss various issues pertaining to the Salinas

Intermodal Transportation Center, including City plans for bringing the California Welcome Center into the freight building.

### **Operations Discussions**

Staff has been meeting with various entities to discuss the operations of service to Salinas, including the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), Caltrans, Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and State Senator Jim Beall, author of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the transportation package approved in April that includes funding set aside for intercity rail operations.

### **State Funding and Legislation**

RPC Vice Chair Bruce Delgado and Committee Member Mike LeBarre testified at a hearing on August 30 to support the Salinas Rail Extension and Coast Rail projects. Related meetings were held with legislators and state staff. A verbal report will be presented at the meeting.

TAMC staff sent comments on the discussion draft guidelines for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program (cap and trade funding) and the State Rail Assistance program (a new funding program through SB 1). The comment letters are included in the correspondence on this agenda.

### **Requests for Proposal (RFPs)**

TAMC published two RFPs on June 28, one for Construction Management and one for Structure Hazardous Materials Testing and Monitoring. Both contracts are currently under negotiation, anticipated to be presented for approval by the TAMC Board at its September 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:** September 11, 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 August 7, 2017 includes meetings and a tour of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit train and operations center.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The project costs are still under evaluation.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **Coast Rail Coordinating Council**

The CRCC Policy Committee met on August 10 in San Rafael to discuss legislative efforts, new state funding for rail, the state rail plan (expected to be published in September for a 60-day review period), and the request for the Coast Starlight to stop in King City. The group also discussed the agenda for the tour of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) line on August 11. The CRCC Technical Advisory Group next meets on September 15. 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 is currently on suspense with the Assembly Appropriations Committee. 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:** September 11, 2017  
**Subject:** Reports

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** June CCJPA Monthly Report.

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [June 2017 Capitol Corridor Monthly Performance Report](#)



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** September 11, 2017  
**Subject:** Correspondence

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [August 21, 2017 letter to President pro Tempore de León and Speaker Rendon, re: Double Investment in Public Transportation in FY 2017-18 Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan](#)
- [August 21, 2017 letter to Ezequiel Castro, Branch Chief, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, re: RE: 2018 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Discussion Draft Guideline Comments](#)
- [August 23, 2017 letter to Brian Kelly, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency \(CalSTA\), re: State Rail Assistance Discussion Draft Guideline Comments](#)



*Memorandum*

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** September 11, 2017  
**Subject:** **Media Clippings**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

No media clippings this agenda.