

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of January 8, 2018

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	JUL 17	AUG 17	SEPT 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	DEC 17	JAN 18
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez)	P(A)	P	C	P(A)	C	N	E	P(A)	C	P(A)	N	P
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	O	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P(A)	P(A)	N	-	N		P(A)	P(A)	N	E		P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	E	C	P(A)	C	M	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	M	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	E	-
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	P	E	L	P	L	E	E	P	L	E	E	P
K. Craig, Salinas, Chair (J. Gunter)	P	E	L	P	L	T	P	P	L	E	T	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	-	P	E	P	E	I	P	E	E	P	I	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	D	P	D	N	P	P	D	P	N	-
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P		-		G	P	P		P	G	-
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)	P	P		P			P	P		P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)	-	P(A)		P(A)			E	-		-		-
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5	-	-		-			-	-		-		-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)			P(A)	E		P(A)		P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)	-	-		-			-	-		-		-
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director	E	P		E			P	P		P		P
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director	P	P		P			P	P		P		E
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P		P			P	P		P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P		P			P	P		P		P
V. Murillo, Transp. Planner	P	P		P			P	E		P		-
T. Wright Community Outreach Coordinator	-	P		P			-	E		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

Johnny Hernandez	Assm Caballero's office	Mark Westerfield	Progressive Rail
Don Reynolds	City of Salinas Public Works	Tyler Williamson	Monterey resident

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Westerfield introduced himself, his work with Progressive Rail, and his proposal to work in Santa Cruz County to promote rail service.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Smith/Bodem/unanimous

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 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 and recommended that the Agency Board appoint Dave Potter as 2018 representative to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Committee and Mike LeBarre as his alternate.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that progress since the last update on the coast rail project on November 6, 2017, includes meetings of the CRCC Technical and Policy Committees and meetings related to the legislation to enable rail corridors to extend. She noted that the CRCC Technical Committee met on November 17 and December 15, and the next Policy Committee will be in Santa Barbara on January 19. Ms. Watson reported that the CRCC discussed possible next steps on the bill that would enable rail corridors to extend beyond their statutorily designated boundaries. She reported that Pete Rodgers of SLOCOG, on behalf of the CRCC, submitted a funding request for \$300,000 in State Rail Assistance program funding, to fund a Coast Corridor Strategic Development Plan and a demonstration project for service on the corridor. Ms. Watson noted that she and Mr. Rodgers have also been helping King City with their Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant application for the King City train station. Finally, she reported that TAMC's current rep to the CRCC Policy Committee is Dave Potter, who is the long-standing Chair of that Committee. Staff recommends we follow the pattern set by our main partners in this effort, SLOCOG and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, to make this appointment annually.

Committee Member LeBarre thanked Ms. Watson for assistance in preparing their TIRCP grant application for the King City train station.

M/S/F **Anderson/Bodem/failed**

Committee Alternate Anderson made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Bodem, to nominate Mike LeBarre as the representative for the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

Committee Member Alejo asked when Dave Potter's term would be up and how well he represented the agency in 2017. Ms. Watson responded that the position is proposed for a one-year term, and that Mr. Potter attended all Policy Committee meetings in 2017 as well as two trips to Sacramento on behalf of the group.

Chair Craig stated that she appreciates the institutional knowledge from retaining Mr. Potter in the position and would support him continuing to represent the agency at the CRCC with Mr. LeBarre being introduced to the process and setting up a succession plan.

Committee Member LeBarre stated he would be willing to serve as nominated, but that Mr. Potter does have the knowledge and experience and would continue to represent TAMC well. He noted he would still attend the meetings and hearings in either case.

Committee Member Smith stated that he is impressed with Mr. LeBarre's work related to rail issues and that he would support appointing Mr. Potter for another year and supported appointing Mr. LeBarre as his alternate.

Committee Alternate Stratton noted that Supervisor Phillips supports keeping Mr. Potter on the CRCC.

On the call for the question, the motion failed:

- Ayes: Anderson, Bodem
- No: Alejo, Craig, Smith, Stratton
- Abstain: LeBarre

Committee Alternate Askew joined the meeting.

M/S/C LeBarre/Alejo/carried

Committee Member LeBarre made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Alejo to nominate Dave Potter as the TAMC representative to the CRCC.

On the call for the question, the motion passed:

- Ayes: Alejo, Bodem, Craig, LeBarre, Smith, Stratton
- No: Anderson
- Abstain: Askew

M/S/C Smith/Anderson/carried

Committee Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Committee Alternate Anderson, to nominate Mike LeBarre as the alternate TAMC representative to the CRCC.

On the call for the question, the motion passed:

- Ayes: Alejo, Anderson, Bodem, Craig, LeBarre, Smith, Stratton
- No: none
- Abstain: Askew

5. **SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

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

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that progress on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on November 6, 2017, includes meetings related to a state grant application, operations scenarios, and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas. Ms. Watson reported that staff is working on an application for TIRCP funding for the funding gap on the Kick Start project and for the full buildout of the project, for a total ask of \$65 million. Ms. Watson reported that staff has been meeting with various entities to discuss operations options, currently anticipated to begin with Caltrain service extending from Gilroy, leading to the eventual extension of Capitol Corridor from San Jose. She noted that utility relocations at the Salinas station was delaying the completion of designs for Package 1.

Committee Member LeBarre asked, related to the TIRCP grant application, if the State would characterize this as a SB 1 project. Debbie Hale, Executive Director, answered that the State likely would, as the five-year TIRCP program will have \$1 billion in cap and trade revenues and \$1.4 billion in SB 1 funding.

Chair Craig requested an explanation on the delay with PG&E. Don Reynolds, City of Salinas, responded that the City would get an update as to the status.

Committee Member Smith asked who would own the station area in the long-run? Ms. Watson responded that per an existing Memorandum of Understanding between TAMC and the City of Salinas, the City of Salinas will take ownership upon project completion.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an update on the property acquisition process. Mr. Zeller reported that at the December TAMC Board meeting, settlement agreements for three additional properties had been approved and were moving forward, leaving three final properties that are still under active settlement negotiation. However, the agency has court-ordered possession of all the properties as of October 2017, allowing the agency to proceed with the project. Mr. Zeller also reported that the tenant relocations at 17 Station Place are continuing to progress positively.

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

None

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.