



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
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AGENDA TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
May 7, 2018

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Transportation Agency 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 April 2, 2018.

- Murillo

The draft minutes of the April 2, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

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 April 3, 2018 include preparation and publication of the demolition bid documents for structures at the Salinas station, a meeting with Gilroy staff, and attendance at the Rail Summit and an integrated ticketing conference.

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 April 2, 2018 includes a Policy Committee meeting.

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, June 4, 2018 at 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
Christina@tamcmonterey.org**

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- C 1. RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.
- C 2. RECEIVE** reports attached online.
- C 3. RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 7, 2018
Subject: **Draft April Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of April 2, 2018.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the April 2, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft RPC Minutes April 2, 2018

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT Minutes of April 2, 2018
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

OTHERS PRESENT

Monica Muñoz	Staff for Supervisor, District 2	Paul Hierling	AMBAG
Brad Tarp	Property owner	Paul Goryl	MNS Engineers
Frank Aguayo	City of Salinas Public Works	Paul Powers	Powers RV

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rubio/Smith/unanimous
Abstain: O’Connell

3.1 Approved minutes of the February 5, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on February 5, 2018 include several meetings with various entities and preparation of a funding extension request. She noted that on February 14, staff attended the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board meeting, at which the Authority adopted their 2019 Business Plan. The revised plan reflects the conditions under which they can extend service to Salinas.

Ms. Watson reported that staff has been coordinating with the City of Salinas on utility relocations. Frank Aguayo, City of Salinas, noted that the City is working to meet TAMC’s schedule for storm drain, sanitary sewer, and utility relocation with the goal to only have to “dig once”.

Ms. Watson reported that MNS Engineers are the consultants for construction management of the Salinas Rail Extension improvements. Paul Goryl, MNS Engineers, noted that their scope of services includes public outreach, utility coordination, structure demolition oversight, pre-bid assistance and construction management.

Ms. Watson reported that staff is preparing an extension request for State funds allocated to the project due to delays caused by utility relocation, changes to the operation scenario and the need to go to Union Pacific for review of designs at the Gilroy Station.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the status of property acquisition for the Salinas Rail Extension project. Mr. Zeller reported that TAMC now has possession of all properties needed for Package 1 of the project, with 3 properties still in negotiations.

Brad Tarp, property owner, commented that he had received an unsolicited offer to purchase his property. Mr Tarp said that that the potential buyer heard about the Salinas Rail Extension project and the sale of his property will likely no longer happen. He asked for a timeframe for the property acquisition. Mr. Zeller said that TAMC's legal counsel for property acquisition will be in touch with Mr. Tarp to discuss the details of his property.

Committee member Anderson asked about the increase in project costs. Ms. Watson reported that the increase in project cost is due to the addition of positive train control technology, as requested by the State, as well as the expansion of the layover facility from two to six tracks.

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 Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Technical Committee met via phone call on February 15 and on March 23. The discussion topics included the Memorandum of Understanding. She noted that the next Policy Committee is scheduled to be in San Luis Obispo on July 16. There is also a Rail Summit in Los Angeles on April 18-19, and an Integrated Ticketing Conference in May that staff will be attending.

Committee member LeBarre asked if there has been coordination with San Benito County on their future rail service. Ms. Watson said staff will follow-up with San Benito County staff.

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

None

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 7, 2018
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 April 3, 2018 include preparation and publication of the demolition bid documents for structures at the Salinas station, a meeting with Gilroy staff, and attendance at the Rail Summit and an integrated ticketing conference.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The capital cost of the Rail Extension to Monterey County project, Phase 1, Salinas Kick-Start project (the Salinas station and improvements in Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Jose - Tamien), is estimated at \$81 million. The Kick-Start project is proceeding with final design and right-of-way acquisition under the adopted state environmental clearance.

On April 26, 2018, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) announced awards for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP, funded with cap and trade and Senate Bill 1 funds). Online as web attachments are the email and the summary of the award to TAMC: \$10,148,000 for funding the remaining costs of the Kick Start project. The program did not include funding for the Pajaro/Watsonville and Castroville stations, for which TAMC can apply in the next round (in two years).

DISCUSSION:

Salinas Station Demolition

On April 25, 2018, TAMC published the bid documents for demolition of structures at the Salinas station. A pre-bid site meeting was held on May 4. Bids are due June 5.

Gilroy

Staff had a briefing with new Gilroy staff on April 5 regarding potential impacts of the project on Gilroy streets and sent the new staff the 75% plans for review.

Rail Summit

Staff attended the 4th annual California Passenger Rail Summit in Los Angeles on April 18-19 and will present a verbal report at the meeting. Sessions include an update on the California High Speed Rail Project and the Statewide Rail Plan.

Integrated Ticketing Conference

Staff attended the California Integrated Travel Conference in Davis on May 1-2 and will present a verbal report at the meeting.

Property Acquisition

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

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [April 26, 2018 Email from California State Transportation Agency \(CalSTA\), re: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program \(TIRCP\) Awards](#)
- [TIRCP Award Summary - TAMC Project Award](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 7, 2018
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 April 2, 2018 includes a Policy Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Coast Rail service project costs are still under evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

The CRCC Policy Committee met via phone call on April 27, 2018. Staff will provide a verbal report.

The next Policy Committee is scheduled to be in San Luis Obispo on July 16.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 7, 2018
Subject: Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [March 27, 2018 letter from Salinas City Center improvement Association President Catherine Kobrinsky Evans to Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator, re: Thank You](#)
- [April 13, 2018 letter from APTA to the President re: One Federal Decision MOU](#)



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 7, 2018
Subject: Reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE reports attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Draft 2018 High Speed Rail Business Plan](#)
- [Capitol Corridor Monthly Performance Report for March 2018](#)



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 7, 2018
Subject: **Media Clippings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [March 28, 2018 article in the Benito Link, "Commuter trains coming to Hollister. Really?"](#)
- [April 26, 2018 CCJPA News Release: "Capitol Corridor Awarded \\$80.3 Million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program \(TIRCP\) Funds"](#)
- [April 26, 2018 Caltrain News Release, "Caltrain Celebrates \\$164 million Grant Award from Senate Bill 1"](#)