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## **RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE**

*REVISED AGENDA*

**Monday, August 1, 2022**

**\*\*3:00 PM\*\***

### **REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY**

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*Please see all the special meeting instructions at the end of this agenda*

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### **1. Quorum Check, Call to Order and Introductions**

REVISED AGENDA

**If you are unable to attend, please make sure that one of your 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 Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this

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### **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 June 6, 2022.

- Montiel

*The draft minutes of the June 6, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.*

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **4. RECEIVE** update on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

- Bilse/Overmeyer

*The SURF! project will construct a busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1, making it faster and easier to travel between Marina and Seaside, facilitating travel throughout the County, including from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey. TAMC Principal Engineer Doug Bilse and MST Director of Planning and Innovation Michelle Overmeyer will present a project update reviewing the current schedule, project costs, funding opportunities, and upcoming public outreach.*

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- Watson

*Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update in June include work related to transferring the properties acquired for Package 1 (Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) to the City of Salinas and design coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy*

*track connections).*

6. **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 to this Committee in June includes a working group meeting on July 15.***

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:  
**Monday, September 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

**If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:  
Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator  
[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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

- C 1.** No correspondence this agenda.
- C 2.** **RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.
- C 3.** **RECEIVE** reports attached online.



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Subject:** **Draft June RPC Minutes**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of June 6, 2022.

### **SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the June 6, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▣ Draft June RPC Minutes

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Draft Minutes of June 6, 2022*  
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
**ZOOM REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY**

	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	DEC 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, <del>J. Gomez</del> )	<b>N</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P(A)	E	P(A)	<b>C</b>	P(A)	A
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, <del>C. Link</del> )	<b>O</b>	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	<b>O</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)		E	P(A)	P	P(A)		P	P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, ( <del>S. Hardgrave</del> , C. Courtney)	<b>M</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	<b>M</b>	P(A)	P(A)	E	<b>C</b>	P(A)	P(A)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P(A)	<b>E</b>	A	A	P	<b>L</b>	A	A
E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	<b>T</b>	E	P	A	P	<b>T</b>	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	P	A
K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	<b>I</b>	P	A	P	P	<b>I</b>	A	A	P	<b>E</b>	P	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City ( <del>J. Blackwelder</del> , K. Cruz)	<b>N</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>D</b>	P(A)	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	<b>G</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>G</b>	P	P	A		P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		P	A	A	P		A	P	A		A	P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair		P	P	A	E		P	P	P		P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG ( <del>H. Adamson</del> , P. Hierling)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5		A	P	P	A		A	A	A		A	
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		A	P(A)
<b>STAFF</b>												
T. Muck, Executive Director		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P
M. Montiel Admin Assistant		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P
D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer		A	A	A	P		P	P	P		P	A
A. Guther Assis. Transp. Planner					P		P	P	P		P	E

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

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

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tarah Brady	Caltrans	Joanna Xiao	Caltrans
Layne Long	City of Marina		

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Potter/Anderson/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the May 2, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **COAST CORRIDOR RAIL 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.

Chair Mike LeBarre mentioned that the Policy Committee Meeting was in person at the Portola Hotel in Monterey on May 20, 2022 and it was great to see everyone in person.

Committee Member Potter reported that it was a productive meeting and they discussed future rail lines. Mr. Potter noted that he talked with Dave Kutrosky regarding the potential to use State Funding to purchase the Coast line.

Chair LeBarre requested an item to discuss the equipment procurement process be agendized at a future meeting date. Christina Watson, Director of Planning replied that she will investigate the Siemens plant in Sacramento and agendize the discussion for a future meeting.

5. **SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the Salinas Rail project is an extension of passenger rail service from Bay area to Salinas. She noted that staff is coordinating with the City of Salinas on the logistics for the Package 1 land transfer that must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

Ms. Watson reported that staff continues to negotiate with property owners to acquire the properties for the layover facility (Package 2) and the track extensions in Gilroy (Package 3), and that staff continues to work with Union Pacific on the design documents.

6. **MONTEREY BRANCH LINE RECREATIONAL USE LEASE TO CITY OF MARINA**

The Committee discussed terms for a City of Marina lease agreement for recreational use of the Monterey Branch Line corridor between Marina and Sand City in 2022.

Executive Director Todd Muck reported that the Agency received two unsolicited proposals for use of the same section of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for recreational use of handcar or railbike operations. During the March TAMC Board meeting, the Board voted to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Marina to transfer coordination of the proposals for recreational use of the Monterey Branch Line to the City of Marina. Mr. Muck noted that the project proponent would be responsible for obtaining all reviews and permits.

In conclusion, Director Muck reported that in the draft lease, TAMC is requesting a deposit of \$20,000 non-refundable payment for cost recovery from the City of Marina as well as a monthly rental payment totaling \$8,858 for the use of the rail line and a storage area at the start of the proposed recreational use area. Mr. Muck noted that the draft lease will also go to the Executive Committee and the Board this month. The general terms are for a 2-year period with the option to extend and it also includes an option to cancel if the property is needed for a project that is ready to proceed.

Layne Long, City Manager of Marina, reported that the city is scheduled to review the draft lease at tomorrow night's meeting. He noted that the vendors are scheduled to present at the meeting and asking the Council to select a vendor at the meeting.

Chair LeBarre asked if a joint proposal would work. Mr. Long noted that it might be difficult for two vendors to operate concurrently.

Committee member Potter asked about CPUC concerns. Director Muck replied that one issue of concern is the bike path crossing over the railroad tracks.

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

None

8. **ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.





**Memorandum**

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Subject:** SURF! Busway and BRT Project Update

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

**SUMMARY:**

The SURF! project will construct a busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1, making it faster and easier to travel between Marina and Seaside, facilitating travel throughout the County, including from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey. TAMC Principal Engineer Doug Bilse and MST Director of Planning and Innovation Michelle Overmeyer will present a project update reviewing the current schedule, project costs, funding opportunities, and upcoming public outreach.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

MST and TAMC were successful securing a \$25 million grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). State Senator John Laird secured an additional \$2.5 million in the state budget. MST expects US Senator Dianne Feinstein to request another \$1 million via the federal transportation appropriations bill.

**DISCUSSION:**

The proposed SURF! Busway and BRT project is part of MST's larger efforts in connecting communities, creating opportunity, and being kind to the planet. MST is building a modern transit network to enhance connections on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond. When complete, SURF! will serve as a vital transit link for the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley. The SURF! line will connect to many existing transit lines, including the JAZZ bus rapid transit line that serves Seaside, Line 20 Salinas-Monterey, and other routes that serve the Veteran's Administration Clinic and California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB). A link to the MST project site is provided via **web attachment**.

The SURF! project will make it faster and easier to travel from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey via future rapid transit along US 101. Whether riding to get to work, school, medical appointments, shop for groceries, or simply to visit a friend, the SURF! line will connect Monterey Peninsula's diverse communities.

The SURF! project includes the following components:

- A six-mile, bus-only route parallel to Highway 1, from Marina to Sand City and Seaside.

- Bicycle and pedestrian path improvements along Del Monte Road and Beach Range Road.
- A new mobility hub near 5th Street in Marina, east of Highway 1, which will include bus bays, drop-off areas, public parking, and other first- and last-mile amenities.
- New transit stops at Del Monte Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Marina and California Avenue and Playa Avenue in Sand City.
- Intersection improvements at Playa and California in Sand City for better traffic flow on city streets.

The current cost estimate for the SURF! project is \$58.8 million. TAMC has allocated \$15 million in project support through Monterey County's Transportation Safety & Investment Plan (Measure X) funds approved by a supermajority of voters in 2016. MST was successful securing a \$25 million grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). State Senator John Laird secured \$2.5M in the state's budget. The funding balance of \$16.3 million is being sought through state and federal grants. MST expects US Senator Feinstein to submit a \$1 million request via the federal transportation appropriations bill.

Early planning and environmental review for the SURF! project is now complete. Detailed design has begun. The current schedule estimates that the design process will be completed in the Spring of 2024 with some construction beginning by the end of 2024. Community outreach is an important aspect of this project. A number of public outreach events are scheduled for August. Project team members will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project](#)



## **Memorandum**

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Subject:** **Salinas Rail Kick Start Project Update**

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

### **SUMMARY:**

Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update in June include work related to transferring the properties acquired for Package 1 (Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) to the City of Salinas and design coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy track connections).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The capital cost of the Monterey County Rail Extension project, Phase 1, Salinas Kick Start project (the Salinas station and improvements in Santa Clara County), is estimated at \$81 million. The Kick Start project is proceeding with secured state funding under the adopted state environmental clearance.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Monterey County Rail Extension Project will extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas. TAMC is pursuing a phased implementation of the Project. Phase 1, known as the Kick Start Project, includes Salinas train station circulation improvements, a train layover facility in Salinas, and track improvements at the Gilroy station and between Salinas and Gilroy. The Kick Start Project has wrapped up construction of Package 1, improvements at the Salinas train station. The layover facility (Package 2) and track improvements (Package 3) are now in final design.

### **Construction of Package 1: Salinas Station Improvements**

TAMC staff is coordinating with Caltrans and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City, pursuant to the adopted Memorandum of Understanding. The land transfer must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to empower the City and TAMC to approve transfer agreements. City staff requested confirmation from the CTC that the parcels can be redeveloped prior to agreeing to take ownership, however CTC staff has confirmed that the funds used to construct the project do not allow the properties to be redeveloped from their original purpose. With that confirmation, City staff indicated that they were prepared to move forward with seeking approval of the property transfer. Staff will provide a verbal update at the Committee meeting.

### **Property Acquisition for Package 2: Salinas Layover Facility**

On December 4, 2019, the Transportation Agency Board approved Resolutions of Necessity on portions of four parcels and one full parcel needed for the Salinas layover facility. TAMC staff continues to oversee the right-of-way special counsel from Burke, Williams, & Sorensen (formerly with Meyers Nave) to further negotiations and finalize the remaining acquisitions in Salinas, and the team of Bender Rosenthal and Nossaman for Union Pacific property access negotiations.

### **Final Design for Package 2 and Package 3: Gilroy Station & Track Improvements; Operations Scenarios**

HDR Engineering prepared the 90% plans, specifications and estimates for stakeholder review on November 8. HDR is now working on responding to comments, with the goal of preparing 100% plans by September.

The final design team held the following meetings to further the project's design:

- Amtrak - July 12
- Caltrain and Caltrans - June 1 & July 27
- Pacific Gas & Electric - July 12
- Salinas - June 1
- Union Pacific - June 29

### **Grant Application for Phase 2 - Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station**

On July 7, 2022, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) announced the Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) awards. Unfortunately, TAMC's application for the Pajaro/Watsonville station was not successful. Staff is scheduling a debrief with CalSTA and will share any lessons learned with the Committee.



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Subject:** **Coast Corridor Rail Project Update**

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### **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 to this Committee in June includes a working group meeting on July 15.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Coast Rail project capital and operation costs are under evaluation.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a multi-agency advisory and planning organization focused on improving the rail corridor between Los Angeles and the San Francisco bay area along the California Central Coast. Members of Council include all regional transportation planning agencies along the Central Coast – all of which have a strong interest in improving rail service and the rail infrastructure along the Central Coast’s portion of the California Coast Passenger Rail Corridor.

The working group met on July 15. Staff is working on setting up a field trip for the Policy Committee to visit the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) corridor in October or November. Staff will provide a verbal update on the project at the meeting.



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Subject:** **Media Clippings**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [California State Transportation Agency Awards Nearly \\$800 Million for Transit and Intercity Rail Projects](#)



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Subject:** **Reports**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** reports attached online.

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [Capitol Corridor monthly report for May 2022](#)
- [Caltrain report for May 2022](#)