

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of October 2, 2023

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 - Transportation Agency Conference Room

Alternate locations: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933 - Supervisor Askew's Office and

11140 Speegle Street, Castroville CA, 95012 Supervisor Church's Office

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, Supervisor Alejo's Office

	NOV 22	DEC 22	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	JUL 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez , J. Gomez)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P	C	P	P	C	N	P	P	P(A) (VC)
G. Church, Dist. 2 (M. Vierra , L. Gray)	A	O	A	P	A	P(A)	P(A)	A	O	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson , E. Mora)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	N	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	N		P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (C. Courtney)	P(A)	M	E	A	C	P(A) (VC)	E	C	M	E	A	P(A) (VC)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	E	A	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	P	E	P	P	L	A	A	L	E	A	A	A
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	A	T	P	A	L	P	A	L	T	P	A	P
A. Sandoval, Salinas, (A. Rocha)	P	I	P	P	E	E	P	E	I	A	P	P
M. Carbone, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	P(A)	N	A	A	D	A	A	D	N	A	A	A
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	G	P	P		P	P		G	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Cabera, D. Wilcox)	A		P	P		P	P			P	P	A
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair (J. Barron)	P		P	P		E	P			E	A	E
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A)		A	P(A)		P(A)	P(A) (VC)			P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E
A. Lopez, Caltrans District 5	P		P	P		A	P (VC)			A	A	P(A) (VC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer / M. Overmeyer)	P(A)		E	P(A)		P(A)	P (VC)			P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)

STAFF												
T. Muck, Executive Director	P		P	P		E	P			E	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P		P	P		P	P			P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P		E	P		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	E	E
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P		P	P		P	P			P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		P	P		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	P (VC)	A
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P		A	P		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	A	P (VC)
A. Guther, Assis. Transp. Planner	P		P	P		P	E			P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P		A	P		E	A			A	A	A
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	A		A	A		A	A			P	P (VC)	P (VC)
A. Hernandez Transp. Planner				P		A	A			A	A	A
A. Sambrano Transp. Planner											P (VC)	P (VC)

P = Present A = Absent P(A) = Alternate Present E = Excused (VC) = Video Conference

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Tarah Gatten Caltrans Brianna Goodman SCCRTC
 Roland Lebrun Public Regina Valentine AMBAG

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Oglesby/ Smith

Abstained: Eric Mora

- 3.1** Approved minutes of the September 11, 2023, Rail Policy Committee meeting.
- 3.2** Received update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start Project.
- 3.3** Received update on the planned increase in passenger rail services along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

3.4 Received media clippings attached online.

3.5 Received correspondence.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. STATE TRANSIT AND ZERO EMISSION FUNDING PROJECT CANDIDATES

The Committee discussed project candidates for state transit and zero emissions funding.

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, noted that on July 10, 2023, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 125 into law, which included new formula funding through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and created a new Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). She reported that the Transportation Agency will be responsible for distributing the funds and that there is no deadline for expenditure. She mentioned the possible rail projects include:

- Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station
- Salinas Rail Extension
- King City Train Platform
- Central Coast Rail Positive Train Control (PTC)

Ms. Guther noted staff is still working with Monterey-Salinas Transit on possible bus projects:

- MST Operating Shortfall
- SURF! Busway
- Electric Bus Charging
- Zero Emission Buses
- Monterey Bay Microgrid & Hydrogen Electric Bus
- Salinas Valley Hydrogen Electric Bus

Ms. Guther noted that TAMC staff will bring a project list to the November Committee meeting for a recommendation to the Board.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST Assistant General Manager & Deputy Treasurer, noted that four of the items on their project list will help MST achieve compliance with the unfunded mandate of a zero-emission fleet by 2040.

Committee members made the following comments and direction to staff:

- Consider how this funding can be best leveraged to set up the projects for future grant applications.
- Provide a recommended funding allocation to the November RPC that reflects a balance between rail and bus priorities and a regional perspective.

5. PAJARO MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on Pajaro Multimodal Station Project.

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that TAMC received \$2.3 million to fund environmental review documentation, subject to allocation by the California Transportation Commission on December 6.

Ms. Guther reported an update on the proposed October 13, 2023, lunch and site visit with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) in Pajaro/Watsonville. She noted that it will not be a public meeting, but a meet-and-greet and a first step toward a more formal working relationship that will include public meetings in the future.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson announced that TAMC is seeking nominations for the Transportation Excellence Awards that honor individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County. She noted that the deadline to submit a nomination is December 1, 2023.

7. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.