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## **AGENDA TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of Monday  
**January 8, 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 November 6, 2017.

- **Murillo**

*The draft minutes of the November 6, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.*

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **4. RECEIVE** update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles and **RECOMMEND** that the Agency Board appoint a 2018 representative to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

- **Watson**

*Progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on November 6, 2017 includes meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Technical and Policy Committees and meetings related to the legislation to enable rail corridors to extend. Former Supervisor Dave Potter is the current representative to the Coast Rail Policy Committee.*

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

- **Watson/Zeller**

*Activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on November 6, 2017, include meetings related to a state grant application, operations scenarios, and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas.*

#### **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, February 5, 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](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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

- C 1. RECEIVE** October and November 2017 CCJPA Monthly Report.
- C 2. RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.
- C 3. RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.



***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2018  
**Subject:** **RPC Draft Minutes November 6, 2017**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of November 6, 2017.

**SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the November 6, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▣ RPC Draft Minutes November 6, 2017

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)  
**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*DRAFT Minutes of November 6, 2017*  
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	OCT 16	NOV 16	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	SEPT 17	OCT 17	NOV 17
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez)	E	P(A)	P(A)	P	<b>C</b>	P(A)	E	P(A)	<b>C</b>	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, <del>C. Link</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	-	P(A)	P(A)	<b>N</b>	E
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P(A)	E	<b>C</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>C</b>	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	-	P(A)	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	E	-	P	E	<b>L</b>	P	E	P	<b>L</b>	E
K. Craig, Salinas, Chair (J. Gunter)	P(A)	P	P	E	<b>L</b>	P	P	P	<b>L</b>	E
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	P	P	-	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	E	<b>E</b>	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	<b>D</b>	P	P	P	<b>D</b>	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	E	P	P		-	P	P		P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)	P(A)	P(A)	-	P(A)		P(A)	E	-		-
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5	P	E	-	-		-	-	-		-
C. Sedoryk, MST ( <del>H. Harvath</del> , L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	E		P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)	P	-	-	-		-	-	-		-
<b>STAFF</b>										
D. Hale, Exec. Director	E	P	E	P		E	P	P		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
V. Murillo, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P		P	P	E		P
A. Green, Associate Trans. Planner	-	-	-	P		-	-			-
T. Wright Community Outreach Coordinator	-	-	-	P		P	-	E		P

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

Vice Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andy Cook	Caltrans	James Serrano	City of Salinas
Paul Greenway	MNS Engineers	Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas
Paul Powers	Salinas resident	Cheryl Yu	County of Monterey

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Delgado/Bodem/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the September 11, 2017 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2. Approved 2018 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings.

3.3 Received the call for nominations for the seventeenth annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **2018 CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN**

Andy Cook, Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation, presented an overview of the draft 2018 California State Rail Plan. Mr. Cook noted that the State Rail Plan serves as the State's guide and investment plan for the State's passenger rail network. The passenger component of the plan is based on a proposed "Integrated Network" to provide "Core Services" with coordinated schedules and efficient transfers providing access to and supporting convenient intercity rail travel. Mr. Cook noted that the plan includes separate sections for passenger and freight rail, including a near-term four-year program of projects, a 10-year interim program, and a long term-vision with a 2040 horizon year. He reported that the Salinas Rail Extension project is included in the short-term program of projects.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, noted that the Plan was published on October 11, 2017 for a 60-day public review period. Comments are due December 11, 2017.

Committee alternate Stratton asked if the rail plan looked at trolleys or other types of rail as part of the Plan. Mr. Cook clarified that light rail and trolleys are not part of the Plan, but noted that the Plan analyzes connectivity to local light rail and other local transit services.

Committee member LeBarre asked if rail service to King City is in the near-term program of projects. Mr. Cook said it is in the 2022 scenario, assumed to be served by the Coast Starlight. Ms. Watson noted that rail service to Salinas, Pajaro, Castroville, Soledad and King City are all on the near-term list.

Committee member Chavez asked about passenger access rights on the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Mr. Cook reported that the California State Transportation Agency has been coordinating with Union Pacific to develop an agreement for access payments to facilitate passenger rail on the Central Coast.

Executive Director Debbie Hale asked about the proposed study on implementation of a Central Coast rail network. Mr. Cook said that the study would be a state-led effort with coordination among the relevant agencies.

Vice Chair Delgado asked if conventional rail is envisioned for Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, and noted that TAMC has plans for light rail on the Monterey Branch Line. Mr. Cook noted that conventional rail is in the State Rail Plan now with the intent of preserving rail corridors, but that future State Rail Plans can reflect the local choice of light rail upon implementation.

Vice Chair Delgado noted that he attended a Land Watch presentation on Portland's rail transportation network. He asked if the Rail Plan considers highway projects that will not be needed due to passenger rail development. Mr. Cook said Caltrans might analyze this and noted that Caltrans has become more multimodal in recent years.

5. **2018 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

Vice Chair Delgado noted that the legislative program is very thorough.

6. **COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE**

M/S/C Rubio/Stratton/unanimous

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 Board adoption of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Memorandum of Understanding in concept.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on September 11, 2017, includes meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Technical and Policy Committee. She presented the draft MOU.

Committee member Rubio commented that the draft MOU does not include the anticipated work program, specific work assignments to member agencies, or quantify the associated costs.

Committee member LeBarre commented that this MOU would demonstrate to the State that there is regional coordination.

7. **SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on September 11, 2017, include meetings related to operations scenarios and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas. Ms. Watson also reported that staff is anticipating applying for approximately \$110 million of Transit and Intercity



Rail Capital Program grant funding to fully fund the Salinas Kick-Start project and the full buildout of the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Ms. Watson reported that she attended a meeting of the Northern California Megaregion group to discuss short-term operations for the Salinas Rail Extension project. She reported that Caltrain is a potential short-term operator, with Capitol Corridor providing service in the long-term.

Mr. Zeller reported that all Package 1 parcels are now in TAMC's possession, with at least two settlement agreements expected to be on the December TAMC Board meeting.

Vice Chair Delgado noted that he and other TAMC Board members attended meetings in Sacramento to advocate for a doubling of grant program funds for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. Ms. Watson noted that this round of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital program funding is a 5-year program funded through \$1 billion of cap and trade funds plus and additional \$1.4 billion of SB 1 funds.

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

Committee member Rubio requested an update of the MST Bus on Shoulder/Monterey Branch Line feasibility study. Committee alternate Rheinheimer noted that this would likely be ready for the February Rail Policy Committee meeting.

Committee member Rubio asked if the TAMC funding plan will include funding the MST bus on shoulder/Monterey Branch Line. Executive Director Hale said this was included, and that this item will be presented at the December 6 TAMC Board meeting.

**9. ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.



## *Memorandum*

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 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 and **RECOMMEND** that the Agency Board appoint a 2018 representative to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

### **SUMMARY:**

Progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on November 6, 2017 includes meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Technical and Policy Committees and meetings related to the legislation to enable rail corridors to extend. Former Supervisor Dave Potter is the current representative to the Coast Rail Policy Committee.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Coast Rail service project costs are still under evaluation. Appointing a representative to the CRCC entails covering the cost of travel to those meetings (up to the limits approved by Caltrans), which generally occur thrice yearly, and to Sacramento on behalf of the CRCC.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Technical Committee met on November 17 and December 15, and the next Policy Committee will be in Santa Barbara on January 19. Discussion topics included next steps on the bill to enable rail corridors to extend; new funding available for rail projects; the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and the State Rail Plan.

CRCC Staff also met with Assembly Member Caballero, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) staff, and Department of Finance (DOF) Analyst Karen Finn, to discuss possible next steps on the legislation to enable intercity rail corridors to extend beyond their legislative boundaries. Staff will give a verbal update at the meeting.

In December 2016, the TAMC Board appointed Dave Potter to represent TAMC on the CRCC Policy Committee, of which Mr. Potter has been Chair for many years. The Board approved this appointment in recognition that Mr. Potter's long and respected experience in this role would benefit TAMC and the Coast Rail service project. Staff requests the Committee consider recommending that the Board re-appoint Mr. Potter to this position, which involves three Policy Committee meetings per year and semiannual trips to Sacramento to meet with state representatives. Mr. Potter has expressed a willingness to continue his efforts on behalf of TAMC and the CRCC, and the CRCC Policy Committee has expressed support for Mr. Potter to continue as CRCC Policy Committee Chair.

In 2017, Mr. Potter attended two CRCC Policy meetings in person and called in to a third meeting. Mr. Potter also attended legislative meetings in Sacramento in January and the annual Rail Summit in Sacramento in April. The total cost to TAMC for those 4 trips in 2017 was \$816.09. These costs would be incurred regardless of whomever were to represent TAMC on the CRCC.

Staff recommends this post be appointed annually, as our partner agencies the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) make annual appointments to the Policy Committee.



***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 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 November 6, 2017, include meetings related to a state grant application, operations scenarios, 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 \$77.7 million, including funds already expended on planning, environmental, and right-of-way to date. The Kick-Start project is proceeding with final design and right-of-way acquisition under the adopted state environmental clearance. The Kick-Start funding plan does include funding for Positive Train Control (PTC) on the Salinas-Gilroy corridor but does not include the acquisition of equipment.

January 12, 2018 is the deadline for the grant application for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding. This round will program 5 years of funding. TAMC will apply for the funds to fully fund the Kick Start project (estimated \$6.4 million shortfall) plus the Salinas Rail full build-out (estimated \$57 million for Pajaro/Watsonville and Castroville stations and an expanded layover facility in Salinas), to be phased in over the five-year horizon of the grant program.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Operations Discussions**

Staff has had meetings with multiple entities (including the California State Transportation Agency,

Caltrans, Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, and Altamont Corridor Express) to discuss the various operational options for trains coming to Salinas. Staff will give a verbal update at the meeting.

### **City of Salinas**

On November 7, staff met with Salinas staff to discuss utility relocations. The City is working with PG&E on new connections for existing and planned businesses at the Intermodal Transportation Center, including the California Welcome Center which is planning to move into the remodeled freight building. Meanwhile, PG&E has told TAMC they do not need to relocate, but can stay in place under the future parking lot. HDR and BKF are working with PG&E on design plans to confirm this assessment.

### **Property Acquisition**

Geocon completed the hazardous materials testing of the structures on parcels the Agency is acquiring for the Package 1 work (Lincoln Avenue extension and circulation/parking improvements at the train station) and is working on the report. Simultaneously, HDR is developing the plans, specifications, and estimates for the demolition contractor. Staff anticipates bringing the bid documents to the Board on February 28, 2018 to hire a demolition team in May 2018.

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:** January 8, 2018  
**Subject:** Reports

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** October and November 2017 CCJPA Monthly Report.

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [October 2017 Capitol Corridor Monthly Report](#)
- [November 2017 Capitol Corridor Monthly Report](#)



## *Memorandum*

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2018  
**Subject:** Correspondence

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [December 7, 2017 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, to Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans Director, re: 2018 California State Rail Plan Comments](#)
- [December 12, 2017 letter from the chairs of state-supported intercity passenger rail services, to Chair Alvarado, California Transportation Commission, re: thank you for your support of Interregional Transportation Improvement Program](#)
- [December 13, 2017 letter from James B. Unites, Deputy Director, Transit Planning & Capital Development, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, to Kyle Grading, Acting Division Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation, re: Comments on the 2018 California State Rail Plan](#)



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2018  
**Subject:** **Media Clippings**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [October 29, 2017 article in the Sacramento Bee, "California just got 125-mph trains. Here's why they still can't outrace your car"](#)
- [December 8, 2017 article on KION546.com, "TAMC plans to extend rail service between Monterey County and Santa Clara County"](#)
- [December 19, 2017 article in Railway Age, "LAN to manage Salinas rail project construction"](#)