



AGENDA TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
February 5, 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 January 8, 2018.

- Zeller

The draft minutes of the January 8, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. HOLD elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018-2019.

- Watson

The bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year. Current Chair Kimbley Craig and Vice Chair Bruce Delgado were elected in February 2017 for a one-year term.

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 January 8, 2018 includes a meeting of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee, meetings related to the legislation to enable rail corridors to extend, and meetings related to the City of King's application for state funds.

6. RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

- Watson/Zeller

Activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on January 8, 2018, include meetings related to a state grant application, operations scenarios, and progress in the acquisition of properties in Salinas.

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, March 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

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

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



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 5, 2018
Subject: **Draft January Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of January 8, 2018.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the January 8, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft RPC Minutes January 8, 2018

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT Minutes of January 6, 2017
 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.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 5, 2018
Subject: Rail Policy Committee Elections

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

HOLD elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018-2019.

SUMMARY:

The bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year. Current Chair Kimbley Craig and Vice Chair Bruce Delgado were elected in February 2017 for a one-year term.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

From the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bylaws, section 12.4:

“A **Rail Policy Committee** composed of TAMC Board members or their alternates from the following jurisdictions on the rail lines: Cities of Salinas, Marina, Sand City, Seaside, and Monterey, Supervisorial District 1, Supervisorial District 2, Supervisorial District 4, Supervisorial District 5 and two representatives from South Monterey County: either (a) the 3rd District County Supervisor and a voting TAMC Board member from one of the South Monterey County Cities, or (b) two voting TAMC Board members from South Monterey County Cities. The TAMC Chair may appoint annually ex-officio members as needed.

"The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership for a two-year term at the end of the February meeting of every even year, beginning in 2008. The Chair may rotate between the County Supervisors and the Cities, and/or between Salinas Valley and the Monterey Peninsula or the existing Chair may be reappointed to a new term. **To be eligible to serve as the**

Chair or Vice Chair, the person must be a voting AGENCY Board Member and have served on the Rail Policy Committee for at least one year. The Rail Policy Committee advises the Transportation Agency Board on matters related to the establishment of passenger rail service in Monterey County.”



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 5, 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 January 8, 2018 includes a meeting of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee, meetings related to the legislation to enable rail corridors to extend, and meetings related to the City of King's application for state funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Coast Rail service project costs are still under evaluation.

The City of King applied for \$21,622,753 in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant funds for their train station project.

DISCUSSION:

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Committee met on January 19 in Santa Barbara, and the next Policy Committee is scheduled to be in San Luis Obispo on April 16. Discussion topics at the January meeting included next steps on the legislation to support rail extensions and the Memorandum of Understanding. Staff will provide a verbal update at the meeting. The next Technical Committee phone call is scheduled for February 16. **Attachment 1** is a revised schedule of CRCC meetings.

CRCC staff met with State Transportation Agency and Caltrans staff 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.

The City of King applied for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant funds for their train station project. Committee Member LeBarre will update the Committee on that application. Online as a **web attachment** is the full application.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Updated CRCC Meeting Schedule

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [King City TIRCP Application](#) (9 MB)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 5, 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 January 8, 2018, 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 was the deadline for the grant application for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding. This round will program \$2.4 billion over 5 years (\$1.4 billion from Senate Bill 1, \$1 billion from Cap and Trade). TAMC applied for the funds to fully fund the Kick Start project, including the six-train layover facility in Salinas and PTC on the corridor between Salinas and Gilroy (\$9.65 million), the Pajaro/ Watsonville station (\$29.36 million) and the Castroville station (\$26.34 million), for a total ask of \$65.35 million, to be phased in over the five-year horizon of the grant program.

DISCUSSION:

Staff called in for a meeting of the Northern California Megaregional Rail Partners group on January

22. Other meetings planned but not yet scheduled are with City of Salinas staff and with Union Pacific Railroad. Staff will verbally report back on any meetings.

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant application is online as a **web attachment**.

Staff will give a verbal update on progress on the Salinas Rail Extension project, including property acquisitions, at the meeting.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Rail Extension to Monterey County Project: Fiscal Year 2018-19 to 2022-23 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application](#) (8MB)



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 5, 2018
Subject: Reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE December 2017 CCJPA Monthly Report.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [December 2017 CCJPA Monthly Report](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 5, 2018
Subject: Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [December 11, 2017 letter from Pete Rodgers, SLOCOG, to DOT Director Dougherty, re: 2018 State Rail Plan](#)
- [December 15, 2017 letter from Pete Rodgers, SLOCOG, to DOT Undersecretary Annis, re: Consideration of State Rail Assistance \(SRA\) funds for Coast Rail Improvements](#)
- [December 21, 2017 letter from TAMC to DOT Secretary Kelly, re: Support for Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Grant Application](#)
- [December 21, 2017 letter from TAMC to DOT Secretary Kelly, re: Support of Caltrain Electrification Grant Application](#)
- [January 11, 2018 letter from TAMC to DOT Secretary Kelly, re: Support for VTA Grant Application: BART Silicon Valley Phase 2](#)
- [January 13 and 17, 2018 messages from the CCJPA Managing Director Regarding Service Assistance to the Pacific Surfliner](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 5, 2018
Subject: **Media Clippings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Article \(undated, approximately December 19, 2017\) in the Register Pajaronian, "Council members ride the rails"](#)
- [December 14, 2017 item on KION, "Trolley from Aptos to Westside of Santa Cruz gives preview of possible new railway system..."](#)