

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of September 11, 2023

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 - Transportation Agency Conference Room
 Alternate location: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933 - Supervisor Askew's Office and
 11140 Speegle Street, Castroville CA, 95012 Supervisor Church's Office

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

M. Montiel Admin Assistant		P		P	P		P	P			P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer		P		P	P		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	P (VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer		P		A	P		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	A
A. Guther, Assis. Transp. Planner		P		P	P		P	E			P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator		P		A	P		E	A			A	A
J. Strause, Transportation Planner		A		A	A		A	A			P	P (VC)
A. Hernandez Transp. Planner					P		A	A			A	A
A. Sambrano Transp. Planner												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 3:10 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Tarah Gatten	Caltrans	Barry Scott	Friends of the Rail & Trail
Roland Lebrun	Public	Javier Fernandez Aguera	UC Santa Cruz

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roland Lebrun announced the 4th train to Gilroy would start soon. Roland noted the battery electric train requires conversion of a passenger car into a battery car.

Barry Scott announced that he appreciates TAMC’s leadership on the Pajaro Station.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Sandoval/Chavez/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the August 7, 2023, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received media clippings attached online.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 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 in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds for the environmental review of the Pajaro station. Ms. Guther mentioned that on July 10, 2023, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 125 into law, which included new formula funding through TIRCP and created a new Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). She noted a discussion of project candidates would be brought back to the Committee in October.

Ms. Guther also reported on a proposed October 13, 2023, lunch meeting with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC). Ms. Guther will send out a save-the-date and will need a headcount soon.

The Committee made the following suggestions for the meeting with the SCCRTC:

- Presentations from staff on relevant projects for coordination and mutual support.
- Staff should consider preparing a memorandum of agreement template or similar document laying out mutual goals.
- Consider organizing a meeting quarterly or twice a year.
- Consider reserving the Watsonville community room and bringing in lunch.

5. 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.

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Committee met on August 18 in Santa Cruz; they discussed issues such as the new Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) formula funds, a significant source of new funds that could be used for projects to support the implementation of new rail service on the Coast corridor. Ms. Guther noted that the next Policy meeting is planned for October 20 in Santa Barbara.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.