



AGENDA TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
April 2, 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 February 5, 2018.

- Murillo

The draft minutes of the February 5, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

- Watson/Zeller

Activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on February 5, 2018, include several meetings with various entities and preparation of a funding extension request.

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 February 5, 2018 includes Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

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, May 7, 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

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- C 1. RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.
- C 2. RECEIVE** reports from Caltrain and Capitol Corridor.
- C 3. RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Subject: **Draft February Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of February 5, 2018.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the February 5, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Draft RPC Minutes February 8, 2018

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT Minutes of February 5, 2018
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	JUL 17	AUG 17	SEPT 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	DEC 17	JAN 18	FEB 18
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez)	P	C	P(A)	C	N	E	P(A)	C	P(A)	N	P	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C- Link)	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P(A)	N	-	N		P(A)	P(A)	N	E		P(A)	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	E	C	P(A)	C	M	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	E	-	P
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	E	L	P	L	E	E	P	L	E	E	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas, Chair (J. Gunter)	E	L	P	L	T	P	P	L	E	T	P	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	P	E	P	E	I	P	E	E	P	I	P	E
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	D	P	D	N	P	P	D	P	N	-	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P		-		G	P	P		P	G	-	P
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)	E		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)	-		-			-	-		-		-	-
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P		E			P	P		P		P	E
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director	P		P			P	P		P		E	P
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	E		P		-	P

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

Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

OTHERS PRESENT

Cheryl Ku	Monterey County RMA	Chris Flescher	Rail PAC
Paul Hierling	AMBAG	Bruce Wiggins	Resident

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Chavez/LeBarre/unanimous
Abstain: Rubio

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

M/S/C LeBarre/Askew/unanimous

The Committee unanimously elected Kimbley Craig as Chair and Bruce Delgado as Vice-Chair for 2018-2020.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that 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. **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.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a coalition of Central Coast transportation agencies that have been working together since the 1990s to support new passenger rail on California's Coast. Ms. Watson reported that King City submitted a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant application for \$21.6 million for the King City train station.

Committee member LeBarre thanked TAMC, AMBAG, and SLOCOG staff for their assistance on King City's TIRCP grant application.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported the CRCC Policy Committee met on January 19, 2018 in Santa Barbara to discuss next steps on the legislation to support rail extensions, the State Rail Plan, the TIRCP grant program, and the CRCC Memorandum of Understanding. The CRCC Policy Committee decided to pause the development of state legislation to support rail extensions, and revisit the issue in 2019, based on input from Caltrans and the California State Transportation Agency. Ms. Murillo reported that Caltrans is in the process of responding to comments on the State Rail Plan, and they expect to publish the final Plan in March 2018. Ms. Murillo reported that

there were over 40 TIRCP applications requested approximately \$22 billion out of a \$2.4 billion 5-year program. Ms. Watson noted that the CRCC Memorandum of Understanding is going to the TAMC Board in February.

Ms. Watson noted that there have been significant staff reductions at Amtrak, which will negatively impact existing California services and planning efforts for new stations or services.

6. **SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Extension Project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the activities on the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start project include a \$65 million TIRCP grant application to: 1) fully fund the Salinas Rail Extension project and implement positive train control on the Salinas – Gilroy corridor (phase 1 at \$9.65 million); 2) build the Pajaro/Watsonville station (phase 2 at \$29.6 million); and 3) build the Castroville station (phase 3 at \$26 million). Grant awards will be announced in late April.

Ms. Watson reported that she attended a meeting of the Northern California Megaregional Rail Partners group on January 22. She noted that the State is interested in helping agencies plan and implement major regional rail projects.

Ms. Watson reported that she and Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, attended a meeting with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to provide an overview of the Salinas Rail Extension project and discuss coordination. Mr. Muck noted that it was a positive meeting, and next steps would be for UPRR to conduct a capacity model run to identify the impacts of new passenger rail service on the Coast mainline tracks. Mr. Muck added that the capacity model serves as a negotiation tool to provide a cost estimate for passenger rail service. Ms. Watson noted that TAMC and UPRR have conducted capacity model runs in the past.

Committee alternate Anderson asked why another model run will be conducted if TAMC has done them before. Ms. Watson said the last capacity model run was done in 2008.

Vice Chair Delgado asked if the capacity model serves as an emergency planning tool or a service development tool. Mr. Muck said that the capacity model serves as a service development tool.

Committee member LeBarre asked what service will be analyzed in the capacity model.

Ms. Watson said the model will analyze Caltrain service from Gilroy to Salinas, pending an operations agreement with Caltrain, and noted that the Coast Daylight service has been analyzed in the past.

Committee member Smith asked how long the capacity model study takes. Ms. Watson said this would take a few months.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that three more Salinas Rail Extension property settlements have been finalized, and that the final three properties for Package 1 are under TAMC possession and are in the process of negotiating the final price. Mr. Zeller noted that tenant relocation process for Package 1 is nearly complete.

Vice Chair Delgado asked about the timeline for settling the final properties. Mr. Muck responded that the settlements are subject to the courts.

Chair Craig asked if any member of the public had any questions or comments. Paul Hierling, AMBAG, asked if TAMC is tracking Google's plans to build a campus in the San Jose Diridon Station area. Ms. Watson said TAMC is following these developments.

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

None.

8. **ADJOURN**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 2, 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 February 5, 2018, include several meetings with various entities and preparation of a funding extension request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The capital cost of the Rail Extension to Monterey County project, Phase 1, Salinas Kick-Start project (the Salinas station and improvements in Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Jose - Tamien), is estimated at a total of \$81 million. The Kick-Start project is proceeding with final design and right-of-way acquisition under the adopted state environmental clearance.

DISCUSSION:

Capitol Corridor

On February 14, staff attended the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board meeting, at which the Authority adopted their 2019 Business Plan, which included the following paragraph about the extension of service to Salinas (added in response to TAMC's comment letter):

"Rail Service Expansion Planning

"The CCJPA has set forth and adopted a Train Service Policy supporting future extensions to new markets beyond the Capitol Corridor. This policy encourages partnerships between several passenger rail services and local/regional transportation agencies. For example, there are ongoing discussions with the Transportation Agency of Monterey [sic] (TAMC), Caltrain, and VTA regarding expanding Capitol Corridor service to Salinas. Pursuant to CCJPA Board direction, CCJPA staff are actively engaged in this discussion in a manner that protects the existing core service but fairly lays out the requirements of

extending service to Salinas (e.g., an integrated train schedule, additional rolling stock, complete and compliant stations, operating funding support, and CCJPA governing/legislative modifications). Plans for this expansion have advanced slowly but steadily and will continue to evolve as funding, operational, and governance matters are addressed. This potential expansion is reflected in the State Rail Plan as appropriate."

Staff spoke in support of continuing our collaboration on extending Capitol Corridor trains to Salinas.

City of Salinas

On February 9, Agency staff and City staff met to discuss coordination of utility relocations for Package 1 (Lincoln Avenue extension and circulation improvements). BKF submitted claim letters to all utilities in August 2016 after determining the City did not have proof of easement agreements with any of the utilities on site (PG&E gas, PG&E electric, AT&T, Comcast and CalWater).

In June 2017, PG&E submitted preliminary relocation drawings, but in September 2017 determined their gas and electric lines could likely be protected in place. At meetings in November and December 2017, the City of Salinas initially accepted the proposed protection in place, pending review of the revised stormwater plans. However, in January, the City directed TAMC that all utilities should be relocated to Lincoln Avenue due to the City's potential (but uncertain) concept of development on the parking area in the future, so as not to have to dig twice. Since the project does not require the relocation of utilities, the City will have to find a way to pay for the relocation of PG&E and AT&T, in addition to the previous agreement that the City wished to relocate their sanitary sewer and storm drain pipes during the project's utility relocation window.

Meanwhile, BKF has also been negotiating relocation costs with CalWater, which is a project cost. TAMC approved the utility relocation costs at its March 22, 2017 meeting. As part of the relocation, CalWater requires TAMC to provide them with an easement on TAMC and City-owned parcels into which they are relocating. Staff will bring the easement to the TAMC Board on April 25.

Comcast is the simplest of the utilities, as the project is only relocating one box and abandoning the rest of the conduit, as that conduit was connecting to structures that the project will demolish.

On February 14, staff attended the Salinas City Center Improvement Association (SCCIA) Board of Directors meeting, to present an update on the project and respond to questions. On March 1, staff attended the SCCIA's Land Use Committee meeting. The SCCIA was concerned about the potential for littering, loitering and general security issues in or near the now-vacant structures that TAMC plans to demolish this year. In response, TAMC hired a team to board up the vacant buildings and paid for extra trash cleanup above and beyond the City's existing contract with Hope Services for trash cleanup around the station area.

On February 26, staff met with Salinas City Manager and staff to discuss the project status and related issues, including utility relocations. City staff is preparing a letter to TAMC regarding the utility relocation question, which is holding up the completion of the 100% plans for Package 1 and delaying the project's construction funding allocation request, as utility relocation agreements are required for the

project to be "ready to list" for construction.

Salinas is holding "[Founder's Day](#)" at the station area on April 14 from 9-3.

Construction Management

The kick-off meeting for the Construction Management contract was held on March 5, followed by a walking tour of the Salinas train station area. The first tasks for the team are to review the demolition bid documents prepared by HDR, review the 100% plans for Package 1 when completed by HDR, and develop a plan for stakeholder and public outreach on the project, especially in advance of the initiation of demolition work at the Salinas station.

Structure Demolition

Staff is preparing demolition bid documents for the April 25 Board meeting and will provide the Committee with a verbal update.

Funding

Staff is preparing an extension request for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding programmed for construction of the project, due to delays caused by utility relocation issues, and an extension request for the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funding secured for construction of the Gilroy station improvements, due to delays caused by changes to the operations scenario and the need to get Union Pacific review of designs. Both funding extension requests will go to the California Transportation Commission on May 16.

Staff responded to a request for more disadvantaged community benefit information from the State Transportation Agency regarding the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant application.

Property Acquisition

Staff will present a verbal 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: April 2, 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 February 5, 2018 includes Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Coast Rail service project costs are still under evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

The CRCC Technical Committee met via phone call on February 15 and on March 23. The discussion topics included the Memorandum of Understanding (TAMC approved on February 28). The updated schedule of meetings is attached.

The next Policy Committee is scheduled to be in San Luis Obispo on April 16. There is also a Rail Summit in Los Angeles on April 18-19. Staff will give a verbal update at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Updated CRCC Meeting Schedule



Meeting Schedule
Updated 1/9/18 (subject to change)

TECHNICAL MEETING Friday, February 16, 2018	Conference Call	10:30-11:30
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TECHNICAL MEETING Friday, March 23, 2018	Conference Call	10:30-11:30
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POLICY MEETING
 Joint CRCC/LOSSAN reception Sunday, April 15th 5pm-6:30.
Monday, April 16, 2018 **San Luis Obispo** **10:00-11:30**
 LOSSAN Board meeting Monday, April 16th 12:30pm-2:30
 CA Passenger Rail Summit in Los Angeles, Wed & Thurs April 18th&19th

TECHNICAL MEETING Friday, May 18, 2018	Conference Call	10:30-11:30
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TECHNICAL MEETING Friday, June 15, 2018	Conference Call	10:30-11:30
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POLICY MEETING Friday, August 17, 2018	Monterey	10:00-12:00
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TECHNICAL MEETING Friday, September 21, 2018	Conference Call	10:30-11:30
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POLICY MEETING Friday, October 19, 2018	TBD	11:00-12:30
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TECHNICAL MEETING Friday, November 16, 2018	Conference Call	10:30-11:30
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TECHNICAL MEETING Friday, December 14, 2018	Conference Call	10:30-11:30
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Additional meeting(s) may be added subject to need.

1. Most meetings are normally scheduled for the 3rd Friday of the month, if significant conflicts occur, it is rescheduled.
2. Policy meetings occur every 4-5 times per year, Technical Committee meeting are monthly conference calls on the 3rd Friday
3. Meetings will be canceled one month in advance as necessary

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Subject: Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [March 16, 2018 letter from Salinas City Manager Ray Corpuz to TAMC Executive Director Debra L. Hale, re: Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center: Utility Relocation](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Subject: Reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE reports from Caltrain and Capitol Corridor.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [2017 CCJPA Performance Report](#)
- [January 2018 CCJPA Monthly Report](#)
- [February 2018 CCJPA Monthly Report](#)
- [2017 State of County Transportation \(Caltrain\)](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Subject: **Media Clippings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [March 3, 2018 article in San Mateo Daily Journal, "Caltrain ridership is on the rise"](#)
- [March 4, 2018 opinion in the San Jose Mercury News, "Opinion: Diridon Station gives San Jose chance to create urban district of global significance"](#)
- [March 6, 2018 column in the San Jose Mercury News, "Roadshow: Finding a seat on Caltrain may be easier in a few years"](#)
- [March 8, 2018 opinion in the San Jose Mercury News, "Horgan: More cash for Caltrain? Oversight credibility a problem"](#)
- [March 12, 2018 article in Progressive Railroading, "California high-speed rail project costs to soar to \\$77 billion"](#)