

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Minutes of May 7, 2018

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Tarp	Property owner	Paul Hierling	AMBAG
Cheryl Ku	Monterey County RMA-Planning		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rubio/Smith/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the April 2, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on April 2, 2018 include preparation and publication of the demolition bid documents for structures at the Salinas station, a meeting with Gilroy staff, and attendance at the Rail Summit and an integrated ticketing conference. She noted that TAMC published the bid documents for demolition of structures at the Salinas station and held a pre-bid site meeting on May 4. Ms. Watson noted that bids are due June 5.

Ms. Watson also reported that on April 26 the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) awarded TAMC \$10,148,000 in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program competitive funding. The funding will cover the remaining costs of the Kick Start project, including the six-train Salinas layover facility and Positive Train Control improvements between Salinas and Gilroy. The funding award includes \$500,000 for network integration. Ms. Watson reported that next steps are working with Caltrain to develop an operations agreement, and negotiating a track access agreement with Union Pacific Railroad.

Committee Member Smith asked about the timeline for establishing a track access agreement with Union Pacific. Ms. Watson said that an operations agreement with Caltrain is needed first.

Chair Craig asked if there's a timeline for Caltrain to develop the operations schedule. Ms. Watson said there is currently no timeline with Caltrain, but noted that Caltrain is prioritizing operations to Salinas now that their electrification project is fully funded.

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 progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on April 2, 2018 includes a Policy Committee meeting. The CRCC Policy Committee met via phone call on April 27, 2018. She reported that the Policy Committee adopted a support position for Proposition 69 on the June ballot, and an oppose position for the upcoming SB 1 repeal measure likely to be on the November ballot.

Committee member LeBarre commented that he was disappointed to hear that the King City station was not awarded Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds. He said he looks forward to other funding opportunities, and a debrief from Caltrans.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

7. ADJOURN

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.